

What the Voices Tell

The headstones in Barkerville Cemetery provide a wealth of information about the life and death of the people of Barkerville during and shortly after the Cariboo Gold Rush. Use the grave markers to answer the questions below.

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

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

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

Age:

Name:

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

Age:

Name:

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

below 20 years:

20-30 years:

30-40 years:

40-50 years:

50 years and above:

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

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

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

(7) What occupations are listed on the headstones?

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

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

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

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

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