

GCPS Progress Report
April, 2014

- Museum AGM – Six representatives from the GCPS attended the Princeton Museum’s AGM. It was a great show of support for all they do. At the meeting a volunteer made a presentation about his efforts to digitize the Museum’s collection of photographs. After the meeting I asked him if I could see the Granite Creek photos. He is doing a great job preserving the collection but I did not see any photos that we are not already familiar with. One of our members will act as our liaison between the two groups.
- I have asked a Granite Creek descendant if he might write some articles for our website about Granite Creek pioneers. He has consented and I look forward to receiving the articles.
- So far no one has been able to identify the photos of the elderly man, or the location of the cabin photo (that was shown at our last meeting). Hopefully George can put the photos in the paper to see if anyone recognizes them.
- The prospector list is finally done. After almost 27 hours of work, the list is pretty big. There were 985 prospectors. 88 were after 1887. 3 were women. 214 were Asian. 48 of the Asian prospectors arrived after 1887. Personally, I believe the 2,000 estimate that was given so many years ago. When you include the other prospectors working the nearby rivers, plus the storekeepers, prostitutes, family members, people working on the claims that weren’t licensed miners that filed the claims, etc., I think it could have been 2,000. Thank you Ole for formatting it to a PDF file, preparing an explanation page for it, and posting it on the website!
- Maps and Death Certificate – Rika very kindly did some research at the Archives in Victoria. Thank you so much Rika!!! She found out that Dr. Hugh Blaine Cameron who died April 9, 1915 is buried in Princeton (not Granite Creek) so we don’t need to do anything with our Cemetery index. She also photographed the 7 maps we wanted to look at. Bob did a very careful review of them and was able to add more information to his data base on the buildings in Granite Creek for various years.
- The sign to the Granite Creek Cemetery fell down over the winter so Bob screwed it back in place.
- At the Coalmont Community Association meeting on Tuesday night, a motion was put forward to support the replacement of the plaque on the Granite Creek cairn by the individual who wants to replace it (at his expense). The people at the Coalmont meeting voted unanimously in favour of this. While this is not being done by the GCPS, we support replacing the plaque with one bearing the original wording. The individual who wants to replace the plaque also had some 1958 footage of the unveiling of the cairn and plaque which Ole is hoping to be able to post on the GCPS website in the future.