
William M. Cox Homestead & Quarry Site Along Applegate Trail

1856 William M. Cox was born in California in 1856.



1899 Hugo Homestead On May 31, 1899 William M. Cox (“Junior”) were issued a homestead patent for 160 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. 4550).¹⁻²

Hugo Granite Tombstone Quarry Site (Quarry Site)⁴⁻⁵ The *Quarry Site* is located on the old W. M. Cox homestead. The historical and present land owners for the 40 acre tract the *Quarry Site* is located on has a relatively simple history of four owners. The parcel is described as SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 14, T.35 S., R.6W., WM.

1. Owner, William M. Cox: 1899
2. Owner, W. H. Flanagan: 1902
3. Owner, Weatherwax and Seaton: 1910
4. Owner, Josephine County, Oregon: 1929

There may have been a mining claim for the quarry site prior to the homestead certificate being issued to Cox in 1899. This research needs to continue.

It is unknown whether W. M. Cox was a quarry operator. The 1910 deed to G. G. Weatherwax and B. F. Seaton identified they were doing business under the style and firm name of Weatherwax and Seaton and that the property included a “discovery shaft of stone quarry”.

W. M. Cox Family, Hugo Pioneers: ca.,1890 - 1900s

Cox Family³⁻⁴ The Cox family resided on, and proved up, the property for some time prior to the homestead certificate being issued in 1899.

1856 William M. Cox was born in California in 1856. By 1880 he was with his wife, Lola, in Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon working as a laborer.

1899 The W. M. Cox homestead certificate was issued subject to certain reservations, including: “. . . and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or dike to extract and remove his ore, therefore, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, . . .”.

1900 W. M. Cox was with his wife Love and four children in the Merlin Precinct, Josephine County, Oregon. He was a teamster.

1903 W. M. Cox purchased 40-acres under the cash entry program in 1903. This purchase was some distance from his homestead near the north entrance of Tunnel No. 9.

1910 W. M with wife Lola, three children, in Phoenix Precinct, Jackson County, Oregon. He was a fruit farmer.

1920 W. M with wife Lola, son Earl, in Washington District, Norfolk County, Virginia; poultry farmer.

1930 W. M. with new wife Sereata, son Earl, in Washington District, Norfolk County, Virginia. He was a poultry farmer.

1944 W. M. died Stuarts Draft, Staunton County, Virginia.

Hugo Granite Tombstone Quarry Site

Quarry Site⁴⁻⁵ The site is small, around 1.5 acres. It is a rare site which was operational from ca., 1880s through 1929. It has a high probability of qualifying for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.



Discovery Stone At Quarry Site

Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community’s history and land use.

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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. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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