
Illinois Valley (IV) Road Of Applegate Trail IV Ford No. 6: 1846¹

1846 Applegate Wagon Trains Minor IV Ford No. 6 is not identified in the 1855 GLO survey notes or on the 1856 GLO map.²⁻⁴

1856 GLO Survey Notes for one mile section line north between Section 9 and Section 10 identify three topographic features and one road.

Topographic Feature 1 “7.00 [chains] to Jump Off Jo Creek 40 Lks [links] wide c [course] SW)” 40 Links = 26.4 feet

IV-4 Road of Applegate Trail (Trail): “23.00 [chains] Road to Van Noys & Illinois Valley SW & NE” 23 chains = 1,518 feet

IV-4 for Trail is surveyed, but Bannister Creek which is very close to IV-4 (i.e., creek approximately 60 feet to the west) is not surveyed or mapped.

Topographic Feature 2 “51.00 [chains] leave Creek bottom c [course] SW & NE” 51 chains = 3,366 feet

The GLO survey records leaving creek bottom at 28 chains [1,848'] north of IV-4, but it does not record entering creek bottom very close to IV-4, nor the distinction that there are two creek bottoms here: Bannister Creek and Anderson Creek.

Topographic Feature 3 “54.00 [chains] to top of Bluff”

1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society and Sexton Enterprises. September 2009. *Hugo's Regional Applegate Trail Fords*. Hugo, OR.
2. General Surveyor Office of Oregon. Subdivision Lines For 1856 Map (T.35., R. 6. W., Willamette Meridian). Field Notes. Surveyor Luke G Hyde. Contract February 19, 1855; Surveyed March 31, 1856; Hugo Neighborhood. 2006. *Hugo's Applegate Trail Field Notes*. Brochures 10A - 10D in Emigrant Trail Series. Hugo, OR.

1856 Bannister Creek Ford I

Journals and Reminiscences: 1846⁵
<http://www.jeffnet.org/~hugo/applegat.htm>. Virgil Pringle's diary notes for IV Road:

“Saturday, October 17, 1846 – Travel 8 miles, road good and a good camp which is not common, the country being mostly burnt. 8 – 2,218 miles.” Travel from camp on north side of Rogue River to camp approximately ½ mile northeast of Jumpoff Joe Creek.

“ Sunday, October 18, 1846 - Have some bad road that takes till after dark to go 6 miles. 6 mile.” Leave camp north of Jumpoff Joe Creek and travel to north side of Grave Creek Hills within one mile of Grave Creek.

The minor Bannister Creek fords were not significant enough to mention in any diary. The “good camp” identified by Pringle was very near IV-4 on the southern portion of the 1876 Garret Crockett homestead or the 1929 Wesley Truax homestead. The probability of more water in Jumpoff Joe Creek favors the Truax homestead for the camp location.

Merlin Quadrangle: 1998 The IV Ford No. 6: Bannister Creek Ford I is bracketed by surveyed GLO points IV-3 and IV-4 about 1/3 miles apart.⁶

The Quad locates the Bannister Creek and Anderson Creek bottoms along the one mile section line north between Section 9 and Section 10 for approximately the same 1,848 feet the GLO survey identified as the distance between IV-4 and when the creek bottom was left.

3. General Land Office Field Survey Sub-Committee, *Hugo's Emigrant Trails Committee*, Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. 2007. *Hugo Emigrant Trail USGS Quads*. Brochure 5A in Emigrant Trails Series. Hugo, OR.

General Land Office (GLO) Surveys & Maps

The 1846 IV Ford No. 6 today would have been very near where Bannister Creek goes through a culvert under Hidden Acres Drive approximately 400 feet north of GLO surveyed location IV-4.



Bannister Creek Culvert Under Hidden Acres Drive

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4. General Land Office Field Survey Sub-Committee, *Hugo's Emigrant Trails Committee*, Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. 2007. *Hugo Emigrant GLO Maps & Field Survey Notes*. Brochure 5B in Emigrant Trails Series. Hugo, OR.
5. Rose, Karen. 2006. Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee, Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. *Hugo's Applegate Trail Diaries, Journals & Reminiscences Project*. “Yellow Book Project” For Participants of the Diaries, Journals and Reminiscences Sub-Committee. Hugo, OR; Hugo Neighborhood. 2005 *Diaries & Journals*. Brochure 11 in Emigrant Trail Series. Hugo, OR; Hugo Neighborhood. 2006 *Diaries, Journals & Reminiscences Sub-Committee*. Brochure 11B in Emigrant Trail Series. Hugo, OR.
6. USGS. 1996. *Merlin Quadrangle*. 7.5 minute topographic series, scale 1:24,000, and contour interval 40 feet.

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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.

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1846 Ford No. 6 on 1998 Topographic Map

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