

Appendix I - 1874 Surveyed Josephine County Road

April 9, 2005

The following is retyped from a copy of the original July 11, 1997 memorandum from Bob Chard, Engineering Technician III.

Date July 11, 1997

To: Bob Weber, Director

From: Bob Chard, Engineering Technician III

Re: Warner Road, Railroad Avenue, Edgewood Road, Sunny Valley Loop, Old Stage Road, Hugo Road, Oxyoke Road, Monument Drive, Grants Pass Road, Camp Joy Road and Highland Avenue.

Portions of all these roads (with the exception of Old Stage Road and Grants Pass Road, which encompasses all of the road) were discovered to be part of a road which was established by the County Commissioners on April 9, 1874 (Book 2, Page 261). Alex Watts, County Surveyor at that time, did a survey of the route. It is recorded as part of the Road Viewers Report as Road Number 12 (Book 1, Pages 40-45, May 20, 1874, copy enclosed).

This route did not tie to any government corners, so I initially thought it would be very difficult to establish it's location. I entered the courses of the route into an AutoCAD program and plotted it out at a scale of 1 inch equals 2000 feet. This scale matches the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. Quadrangle maps. Overlaying my plot on the quad map proved to be the answer as Alex Watts did a good job of describing topography calls and I got a very good match throughout the full 20.6 miles. I then noted the location of each of the 21 roads on the 8 ½ x 11 plots. I also marked the Book & Page to the portions that apply, on the assessors plats in the front office.

The assessors plats show all of these roads, the exception being Railroad Avenue, as 60 feet wide, so we will not have to send this memo to the assessors office to correct those widths. Railroad Avenue doesn't have a width shown, but it scales 30 feet in Section 14. In section 15, it's R/W seems to have been absorbed into the railroad right-of-way. This is a curious thing, as Railroad Avenue was there first, the railroad being built about 9 years later, in 1883.

Appendix I - 1874 Survey: Earliest Josephine County Survey

August 30, 2009 Notes: Comparisons of 1874 Survey With 1856 GLO Map of the Jacksonville Road Section of the Applegate Trail from Louse Creek to Grave Creek

<u>PW #¹</u>	<u>Survey Notes</u>
141	Coyote Creek [Applegate Trail?]
142	Ascend Hill [Applegate Trail?]
150	Small Stream [Applegate Trail?]
155	Top of Ridge [Applegate Trail?]
156	Descend Hill [Applegate Trail?]
161	Top of Ridge [Applegate Trail?]
162	Descend Hill [Applegate Trail?]
165	Leave Road [Applegate Trail?]
173	Grave Creek
174	Slough
180	McMichaels House
184	Small Stream NW Leave Road (Rat Creek?)
187	Strike Road [Applegate Trail]
191	Ascend Hill [Applegate Trail]
194	Top of Hill Descend [Sexton Pass] [Applegate Trail]
196	Leave Road [Fits with 1856 GLO map of Ox Bow] [Applegate Trail]
201	Foot of Hill
202	Ascend Hill
203	Top of Hill [Garber Pass]
204	Descend Hill
208	D Sextons
213	Mrs. Trimbles
217	North end of Bridge over Jump Off Joe
218	Saw Mill [Walker's Saw Mill]
219	Mrs Neelys
222	Small Creek [Schoolhouse Creek]
242	Louse Creek Bridge
244	Road to Vannoys - leaves road

Mike Walker Analysis

It appears that Bob Chard's July 11, 1997 Memorandum to Bob Weber might assume the April 9, 1874 road survey was a road established (developed) by the County Commissioners on April 9, 1874 rather than a survey of a new route for a new county road the segments of which would be developed in the future.

It is clear from the survey entry notes about leaving and striking the “road” (there was one north-south road in northern Josephine County from approximately 1846 through 1900) that the 1874 road survey is not a survey of an established road, but a survey of existing roads and a new route to be developed. True?

History Of Some Of The Surveyed Points Of Interest

PW # 208 D Sextons. Hiram and Caroline Niday, applied for a donation land claim (DLC) in the Hugo area September 15 - 20, 1852 – DLC claim application notification No. 692 (<http://www.condortales.com/Resources/gfo52%201.html>). Hiram died quite suddenly in March 1855, eight days after the birth of their daughter Mary, and was buried on the homestead.

