
Louis & Ellen Gibson: Hugo's Early Pioneers

W. L. Gibson

Born: 1862 Oregon
Father's Birth Place: Kentucky
Mother's Birth Place: Illinois or Ohio

Ellen Lenore (Houser) (Bland) Gibson

Born: 1862 Michigan
Father's Birth Place: Ohio or Indiana
Mother's Birth Place: Michigan

1882 - 1883 John H. Bland and Ellen Lenore Houser married December 1882 in Burns, Oregon. John H. Bland was killed in a Burns shoot-out in 1883. John Edward Bland, John's son, was three months old at the time. Shortly after the widow, Ellen (Houser) Bland moved back to Grants Pass because her step-father, Horatio Rash Simpkins, owned the Simpkins Ranch near the mouth of Jump Off Joe Creek. Ellen's son, John Edward Bland, would grow up on the Simpkins Ranch which in 1895 totaled 360 acres.¹

1883 The glitter of gold brought Louis Gibson to Josephine County in 1883. He was born June 23, 1865 to Mr. and Mrs. Louis D. Gibson in Lane County, Oregon.¹

1891 Charles Ladd's Hugo Homestead On May 12, 1891 Charles Ladd was issued a homestead certificate for 160 acres in Hugo, Oregon.

1899 Ellen (Houser) Bland married Lewis W. Gibson December 11, 1889.²

W. L. Gibson Family, Hugo Pioneers: 18?? - 19??

1900 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Louis Gibson	Head	OR	1862	38 yrs
Ella Gibson	Wife	MI	1862	38 yrs
Barch D. Gibson	Son	OR	1891	9 yrs
Lena S. Gibson	Dau	OR	1893	7 yrs
Dow L. Gibson	Son	OR	1895	5 yrs
Carline B. Gibson	Dau	OR	1895	5 yrs
John E. Bland	Stepson	OR	1884	16 yrs

Louis Gibson was a gold miner. John Bland was a day laborer. They eventually bought 40 acres of land which had been part of the Ladd homestead.²

1910 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Lewis Gibson	Head	OR	1867	43 yrs
Ellen Gibson	Wife	MI	1862	48 yrs
Barah Gibson	Son	OR	1891	19 yrs
Lena Gibson	Dau	OR	1893	17 yrs
Bee Gibson	Dau	OR	1896	14 yrs
Dan Gibson	Son	OR	1896	14 yrs

Louis was a farmer practicing general farming.

Margaret's grandmother and step-grandfather were the Gibsons that lived on a forty acre parcel adjacent to, and south of, the Bland's Quartz Creek ranch.²

1. Grants Pass Courier. February 23, 1935. Gold Brought Louis Gibson to Seek Fortune.

2. Hugo Neighborhood. 2001. *Margaret Lanore (Bland) Wallen's Quartz Creek Memories: 1912 - 2001*. Hugo, OR. Margaret Bland was born 1912 at the Bland's Quartz Creek ranch. The Blands moved to Merlin, Oregon in 1923.

3. Metsher, Chas. F. 1932 *Metsker Map. Josephine County, Oregon*. Portland, OR.

More Information

1920 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Louis W. Gibson	Head	OR	1867	53 yrs
Ella Gibson	Wife	MI	1870	50 yrs
Barak D. Gibson	Son	OR	1892	28 yrs
Sarah A. Gibson	Dau	OR	1893	27 yrs
Lewis D. Gibson	Son	OR	1896	24 yrs
Caroline B. Lewis	Dau	OR	1896	24 yrs
Bertha M. Gibson	D-I-Law	OR	1901	19 yrs
Paul w. Lamount	Lodger	AL	1891	29 yrs

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1917 - 1923 Quartz Creek Crowd Margaret's grandfather's brother, Alford Jones, lived further up wild Quartz Creek Canyon. On the way were toher rural families like the Harts, Hills, Cochranes, Kuhnardts, and Ketchams.²

1930 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Louis H. Gibson	Head	OR	1862	68 yrs
Ella Gibson	Wife	MI	1862	68 yrs
Louis D. Gibson	Son	OR	1896	34 yrs
Bernice Gibson	Dau	OR	1896	34 yrs

Louis H. was a flagman working for the railroad tunnel group. Louis D. was a miner.

1932 W. L. Gibson was in possession of 40 acres on Quartz Creek.³

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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.

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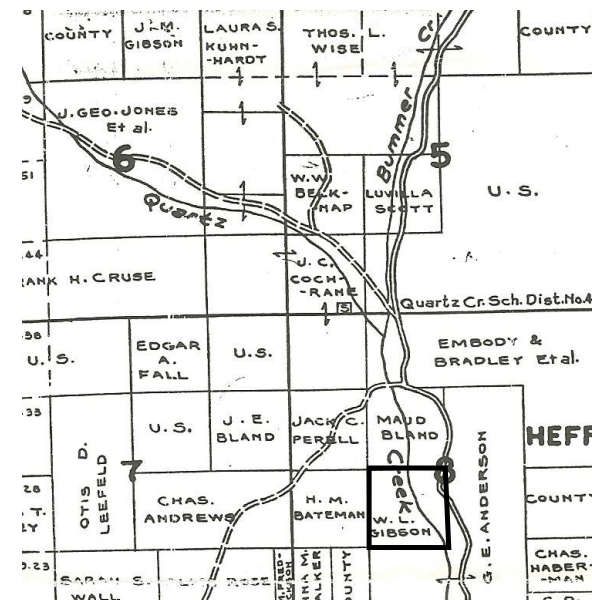
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