

Granite Creek Cemetery Information

Compiled from Lou G. Hare's Diary

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Paul MacDonald:

- First burial at Granite Creek Cemetery
- Died in McKinnon's cabin (next to Hare's)
- Was sick 10 days with "inflammation of the lungs" - lungs and throat so sore he couldn't cough, only holler
- Had been in country several years working on C.P.R.R.
- Was noted for his feats of strength and activity
- Was a "foot racer"
- Was a "quarter breed from Canada"
- Medium height powerfully built - thick set & "round as a barrel" - dark complexion - heavy black beard
- Since arriving in B.C. he was an alcoholic who did nothing but deal stud
- First met Hare when MacDonald was gambling & driving a team
- Arrived in Granite in April, 1886 and died May 2, 1886
- Saloons closed at 6:00 on the day he died - stud games closed down & musicians were sent home
- Buried May 3
- Was only the third case of illness at Granite
- Pall bearers: Dave McBeth, Jack McKinnon, Lochiel, Dan McMullen
- Everyone in camp went to burial - Tunstall read the burial service from the Church of England

Big Bob Pruden:

- Second burial at Granite Creek Cemetery
- Died May 22, 1886 of "Mountain Fever" at Granite Creek
- The previous summer he tended bar at Edwards' Hotel in Kamloops
- "Everybody knew him"