Edward (or Frank) Aylward was born in Co. Kilkenny, Ireland, in November 1849. His mother was Bridget Grant. He emigrated to the USA in 1867 settling first in California before travelling to the Yukon to mine for gold. North-west of Juneau, Alaska, there is a lake which early miners called Aylward Lake (later renamed Auke Lake) after Edward who had staked mining claims nearby in 1884. In 1894 in the first wedding to take place in Fortymile, Edward married Bridget Mannion, a woman from Co. Galway, Ireland. They mined together in Napoleon Creek until 1896 when Bridget returned to Ireland to visit her family. Shortly after her return from Ireland, Bridget and Edward left the Yukon and moved to live on Seattle’s Capitol Hill where Edward died on 29th March 1914. He is buried in Seattle’s Calvary Cemetery.