The GLO Contract No. 54 was awarded February 1855 and the survey was completed August 1855. The GLO maps were completed in 1856.

The Rogue River War broke out October 9, 1855 and the Widow Niday house was burned by the Indians. During the war Mary Niday died in Ft. Levens, and was buried outside the fort. At the end of the War, she was brought home and buried next to her father near their home.

The February 1857 DLC Niday No. 40 survey bearings identify a second house location east of the 2010 Boyce horse shelter location, perhaps on the Squires’ property. At the time of the DLC survey Caroline Niday was still a widow as she and David H. Sexton later married on July 23 1857 (On October 14, 2010 Karen Rose, Co-Project Leader, Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee, reported on Josephine County, Oregon Marriage Records, 1857-1900, Vol. 2 - P - 3).

On July 23 1857 David Sexton married Mrs. Caroline Niday, the widow of Hiram Niday, who was then residing on the old Hugo donation land claim. They had one child, Charles Sexton. (1. Gaston, Joseph. 1912. *Centennial History of Oregon, 1811 - 1912*. S. J. Clarke, 4 vols., pages 450 - 453. Chicago, IL.; 2. Rose, Karen. 2001. *Sexton Family History In Hugo, Oregon*. Written for the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. Hugo, OR.; 3. Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Nidays: Hugo Pioneers*. Hugo, OR.; and 4. Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Sextons: Hugo Pioneers*. Hugo, OR.).

The 1874 county road was surveyed.

On July 19, 1876 Caroline Niday and the heirs of Hiram Niday were issued a DLC patent for 321.88 acres in Hugo, Oregon (DLC Patent No.1479).

PW # 213 Trimbles. In 1870 Robert Trimble Passed In Josephine County “. . . and in 1870 came to Josephine County. Two months after their arrival here Mr. Trimble died, leaving a wife and 12 children, one boy being adopted.” *Oregon Observer*. Died – Trimble. January 31, 1903. In 1903 Clementina Passed “*Died. TRIMBLE – Eight of Mrs. Trimble’s children survive her and are well-known and respected residents of Oregon. Mrs. Garrett Crockett, of Tunnel 9; Mrs.*

B. A. Williams, Grants Pass; Mrs. C. D. Williams, Dillard; Wm. Trimble, Oregon City; Jas. Trimble, Grants Pass; Mack Trimble, Bridal Veil; John M. And Chars. R. Trimble, of Cathlamet, Wash.” Oregon Observer. Died – Trimble. January 31, 1903.

PW # 217 North end of Bridge over Jump Off Joe. This Jumpoff Joe Creek Bridge is not today’s Jumpoff Joe Creek Bridge which was built in 1924. It is located on the section line between Section 10 and Section 11. The 1874 bridge is located approximately 2,000 (1874 JO CO Survey) - 3,000 (1856 GLO map) feet northeast from today’s 1924 bridge. The 1874 bridge is approximately 1,000 - 2,000 feet east of Monument Drive.

PW # 218 Saw Mill. Is Mrs. Neely’s saw mill Augustus Walker’s saw mill? Augustus was a single man when he arrived at Jumpoff Joe Creek October 12, 1852. He patented a donation land claim (DLC) for 160 acres which claim was settled March 1, 1855. The bridge, saw mill, and Mrs. Neely’s house as identified on the 1874 county survey was part of Augustus’ DLC. Josephine County’s “1860 Walker’s Mill Precinct” was probably named after Augustus’ Walker’s saw mill.²

PW # 219 Mrs Neelys. James Neely married Mrs. Elizabeth F. Gibson July 23, 1870 at the Jump Off Joe (i.e., Pleasant Valley) School House in Josephine County. Her maiden name was Vannoy and until his death she had been married to William A. Gibson. An “E. F.” Neely identified on the 1895 Josephine County map was the owner of almost 600 acres where the Neely children and Trimbles’ graves are located adjacent to the northern boundary of today’s Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Footnote No. 1. PW# = Josephine County Public Works assigned numbers to the April 9, 1874 Josephine County Road Survey entries not on the original survey and created maps with an AutoCAD program from the 1874 courses and distances. The scale of the maps was 1 inch equaling 2,000 feet which matches the 7.5 minuet U.S.G.S. quadrangle maps.

Footnote No. 2. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society and Josephine County Historical Society. January 18, 2008. *Walker’s Mill Precinct.* Draft brochure. Hugo, OR.