

Jacksonville Road (JR) Ford No. 4, Harris Creek Ford: 1846 - 1855¹

Applegate Wagon Trains: 1846 & 1847 The JR Ford No. 4, Harris Creek Ford is not identified in the 1855 GLO survey notes. It is identified on the 1856 GLO map.²⁻⁴ <http://www.jeffnet.org/~hugo/applegat.htm>. The physical location of three fords within 80' is aligned with: 1. GLO map, 2. vegetation trace on a 2006 aerial photo, and 3. 390 foot swale⁵ directly north of road at JA-4 which has a course of north.

1855 GLO Survey For Harris Creek records creek 8.25 chains [544.5'] south of JA-5. 1855 GLO Survey Notes for Stream [Harris Creek] "14.25 [chains x 66' = 940.5'] Stream 5 Lks [5 links x 7.92" = 39.6"/12 = 3.3'] wide c [course] West". Distance on 1996 Merlin Quadrangle north from Section Corner to Harris Creek is 1,100', a difference of 159.5' from 1855 GLO survey. This 3.3 feet wide dry stream would have been a relatively easy ford not mentioned in a diary.

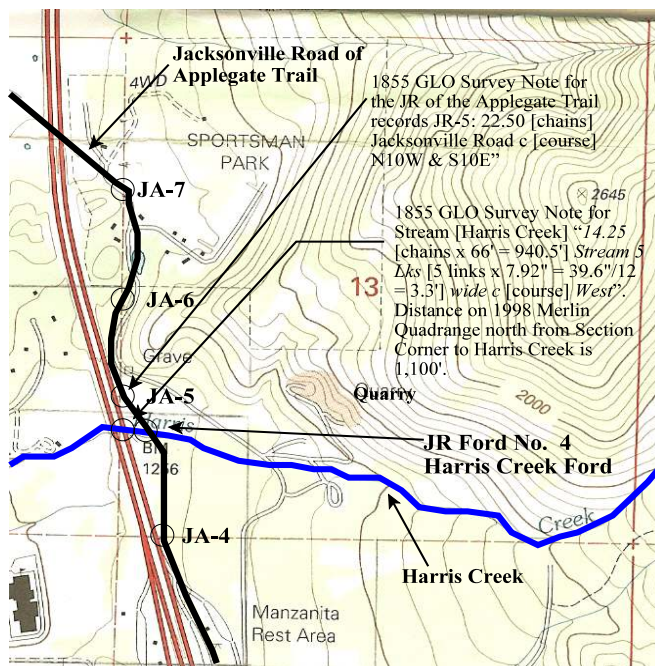
1855 GLO survey for the JR of the Applegate Trail records for JR-4 : 73.15 [chains] Jacksonville Road c N & S [north & south; 73.15 chains = 4,827.9']. The GLO map location of road north of JA-4 matches GLO survey notes of road having a course of north.

Diaries, Journals and Reminiscences: 1846 - 1847 The primary sources of ford information were from the Applegate Trail diarists of 1846 and 1847⁶ as supplemented by reminiscences and later trail research. <http://www.jeffnet.org/~hugo/applegat.htm>

"George W. and Mary Ann Harris and family crossed the plains by wagon train via the old Oregon Trail arriving in Oregon August 31, 1852. They spent their first winter in the Willamette Valley. The following spring, George set out in search for his dream homestead. They made a donation land claim just north of the Manzanita Rest Stop on Interstate 5."

Diaries, Journals, & Reminiscences

"Five miles north of the banks of the Rogue River along the Oregon-California Trail he [George Harris] 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."⁶



<http://www.jeffnet.org/~hugo/harris.htm>.

Swale There is a 390 foot swale directly north of JA-4 and south of Harris Creek. The Harris swale was first identified by a faint linear tree pattern on a 2006 aerial photograph. On the ground the Harris swale is slight, but obvious in its northern segment and faint to disappearing in its southern section.

General Land Office (GLO) Surveys & Maps

Sexton Mountain Quadrangle: 1996⁷ The topography is mild at the JR Fords No. 4 (three fords within 80').



JR Fords No. 4: Harris Creek Ford

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

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Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee

This information brochure is one of a series of 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, 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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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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