

GCPS Progress Report
September, 2014

- Bob cut up a downed tree at the Cemetery and we remove the debris. We added William Nelson to the index and put a marker on his grave. Bob and I paid for this, so the cost of this marker will be used as a “donation” to the GCPS.
- I updated both Grave Marker websites (Canadian Gravemarker Gallery and FindaGrave) with photos of the new graves at the Cemetery (Ed Cook, James Herrington, William Nelson, Maryanne Woodford). Our Cemetery binder is also updated now.
- We put up the new “No Metal Detecting” sign as instructed at the last meeting.
- Through CBC radio I have been in contact with Robert Budd who wrote “Voices of British Columbia”. I had a copy of this book and highly recommend it to anyone. It has DVD’s with interviews with old timers. Rob Budd is the man responsible for the story about Sarah Glassey, the first woman to pre-empt land in BC. He was curious about Alice James, so Bob and I sent him a very detailed email about her. I hope to hear back from him with his thoughts. He told me he has some pressing deadlines to meet right now, so it might be awhile before I hear from him.
- I ordered the Probate records for Alice James. The money I paid for the file will be used as a “donation” to the Society. The papers arrived last week and I have learned that she had a son who supposedly lived in North Dakota. The Administrator of her estate could not find him. This winter, when we get our Ancestry subscription, I will see if I can find out anything. She also owned another property which may have been in Oliver. I will see if I can find out more about it. When I have some time I will give the GCPS a proper report.
- Fundraising: I forgot to mention at our last meeting that Todd thought it might be a good idea to sell t-shirts and caps with a GCPS logo on them. I don’t know if Ole would have time to look into this, but he is the expert at logo making and he also did the Coalmont t-shirts for the centennial. If we did go this route, perhaps we could sell them at the Museum, NewsLeader office, Mozey-On-Inn office, the Chamber and maybe even the Coalmont Hotel.
- Todd recycled the first batch of cans from the motel. He said he got \$29.00 for 3 ½ bags. Free money for the GCPS!! Thank you Todd for looking after this for us! We don’t have the money for this in the GCPS bank account yet; however, I am sure the next time Todd is up in Coalmont he will give it to Bob to deposit.
- Bob thought of a unique way to raise some money for the GCPS. He has some rabbit feet which he has mounted on CO2 caps. We will display them in the motel office and anyone asking about them will be told they can have one for a \$10 donation to the Granite Creek Preservation Society. Bob is calling them Coalmont Snowshoes (because they are from snowshoe hares). Bob will also be able to bill out his time to prepare the feet and this calculates to about 3 hours (\$36) to do one rabbit.
- There is about \$15 in the donation jar at our motel, but we will wait until there is more before we deposit it as we do have to pay a fee for every transaction at the bank.
- George looked at the material from the student at the Keremeos Museum regarding Granite Creek. It turned out to be the 1886 Prospectors’ Manual by P.L. Trout which we already have on our website. It was kind of the student to think of us when she found the material!!
- Ole posted the updated version of the Constitution and ByLaws on the website. Thank you Ole!