

## Illinois Valley (IV) Road of Applegate Trail Ford No. 1

**1846** The IV Ford No. 1 is not identified on the 1855 GLO survey or the 1856 GLO map. However, the several hundred acre prairie identified by Lindsey Applegate was identified is on the GLO map.<sup>2</sup>

**1846 Lindsey Applegate, Member of the Southern Expedition**, identified the Rogue River ford going south.<sup>3</sup> “Traveling through a very broken country the sharp hills separated by little streams upon which there were small openings, we came out at about noon into a large creek, a branch of Rogue river, now call **Grave creek**, on which we rested about two hours. During the afternoon our course was over a more open country—through scattering pine and oak timber. Towards evening, we saw a good many Indians posted along the mountain side and then running ahead of us. **About an hour by sun we reached a prairie of several hundred acres, which extends down to very near the bank of Rogue river.** As we advanced towards the river, the Indians in large numbers occupied the riverbank near where the trail crossed. Having understood that this crossing was a favorite place of attack, we decided as it was growing late, to pass the night in the prairie. Selecting a place as far from the brush as possible, we made every preparation for a night attack. In selecting our camp on **Rogue River**, we observed the greatest caution. Cutting stakes from the limbs of an old oak that stood in the open ground, we picketed our horses with double stakes as firmly as possible.”

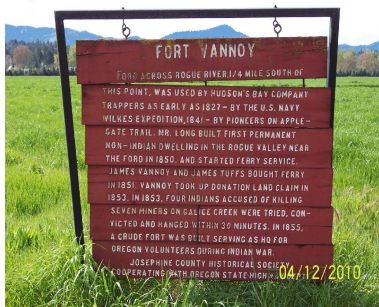
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## Rogue River's Vannoy Creek Ford

### FORT VANNOY SIGN “FORT VANNOY

*Ford across Rogue River 1/4 mile south of this point, was used by Hudson's Bay Company trappers as early as 1827 - by the U.S. navy Wilkes Expedition, 1841 - by pioneers on Applegate Trail.*

*Mr. Long built first permanent non-Indian dwelling in the Rogue River near the ford in 1850, and started ferry service. James Vannoy and James Tuffs bought ferry in 1851. Vannoy took up donation land claim in 1853.*



*In 1853, four Indians accused of killing seven miners on Galice Creek were*

*tried, convicted and hanged within 30 minutes. In 1855 a crude fort was built serving as HQ for Oregon volunteers during Indian War.*

*Josephine County Historical Society Cooperating with Oregon State Highway Dept.”*

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## Diaries, Journals, & Reminiscences<sup>1</sup>

**1846 Virgil Pringle** was an 1846 pioneer and diarist traveling on the IV Road of the Applegate Trail.<sup>1</sup> His Fort Vannoy Rogue River ford diary entry follows

*Friday, October 16, 1846 – Cross Rogue River about 4 miles from last camp. Ford good. Camp on right bank. [emphasis added]*

**1846 Henry A. Garrison** was the son of Reverend. A. E. Garrison and with Pringle and Captain Vanderpool.

*“From here we went down the river to the ford, near where Grants Pass is located. Before we got to the ford, Captain Vanderpool took fifty men, and went ahead of the wagons to look out the ford, and to clear it of Indians if there should be any there to give us trouble in crossing the river. On coming to the ford he divided his men, sending one party across the river, while the rest remained behind to give the advancing men protection if need be. When the {wagon train} was approaching the far bank, the Indians showed themselves but they done no damage, as they were driven back into the woods by them who remained behind. When all had crossed the river they scoured the {woods} thoroughly, but no Indians could be found, but blood was found, showing some of the savages did not escape with a whole hide. The men remained and held the ford until all was over.*

**Want more information?** Contact a member of the *Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee*.

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The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

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Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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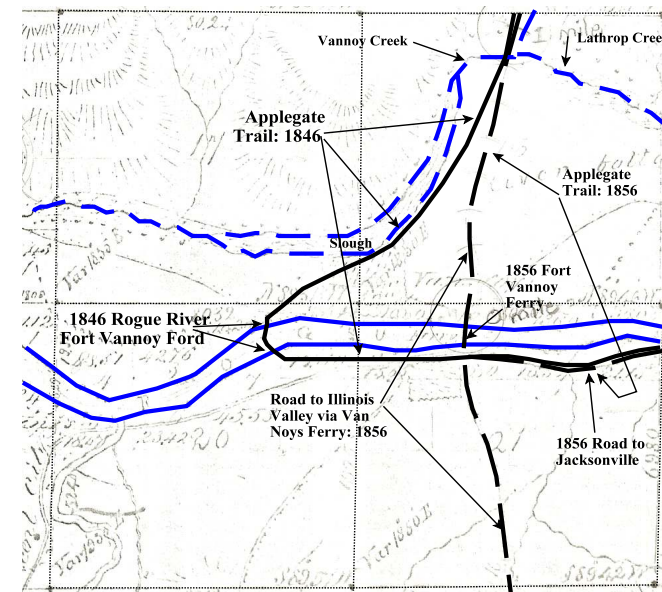
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## IV Ford No. 1: Rogue River's Vannoy Creek Ford Diaries

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*Applegate Trail Ford Added To 1856 GLO Map*

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