

## Pacific Highway: 1913 - 1926<sup>1</sup>

**Pacific Highway** The 345 mile Oregon highway in 1922 was paved. The completion of this highway gave Oregon the distinction of being the first state west of the Mississippi to have a paved highway the entire length of the state. The Pacific Highway was officially dedicated the length of Oregon and Washington October 1923. The Pacific Highway became U.S. 99 in 1926.

**1933** Oregon State Police Trooper Burrell M. "Milo" Baucom (Photo 1) was killed in the line of duty on July 1, 1933 on U.S. 99 near the top of Mt Sexton Pass.<sup>2</sup>

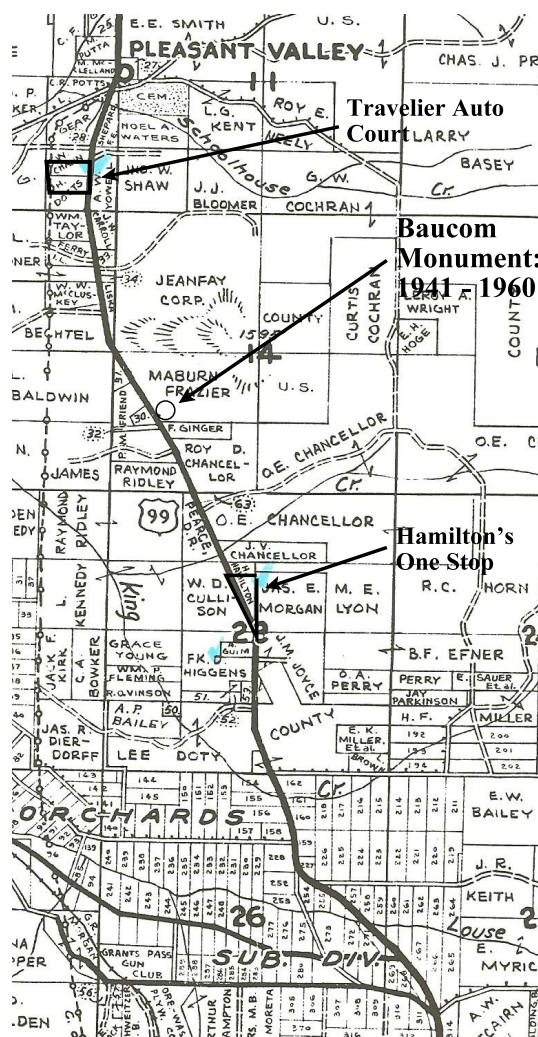


**Photo 1. Trooper Milo Baucom**

When Sheriff E. H. Lister arrived, 32-year Baucom was dead, the first police officer murdered in the line of duty in Josephine County. Locally, it was the most publicized crime of its day, bigger than the slaying of William Dunlap for his gold, or highwayman Oregon Jones breaking out of jail.

His fellow Oregon State Police Troopers and members of the Oregon National Guard erected a massive granite monument to their fallen comrade on the site of the fatal shooting on Sexton Mountain.

## Oregon State Police Trooper Burrell "Milo" Baucom<sup>2</sup>



**Map 1. Oregon State Trooper Burrell Monument Along U.S. 99: 1955**

## Naming Monument Drive

**1941** Because of major changes to U.S. 99 on Mt. Sexton in 1941 this monument was moved down the mountain to a location on U.S. 99 .7 miles north of Hamilton's One Stop just south of today's Lauer Way or 1.2 miles south on Monument from its junction with Pleasant Valley Road (Map 1).

**In 1959** this segment of the highway was acquired by Josephine County after I-5 bypassed it

**In 1960** this county road was named Monument Drive by Josephine County in honor of Baucom and his monument that had been there along the highway for so long. The monument is now at the east I-5 Manzanita Rest Area (Photo 2; front page photo).



**Photo 2. Baucom Monument**

**Want more information?** Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood*.

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2. The Grants Pass Daily Courier. March 18, 2010. Routine stop ended in trooper tragedy. 1933 murder of Milo Baucom, the first local policeman slain in the line of duty, was the most publicized crime of its day. Reporter Howard Huntington. Grants Pass, OR; Boling, Jean. September 2007. *Murder, Mayhem and Mischief in Josephine County*. Josephine County Historical Society. Grants Pass, OR.

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## Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

### Land Use & History

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.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

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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## Naming Monument Drive: 1960

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*Trooper Baucom Monument,  
East I-5 Manzanita Rest Area*

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