

## William C. & Thess Henry: Early Hugo Settlers

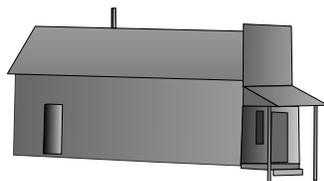
### William C. Henry

Born: 1838 Canada  
 Father & Mother 's Birth Place: Scotland

### Thess Mary Hall Henry

Born: 1860 Iowa  
 Father's Birth Place: Kentucky  
 Mother's Birth Place: Virginia

**Henry Postmasters** The Henrys were the postmasters of the first Hugo Post Office while it was located in the store by the railroad tracts from 1896 to 1914 at which time William Mackenzie became Post Master in the Hugo Supply Company.<sup>1</sup>



*First Hugo Post Office:  
1896 - 1914*

Thess Mary Hall Henry August 22, 1896  
 William C. Henry October 29, 1897

### 1900 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

William Henry	Head	Canada	1838	62 yrs
Helen Henry	Daughter	CA	1886	14 yrs
Lucile Henry	Daughter	CA	1889	11 yrs.

William was a farmer.

1. Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. Draft, *Hugo Post Office*. Hugo, OR.

2. Dick. *Rogue River Courier*. March 27, 1902. [Hugo Items](#).

3. Hugo Neighborhood. 2004. *Orville's Hugo Memories: 1910 - 1920*. Hugo, OR.

4. Bob. *Rogue River Courier*. May 15, 1902. [Leland Shiftings](#).

5. Dick. *Rogue River Courier*. May 15, 1902. [Hugo Items](#).

6. Dick. *Rogue River Courier*. February 23, 1903. [Hugo Items](#).

## The Henrys, Early Settler Family 19?? - 19??

**1902** Some think you can not raise barley or wheat in Southern Oregon, but it takes a California farmer, like the Hugo postmaster, W. C. Henry, to show how it's done.<sup>2</sup> Mr. Henry was the Hugo post master. The post office had its own building next to and across the road from the Hugo depot. Henry and his family had a little place behind the post office up on a little knoll.<sup>3</sup> Mrs. Henry of Hugo made our town [Leland] a visit, one day last week. She reports quiet times at Hugo. She says they have the best field of barley in our county. It was sown early last fall and is ten feet high or less. She is selling very useful articles, but being so sedate and a light talker, the goods sell on their merits.<sup>4</sup> Planting the gardens is now the order of the day. Grain looks well. Barley at the postmaster's place is five feet high.<sup>5</sup>

**1903** Our postmaster, W. C. Henry, M. W. Purdy and Mr. Blalock were passengers on No. 15 for Grants Pass Monday.<sup>6</sup>

**1906** Miss Lucile Henry returned home recently from Santa Rosa, Cal., where she has been visiting her grand mother.<sup>7</sup>

**1909** Hugo people will now be able to swear, that is to documents, for W. C. Henry has been commissioned a notary public. Mr. Henry is also postmaster and will in the near future erect a store building and carry a small stock of goods.<sup>8</sup> Miss Lucile Henry of Hugo, who has been visiting friends here for a few days, returned to her home Monday.<sup>9</sup>

7. *Rogue River Courier*. September 14, , 1906. [Hugo](#).

8. *Rogue River Courier*. March 19, 1909. [Local Items](#).

9. *Rogue River Courier*. June 4, 1909. [Personal Items](#).

10. *Rogue River Courier*. March 4, 1910. [Sparks From Hugo](#).

11. *Rogue River Courier*. March 25, 1910. [Hugo](#).

12. *Rogue River Courier*. March 25, 1910. [Hugo](#).

13. *Rogue River Courier*. April 22, 1910. [Personal And Local](#).

14. *Rogue River Courier*. March 29, 1912. [Personal And Local](#).

15. *Rogue River Courier*. June 6, 1913. [Hugo Items](#).

16. *Rogue River Courier*. January 23, 1920. [Personal](#).

## Hugo Post Office

**1910** Miss Helen Henry went to the Pass Sunday to visit her sister, Mrs. Lucille Schmidt. Miss Helen Henry, of Hugo is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Schmidt, for a few days coming up this Friday afternoon. *Rogue River Courier*. March 18, 1910. [Hugo](#).<sup>10</sup> Frederic Schmidt is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry at Hugo.<sup>11</sup> Several strangers are looking for homes here. Mrs. Henry our real estate agent, expects to sell several pieces of land next week.<sup>12</sup> Mrs. W. H. Henry, of Hugo, has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Smith for the past few days.<sup>13</sup>

### 1900 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

W. C. Henry	Head	Can	1839	71 yrs
Mary Helen Henry	Daughter	IA	1860	50 yrs
Helen Henry	Daughter	CA	1888	22 yrs.

**1912** Mrs. Harry Schmidt went to Hugo Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry. Mrs. Schmidt's sister, Mrs. A. P. Keppel of Tacoma, will also be a visitor at the family home this week, and will accompany Mrs. Schmidt to Grants Pass on her return. Mrs. Keppel was formerly Miss Helen Henry, with many Grants Pass friends.<sup>14</sup>

**1913** Mrs. A. P. Keppel and daughter from Seattle are visiting the former's parents, W. C. Henry, postmaster of Hugo.<sup>15</sup>

**1920** Mrs. Mae Henry, of Hugo, left Wednesday for Seattle to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. P. Keppel.<sup>16</sup>

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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.

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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