

## GCPS Progress Report November, 2015

- There is a new entry in our Guestbook: Oct. 24, 2015, Gerry Korstrom of Okanagan Falls. He writes: "Great History there, I have been in that area quite a few times and it is so interesting in every way. Keep up the good work."
- Todd took another bag of recyclables for us. He collected \$5.75 which he will give us the next time we see him. Thank you again, Todd.
- The weather changed before Bob and I were able to finish up work at the Cemetery. We'll get back to it next year.
- I was contacted by a man named Jeremy Cohen who runs a webpage called Qeepr.com. They sell special tags that people can buy to put on headstones. The tags are scanned with a smart phone and people can learn more about the deceased in the grave. Jeremy wanted to find out some information about the Granite Creek Cemetery as he had visited it in the summer. He sent me a number of questions which I answered and he is going to put them together in an article. He will send me a copy of the article when he has it completed. I did tell him that his tags won't work on the headstones here because there is no cell service.
- A woman named Diane Campbell was in the area for the Music Festival. She is distantly related to the Rabbitt family. While she was in the area, an old school friend she met up with gave her a copy of "Fame of St. Elmo" which is a 40 page story of Euphemia Rabbitt and the family. She very kindly emailed me a copy. There are a couple of references to Granite Creek, but the story is mostly of the family. It is a beautiful recollection and I sent a copy to Robin and Jon for the Museum to have (if they don't already have a copy). Apparently the Brewers had not read it nor had Loretta (our mail lady). I left a copy of it in my mailbox for Loretta to pick up and have.
- I sent a follow-up email to Ron Hyde to see if he had those photos of the Cemetery from the 1970's when he and his wife recorded the graves there. He had promised to look for them back in February and I haven't heard anything since. I haven't heard anything back yet but will keep you posted if I do.
- Kelley Cook very kindly emailed me a copy of an old map of the area from 1911. It is excellent as it has old trails marked as well as the original names of the rivers. Thank you Kelley for passing this on to us. I have asked Ole to please add it to the GCPS website.
- Kelley also gave us Eric Jacobson's notes taken from Bert Irwin. Bert's grandfather was Archie Irwin. Archie Irwin was a mining recorder at Granite Creek (from 1887 to 1890. His wife, Eleanor, was the first white woman in Granite Creek. Eleanor was a half-sister of Emma Cook – Foxcrowle's wife.) Bert's father was Albert E. (Pop) Irwin and Pop was 9 years old when he arrived at Granite. His sister, (Laura), was 7. Later on, A.E. Irwin made as much as 15 miles of wooden flumes for the miners at Granite Creek. In 1897 Robert Stephenson got the contract to build the Granite Creek Bridge. Pop Irwin helped him build it. **Note:** ( ) indicates information I have put in from my own research.
  - o There were notes on one of the pages regarding the Bromley Trail. This is a trail that has evaded being recorded. Bob has put together what he believes (from the notes) to be part of the trail.