

Illinois Valley (IV) Road Of Applegate Trail IV Ford No. 8: 1846¹

1846 Applegate Wagon Trains Insignificant IV Ford No. 8: Corliss Ford I is not identified on the 1855 GLO survey notes nor the 1856 GLO map.²⁻⁴ (<http://www.jeffnet.org/~hugo/applegat.htm>) The road along Bannister may not be located correctly.

Working Hypothesis For Locating Trail Sites Between POIs The *Trail* in the Hugo region was restricted by the complex mountain-valley structure of the region. A working hypothesis is that, except when traversing mountains and ridges, the *Trail* was located in the narrow valleys which in 1846 - 1855 were generally open woodlands and prairies located next to trees clustered along streams.⁵

1855 GLO Survey Notes for one mile section line west between Section 3 and Section 34 identify one topographic feature of interest: "20.50 [chains] Branch [Corliss Creek] 5 lks [links] wide c [course] SE]" [20.50 chains = 1,353 feet; 5 Links = 3.3 feet].

Diaries, Journals and Reminiscences: 1846⁶ <http://www.jeffnet.org/~hugo/applegat.htm>. The minor Corliss Creek Ford I was not significant enough to mention in any diary.

Merlin Quadrangle: 1998 The IV Ford No. 8: Corliss Creek Ford I is bracketed by surveyed GLO points IV-5 and IV-6 about one mile apart.⁷ Mt Paradise Road was not developed in 1998 and is not on the topographic map. However, from a 2002 aerial photograph it was plotted on the topographic and photographs were taken of Corliss Creek along side the road.

1846 Corliss Creek Ford I

The little north-south valley created by Corliss and Bannister Creek as crossed by the Mt Paradise Road is small with the larger Bannister Creek being on the east (Merlin Quadrangle: 1998). Corliss Creek is a blink along the way, but has a culvert under the road for high water events.



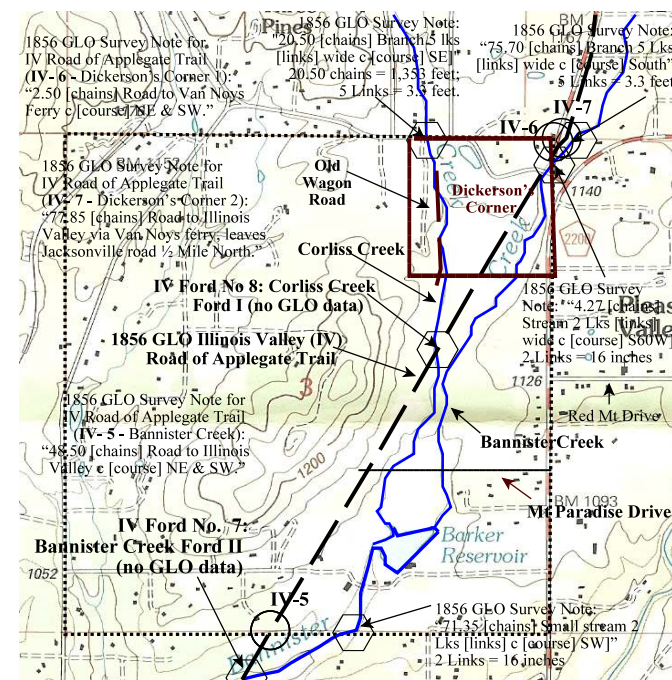
Corliss Creek Is Western Tree Line South of Mt Paradise Drive

Dickerson Interview Charlyn Dickerson Witcher reported that Corliss Creek's characteristics through Dickerson's corner used to be similar to Corliss Creek at Mt Paradise Road (i.e., wide and shallow with little canalization - see title page photograph).

Conclusion Field work is needed.

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General Land Office (GLO) Surveys & Maps



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Corliss Creek On North Side of Mt Paradise Drive

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