
Jacksonville Road (JR) Of Applegate Trail (*Trail*): Grave Creek Road (JA-17)¹

Hugo's Jacksonville Road (JA) from Willamette Valley to Jacksonville (route of the *Trail*) is located in Josephine County, Oregon from Louse Creek in the south to Grave Creek in the north. There are 17 GLO surveyed points of interest (POI) along the JR in Hugo's area of interest.²

GRAVE CREEK ROAD

Road POI Name Grave Creek Road³ ■ JA-17.

POI ID Code OR-AT-00-34-06-02/11-W-JA-17.

1855 GLO Survey Notes for POI³ Page 600. Subdivisions of T. 34 S., R. 6 W. S89°50, W [West] on True Line between sections 2 & 11 (see Brochure 21B in *Trail* GLO Surveys Series⁴).

VIRGIL PRINGLE'S DIARY: 1846

His October entries near Grave Creek follow (<http://www.jeffnet.org/~hugo/virgil.htm>):

Sunday, October 18 – Have some bad road [Oxbow] that takes till after dark to go 6 miles. 6 miles.

Monday, October 19 – Move one mile to a camp [Grave Creek], having none last night, and spent the day burying Mr. Crowley's daughter, who died yesterday evening, age about 14 years. 1 mile.

TALBOT CARTER REMINISCENCES, 1846

“Soon a wagon appeared, with weeping and lamentation among its occupants. It was soon learned that an estimable young lady by the name of Crowley, who had been afflicted with typhoid fever, had died... When morning came we found we were a few hundred yards from a small stream”

Diaries¹

LUCY (HENDERSON) DEADY REMINISCENCES, 1846

“One of the emigrants in our party was named Crowley. He had lost several members of his family by death while crossing the plains, and at one of our camps another member of the family, a daughter, Martha Leland Crowley, died. Theodore Prater and Mrs. Rachel Challiner and some others from our wagon train helped bury her. They buried her beneath a big pine tree on the banks of a small stream which they christened Grave Creek, and which still bears that name. The oxen were corralled over her grave so the Indians would not dig her up to get her clothing.”

LEVI SCOTT'S REMINISCENCES, 1846⁵

“The next morning we moved up a little, and crossed the main creek, where we stopped to bury the dead girl. Mrs. Tabitha Brown, a generous and noble-hearted widow lady, who afterwards founded the College at Forest Grove in the Tualatan Plains, gave the upper side-boards of her wagon to make a coffin. We dug the grave in the middle of the corral, or circle of the camp, and after depositing the remains, we filled it up level with the surface of the ground, replacing the sods which had first been carefully removed so as to give it the appearance of the natural, unbroken ground as much as possible. We then corralled all the stock so that they should tread over the grave, and when we got ready to start, drove all the wagons, one after another over it, in the hope of so obliterating all traces of it as to prevent the Indians from finding, or disturbing it.”

Journals, & Reminiscences¹

LESTER HULIN'S DIARY: 1847 Hulin was the pilot for the Oskaloosa Company. His October entries near Grave Creek follow (<http://www.jeffnet.org/~hugo/hulin.htm>):

T. 19th. In about one M we crossed the river and left it after following it about 50 MS in all. passed among the bluffs and camped after a distance of about 12 Ms. Some of the Indians are yet following us. Their room is better than their company.

W. 20th. Upon leaving camp we soon came to a fine creek. Then bad roads ensued (rough hilly and sideling) but by night we were in a valley with good camping ground at hand.[Grave Creek] Distance 8 Ms.

Be Respectful *Do not trespass. JA-17 is located on private property not open to the public.*

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

1. Hugo Neighborhood. 2009 *Hugo's Applegate Trail GLO Points of Interest*. Brochure 1 in Applegate Trail GLO Surveys Series. Hugo, OR.

2. Hugo Neighborhood. 2009 *Hugo's Jacksonville Road Of Applegate Trail Points of Interest*. Brochure 2 in Applegate Trail GLO Surveys Series. Hugo, OR.

3. 1856 General Land Office Field Survey Sub-Committee, Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee, Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. February 10, 2006. *General Land Office Field Survey Notes: Hugo's Applegate Trail Segments*. Hugo, OR.

4. Hugo Neighborhood. 2010 *JR Of Applegate Trail: Grave Creek Road (JA-17)*. Brochure 21B in Applegate Trail GLO Surveys Series. Hugo, OR.

5. Collins, James Lyton, *From Independence to Independence*, Levi Scott's authorized and approved, handwritten biography, circa 1880's. Roseburg: Unpublished type-scripted manuscript archived in Douglas County Historical Museum Reference Library, 1955[?]. Pages 192-194.

Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee

Hugo is blessed with a rich heritage of historic roads, rough though they were. The *Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee* was formed to bring together all those who want to learn more about the early transportation in the area, from the casual admirer to the dedicated researcher. Its aim is to collect and record information about Hugo's emigrant trails, especially its two historic 1850s General Land Office mapped roads of the Applegate Trail, and to share this information (e.g., through *Hugo History Day*, talks, hikes, group visits, training exercises, workshops, publications, web sites, etc.).

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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.

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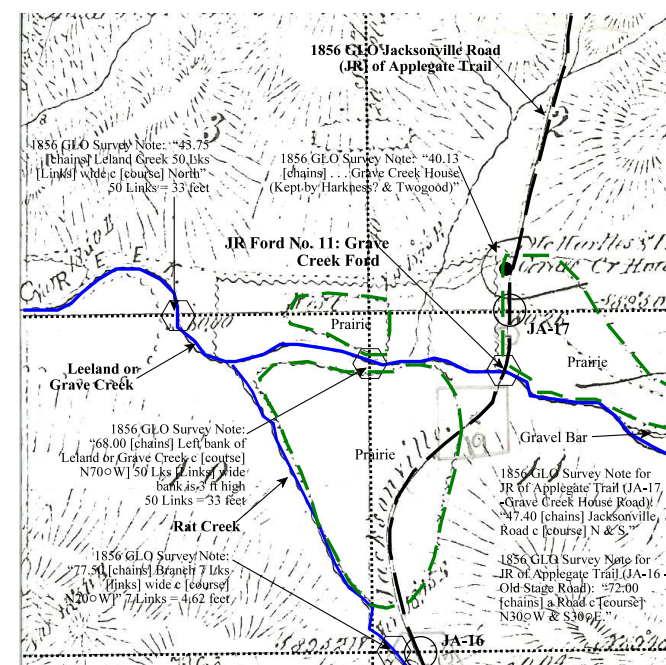
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