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ABOVE & OPPOSITE

The ruins of an original cabin on Granite Creek. In the 1970s seekers of gold, platinum and artifacts visited the site with excavating equipment and dug up the area around the buildings.



PRINCE'S TOWN OR PRINCETON



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THE GRANITE CITY GRAVEYARD OF THE 1880S OVERLOOKS THE MINING COMMUNITY DIRECTLY BELOW

Nestled in the jackpine the graves of unknown souls, surrounded by rock cairns, lie interspersed with the names of the known dead that are contained in the white picketed fences.

Edgar Dewdney, the roadbuilder of the Dewdney Trail, had James Riordan and Charles Allison stake claims on Nickel Plate Mountain as early as 1894. Allison was the son of John Fall Allison, the first white settler at Red Earth or Vermilion Forks. This site had originally been named after the red ochre used for face painting or pictographs before being renamed in 1860 Prince's Town, later Princeton, to honor the visit to eastern Canada of Queen Victoria's eldest son, Edward, Prince of Wales – later to become King Edward VII. Dewdney and Allison married sisters making them brothers-in-law.

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EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES

The eldest son of Queen Victoria I, he went on to become King Edward VII. In this portrait he is wearing his masonic regalia of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON