

Harris House Of Applegate Trail (*Trail*): JA-H-2A¹

Hugo's Applegate Trail houses are located in Josephine County, Oregon from Louse Creek in the south to Grave Creek in the north. There are six GLO surveyed points of interest (POI) along the *Trail* in Hugo's area of interest which locate houses.²

1855 The Harris family moved from the Willamette Valley to their donation land claim (DLC) in 1855.¹

1865 Harris DLC From 1855 the Harris family proved up DLC Patent No. 70 for 320 acres in Josephine County, Oregon. It was issued December 9, 1865.^{2,3}

Applegate Trail The Applegate Trail was in the eastern portion of the DLC. It is clearly depicted on Josephine County Assessor maps for the old Harris DLC.

*"Approx. Center Line Territorial Road
Willamette Valley to Jacksonville."*

This same trail location is almost exactly the title used on the 1856 GLO map.

"Road from Willamette Valley to Jacksonville"

Stakeholder Oregon Department of Transportation.

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 Illinois Valley Road Of Applegate Trail Points of Interest*. Brochure 3 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.

Diaries, Journals, & Reminiscences¹

1855 Discovery *"Leaving Mary Ann and the children with her brother's family, he [George Harris] rode south through the canyon to the far edge of civilization – the Rogue River Valley. There he found a country unlike any he had ever seen before. As he traveled deeper into southern Oregon, he was amazed at the difference a hundred miles could make. Instead of gentle, flatlands and low, rolling hills, he found layers of rugged mountains, stacked in wild confusion, with little, secret, green valleys hidden in their folds. Cold, clear streams rushed here and there, joined hands, and hurried westward. There was bright, warm sunshine to ripen the grain and grow the grazing grass. And over it all spread vast forests to furnish the logs and lumber to build the homes and heat the cabins and cook the food. And in the forests, game of all kinds was plentiful, more than he had ever seen—more than he had ever hoped for. He looked at it all with amazement, for never in his wildest dreams had he hoped to find a place so near to his liking. Five miles north of the banks of the Rogue River along the Oregon-California Trail he found the place he had been looking for – a mile-long meadowland almost clear of trees and growth. It lay like an emerald dropped in a necklace of heavy timber. Little effort would be needed to clear the ground for seeding. A happy creek wandered through the meadow, chattering a wordless tune." Booth, Percy T. *Until the Last Arrow*. B&B Publishing. Pages 201-202 Coos Bay, Oregon, 1997.*

Natural Prairie & Pasture A significant portion of the DLC was open wetlands of the upper Harris Creek drainage. The Harris ranch's location had a reason: natural sub-irrigation for pasture during the winter, spring, and early summer.

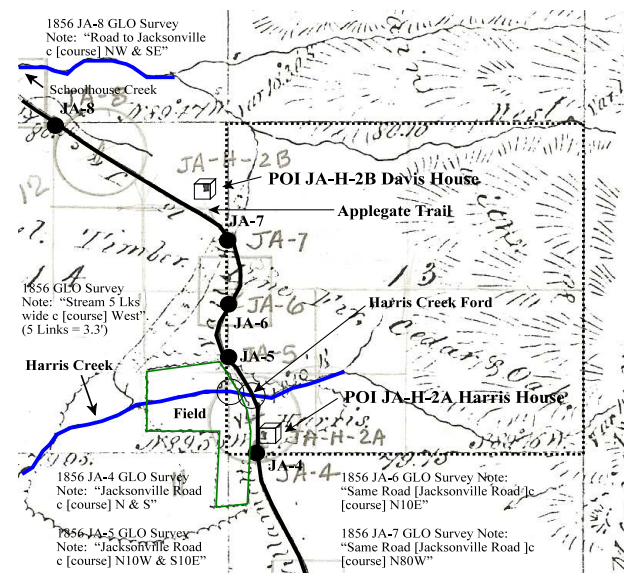
Rogue Indian War: 1855 Thirty-five year old George W. Harris was killed by Indians on October 9, 1855 during the Rogue Indian Wars. His wife, Mary Ann, survived her husband, son, David, and Frank Reed, a hired man.

General Land Office (GLO) Surveys & Maps¹

HARRIS HOUSE

House POI Name Harris House³ ■ JA-H-2A
POI ID OR-AT-00-35-06-13-**-JA-H-2A

POI Located July 12 and September 5, 2006; April 25, 2010.



Harris House: 1855

Interpretative Sign/Metal Detection Work; Modern Survey Not Yet; intentionally did not stake locate.

Be Respectful. Do not trespass.

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

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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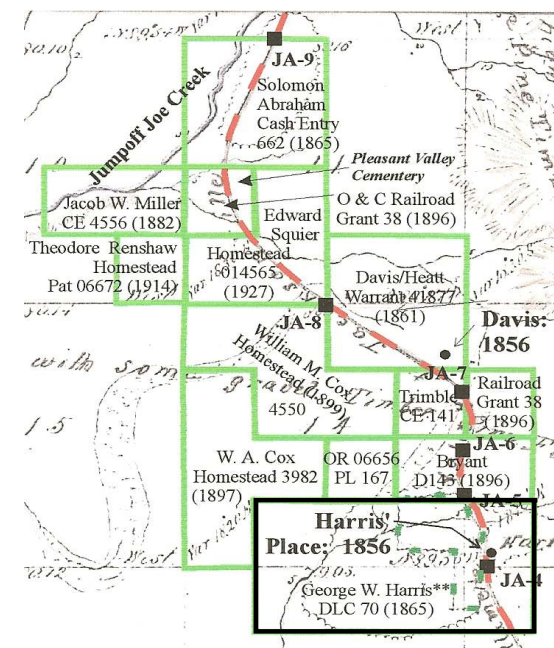
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Brochure 32B of Applegate Trail
GLO Surveys
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Harris Donation Land Claim: 1865

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