

GCPS Progress Report May 2015

Kelley Cook sent me a photo of cowboy Pat Wright in front of Coomes' cabin in 1973. We have permission to put it on the GCPS website so I forwarded it to Ole.

We should discuss help with the Cemetery. Bob and I do what we can, but help from others would be appreciated (especially for weed whacking in the fall).

Bob and I took out some trees in the Chinese Section of the Cemetery. On a different day, Bob removed a large downed tree at the cemetery and I cleaned George Fraser's headstone. I have the before and after photos here for you to see.

There is a new entry in our guest book by Ben Bradley of the University of Toronto.

I received a call from Heritage BC on May 5 regarding our nomination of Granite Creek for the Chinese Historic Places. She wanted permission to use the photos I submitted. Also, the Ministry of International Trade wanted permission to use the photos. Heritage BC has prepared an interactive map of Chinese Historic places for their website. You can see their website here:

<http://www.heritagebc.ca/chinese-historic-places>. They used four Granite Creek photos in their heading pictures on the website. It looks like Granite Creek has recognition to add to its growing list as it is now a Chinese Historic Place.

Legacy Initiatives Advisory Council Co-Chair Henry Yu stated:

"Chinese Canadians lived and worked in every part of British Columbia, and they were here from the first moments that non-indigenous peoples came to these shores. The 77 sites that were nominated by the public reflect this long history, and today we honour the memory of these men and women by saying that they are not forgotten, that their hard work and sacrifice in helping make the society we live in today will be remembered."

On the Nominations Report

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this is what was said of Granite Creek:

Granite Creek is valued as reminder of the types of mining communities that sprung up across British Columbia in the late nineteenth century, being built on the labour and industry of both Chinese Canadian and European prospectors and businessmen. This place has been formally recognized by the Okanagan Similkameen Regional District, and a Statement of Significance can be found on the Canadian Register of Historic Places.