

**GCPS Progress Report**  
**August, 2014**

- I prepared a Membership Form (as discussed at the July meeting). I will give copies of these to George and Jon (for the Museum). I gave Ole a copy to use on the website should anyone prefer to mail a cheque instead of using PayPal. I also prepared decals if George and the Museum would like to use them. Bob and I have the same at our Motel. \$35 has been collected in a donation jar on our front desk from Motel guests and tourists. Bob added it to the GCPS bank account.
- Todd stopped by our place on July 25 with some AMAZING fundraising ideas for the GCPS! Below are some of his suggestions:
  - o A weekend garage sale at the Princeton Mall;
  - o Selling sausage on a bun at Tulameen Days (2015) if they will allow it;
  - o A raffle of one of Heather's handmade blankets;
  - o Collecting cans to be exchanged for money at a recycle depot (note: We were so excited about this idea that we have offered to keep all the cans we collect at our motel. Normally we donate them to the Posse, however, now we will give them to Todd, who can take them to be recycled.Thank you, Todd for these **great** ideas and for volunteering to do the recycling for us!!!
- We received an email from someone asking about a home between Granite Creek and Blakeburn which had a "coffin room". From his description of the house, I suspect it was the old Holmes' Homestead and the "coffin room" was a name probably given because in the old days when a family member died, it was common to display their body in a coffin in the house. I will give Jon a copy of my response for the GCPS correspondence file.
- Barrie Cook very kindly wrote an excellent article about his grandmother, Emma Cook. Emma was Foxcrowle Percival Cook's wife and they were an influential family of Granite Creek. A special THANK YOU to Barrie for taking the time to write the article and include some great photos with it!
- We have confirmed that William Proudfoot Nelson was buried at Granite Creek in 1963. We will be adding his name to the Cemetery index and are having a plaque made to mark his grave. Thank you Jon and Rika, for looking this up for us at the Vancouver Library!!!
- Bob and I posted a laminated "No Metal Detecting" sign at the Cemetery as there has been evidence of digging in some of the graves!
- The leaning tree at the Cemetery is getting quite "spongy" at its base. I think we need to approach Brad to have it removed before it destroys half of the Cemetery when it falls down. It is a serious threat!!
- Items that need to be added to the GCPS website are:
  - July Minutes and Progress Report
  - 1898 Voters' List for Granite Creek
  - Article on Catherine Dunn-Parker-Austin
  - Article on Jessie Olding-Hunter
  - Article from Barrie Cook on Emma Cook
  - Photo of Hugh Hunter and his desk to be included with his memoirs (I resent the article to Ole with the photos included in it, so he just needs to repost it)
  - Mail in membership form
  - Photo caption corrections (Ole needs to do these as he has the original documents from the BC Archives)
  - Debate regarding Granite Creek vs. Granite City
  - Folklore section on Johannson's cache