

GCPS Progress Report
May/June, 2025
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- After our March 13 AGM, I updated our Society on Society's Online and paid the \$40 fee through a direct withdrawal from our GCPS bank account.
- Bob received a bill for \$625.97 for 3 years of our webhosting with doteasy. I put it on my credit card and Bob paid me back from GCPS funds with a cheque. The first time we signed up with them, they gave us a deal as a new customer. Now we must pay the regular price.
- Our Cemetery license was renewed at no cost. There were no burials in 2024.
- Bob paid the insurance which was the same amount as last year. The amount was \$660.00. He sent them a GCPS cheque for the amount.
- A group of 3 explorers stopped by to chat with us about gold panning and the history of the area. We spent almost 2 hours talking with them. They were very grateful for the information and excited to check out the history.
- The Princeton Museum was given more papers from Skip Broderick regarding her Grandfather, George Batstone. They asked me to transcribe some of the handwritten ones. One is particularly timely. It is a doctor's letter regarding George's daughter, Mollie who had measles. There was no vaccination available in the 1930's. It makes you appreciate modern medicine that much more. Below is the transcription:

Princeton Feb. 6 32

Mrs. Geo Batstone:

If Mollies temperature is 104° she certainly is nearing the danger line. It is just possible that she has measles. In a girl of her age they are sometimes quite sick before the rash develops. Under the present circumstances as you describe I would say that this is the surest bet. I would therefore advise you to give her some hot Brandy or Ginger tea to force rash out.

Under no condition allow her to take baths or to get wet or cold. Also keep eyes shaded from light. Her bowels should be opened with some oil as castor oil – food should be soft and liquid. If urine turns thick and brown do not vary main treatment for Measles. Keep constantly in bed in even temperature do not let up to toilet. Keep room dark – feed lightly.

Will send medicine to ease head ache & fever.

D McCaffrey

- Bob and I went up to the Delprato Cabin. It was our first trip this year. There was a massive tree across the road so Bob took it out and I helped him throw the branches out of the way. The cabin looks great. There were no mice in the bucket trap inside the cabin and no smell of pack rats. I gave the cabin a sweep and Bob repaired the broken step at the far end of the porch. Given the limited supplies, he was only able to put in one step. The result is tall steps; so, anyone using it should be aware. At

least it is safe and secure. The steps at the other end of the porch are not as steep. Below is a photo of it:



- There are still hats and one t-shirt available for purchase. We have 4 black hats (\$20 each), 6 blue hats (\$20 each) and one 4XL tall shirt for \$35.00.
- Anyone who wishes to do some clean-up work at the Cemetery, feel free to do so. Let me know what you have done so I can record it. Thank you!!! Many hands make light work. 😊
- Financial Report: 21 paid members; current bank balance \$3,254.86; PayPal \$0; cash on hand \$40; accounts payable to Ernie Rice when he builds and installs the Delprato Cabin picnic table \$800; Total balance \$2,537.48 (this includes the inventory of hats).