

GCPS Progress Report
October, 2014

- I thought it might be a good idea to write an article relating to World War I and Granite Creek for the local newspapers. If you approve of what I put together, we can ask the papers to publish the article in their Remembrance Day edition. I feel it will give our Society some presence. The article (which I have brought copies of) relates to the "Machine Gun Fund" in 1915. The information came from Barrie Cook's papers. I did some background research and put together a story. If you approve it, we can also add it to the Granite Creek Website.
- The article about the coffin room is completed. I have emailed it to Ole for our website. It can go in a Folklore section when he is able to create one.
- There is a little more than \$30 in our donation jar. This plus the \$29 we will be getting from Todd for the cans he took in for us will give us another \$59. We will wait until we have Todd's money to deposit as the bank charges for every transaction.
- We have another bag and a half of recyclables for the GCPS.
- I found out that in 1971 and 1975 the headstones of the Granite Creek Cemetery were transcribed. The original list is held at the BC Genealogical Society. I emailed them to explain who we were and have asked for a copy of the documents so we can compare it with our list. I thought there might be a chance that there is information on their list that we don't have in our index.
- I read a thesis online written by Charlene P. Smith of Calgary in 2001 on prostitutes in B.C. There was one sentence that intrigued me: "Helen, a black prostitute in Granite Creek in 1929, had the option of laying charges against the man who burned down a woodshed that she owned, but decided that she did not want to take any action against him." We know that there was a black prostitute nicknamed "chicken" at Granite Creek in 1929. This may be the same prostitute. We never knew her name before so I am pretty excited about this information. The thesis quoted material obtained from the Penticton Museum so I have emailed them and am hoping they will be able to provide us copies of it. Bob also discovered that Margaret Catlett who owned property in Granite in 1922 was also black. Now we know of two black women who lived in Granite Creek.