

## Reading Barkerville Cemetery

(1) What kinds of general information do the headstones offer?

- \$ name of person
- \$ age at death
- \$ date of birth
- \$ place of birth
- \$ place of death

(1a) What precise information do the headstones give about some individuals?

- \$ cause of death
- \$ marital status
- \$ occupation
- \$ religious belief
- \$ person/group erecting headstone
- \$ names of parents
- \$ precise time of death

(2) What was the age and name of the oldest person at the time of death?

**Age:** 82 years                      **Name:** James Lindsay

(3) What was the age of the youngest person at the time of death?

**Age:** 10 days                      **Name:** Not given: infant daughter of Margaret Jane Blair

(4) Of the people buried in Barkerville Cemetery whose age is given, how many fall into the following age categories?

**below 20 years:** one (infant daughter of Margaret Jane Blair)  
**20-30 years:** six  
**30-40 years:** eleven  
**40-50 years:** six  
**50 years and above:** two

(5) List the countries/places of origin of the people buried in Barkerville Cemetery:

England	Canada
Germany	B Canada West
Ireland	B New Brunswick
Italy	B Nova Scotia
Scotland	B Ontario
Sweden	B Prince Edward Island
Russia	B Quebec
United States	
Wales	

**(5a) Aside from the Dominion of Canada, where did most of Barkerville's population come from?**

United Kingdom: England, Ireland, Wales, and Channel Islands (Jersey)

**(6) How many people were married at the time of their death, according to the information given?**

Four "beloved wives"

**(7) What occupations are listed on the headstones?**

doctor	miner
gold commissioner	soldier
judge	surveyor (Royal Engineers)
lawyer (barrister)	

**(8) How many headstones give cause of death? What is the cause of death given?**

Two: those of Samuel Daniels and Andrew Hanson  
Accident

**(9) How many headstones give information about religious beliefs? What religious faith(s) is/are involved?**

Two  
Christianity: New Testament quotations

**(10) How many languages besides English are on the tombstones? Do you know which languages these are? If so, list them.**

Two: Latin: *Requiescat in Pace*  
Welsh: *Nghanoel ein bywyd yr ydym mewm angau*

**(11) Are some groups involved in the Cariboo Gold Rush and living in Barkerville at this period not buried in this cemetery? If so, which group(s)?**

Yes: Aboriginal peoples and Chinese immigrants

**(12) What other information do the headstones tell us about Barkerville in the 1860s and 1870s?**

names of specific mining claims  
existence of Royal Cariboo Hospital and presence of physicians  
existence of a court of law  
relatively short lifespan compared to present-day standards  
predominantly male population