

## 1846 & 1847 Applegate Trail Companies in Hugo Region<sup>1-2</sup>

### Applegate Trail [I]<sup>3</sup>

- “The Applegate Trail . . . was opened in 1846. Parts were laid out from west to east, by the road-hunting party of 15 men. Then in late August the first west bound travelers, again the road-hunting party, but this time consisting of approximately 20 men, followed at intervals by some 90 to 100 wagons, or 450 to 500 persons, made up that year’s emigration.” (p. 8)
- “Most westward bound trains seemed to have eventually organized in groups of about 15 wagons.” (p. 8)
- 1846 “Bancroft’s History of Oregon states there were 45 wagons that took the Applegate Trail in 1847” (p. 8)
- “. . . a “Medders” **Vanderpool**, former mountain man known to “Black” Harris, and presently **captain of a train of 14 wagons . . .**” (p.4)
- 1846 “. . . **Mr. (Harrison) Linville’s company (of 15 wagons)**. . .” (p.4)
- 1846 “Mr. Linville’s company united to that of Mr. Vanderpool’s alone broke and made road to the Sacramento river (Lost River in the Klamath Basin near the Oregon-California line.)” (p.5)
- 1846 “. . . fourth known wagon train entered the California Trail at Raft River . . . It is through the recordings of **William E. Taylor and Nicholas Carriger** [Carriger went to California, p. 8] that we are able to reconstruct some of the early activities of the Oregon bound emigrants.” (p 5)

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## Main Companies: Scott, Pringle, Vanderpool, Harrison-Linville, Hulin

### Applegate Trail [I]<sup>3</sup> (Continued)

- 1846 “. . . **Pringle was a member of a 21 wagon train** (at least after turning into the new cut-off), and is the only day to day contemporary diarist located to date, who traveled the Applegate Trail in 1846, and who recorded the entire Overland trip from Missouri River to the Willamette Valley . . .” (p.5)
- 1846 “. . . Applegate overtook the **Thornton train**. . . “ on August 12<sup>th</sup> (p.6)
- 1846 “At least Thornton wrote for August 13<sup>th</sup>: Wm. Kirquendall and Charles Putnam. . . left our company in the morning to go forward with others, led by Captain Applegate, to mark and open the ned road.” (p.6)
- 1846 “. . . passed part of Vander pools Company. . .” (p. 7)
- 1846 Harrison Linville Company was in advance (p. 7)
- 1846 “It is now known that Levi Scott in a following train (probably Vanderpool’s) was met by John Owen, from the lead (Linville) train. . .” (p.7)
- 1846 “A **Samuel Whately, Whitley or Whitelsy was captain of five or six wagons** which took the Applegate Trail.” (p. 8)
- 1847 “The next year, 1847, Levi Scott accompanied by B. F. Burch, “Black” Harris and “a part of about thirty young men going back to the states,” made their way eastward over the Trail. . . . Only one of his traveling companions, B. F. Burch, returned to Oregon with him. Burch met his father and other relatives somewhere along the way and led them to Oregon by the Applegate Trail.” (p. 8)
- 1847 “Another, the **Thomas Smith train of 11 wagons**, and 15 men and boys “from 15 years old and upward” arrived in the Upper Willamette Valley on October 24<sup>th</sup>, a week ahead of the Hulin train.” (p. 8)
- 1847 “**The Wm. Wiggins train of 17 wagons . . .**” (p. 8)



## Other Companies: Davis, Hills, Whately, Smith, Wiggins, Cornwall, & Others

### Scott Applegate Trail Atlas And Gazetteer<sup>5</sup>

- 1846 The Jesse Applegate met the **Harrison Linville Company of 15 wagons** at the mouth of the Raft River on August 6, 1846. (p. 25)
- 1846 Two days later the Linville party joined up with Vanderpool party. (p. 25)
- 1846 Pringle’s party overtook the combined Vanderpool-Linville wagon trail at Stone Bridge on Sacramento on September 29<sup>th</sup>. **They united making 50 wagons in the lead wagon train**. (p. 25)
- 1846 On September 29<sup>th</sup> Jesse Applegate met J Quinn Thorton eight miles south of Fort Hal. Thornton was with another party. **David Goff waited at “the fork in the road” to guide the party through**. (p. 25)
- 1846 There were probably several more small wagon trains, including Samuel **Whately** (Whitley or Whitelsy) using the route in 1846. (p. 25)
- 1846 Jesse Applegate left the 1846 wagon train east of the Cascades “to mark the trail they traveled with stone cairns and blaze trees to guide the Emigrants.” (p. 27)
- 1847 “The **David D. Davis, Lester Hulin, and Cornelius Hills wagon train** with about twenty wagons was the last substantive wagon train to reach the Willamette Valley by the Southern Route – in 1847.” (p. 26)
- 1846 “Rev. **Cornwall** and about twenty-five or thirty people were stranded on Cabin Creek for the 1846 - 1847 winter when they ran out of provisions and their oxen died of exhaustion and exposure.” (p. 30)



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