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## George E. Howland Family: Early Three Pines Settlers

### George E. Howland

Born: 11/07/1865 at Massachusetts<sup>1</sup>

Died: 10/06/1951 at Alameda County, California<sup>1</sup>

Father & Mothers' Birth Place: Massachusetts

### Ada Mae (Gifford<sup>1</sup>) Howland

Born: 1878, New York

Died:

Father's Birth Place: Pennsylvania

Mother's Birth Place: New York

**1903** *"The Three Pines Timber Co. was incorporated last week in Medford. The incorporators are: A. E. Reames president; Geo. E. Howland vice president; J. D. Cook, secretary; W. I Vawter, treasurer. The principal place of business of the Three Pines Timber Co. Will be in Medford, the company having secured rooms in the Palm Lodge building which they will soon fit up for offices. The company has extensive timber holdings in both Jackson and Josephine counties and will probably develop a big timber industry during the present season."* *Rogue River Courier*. April 30, 1903. [Three Pines Timber Co.](#)

### 1910 Census. North Grants Pass Precinct, Josephine County, Oregon

George E. Howland	Head	40yrs	MA
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Ada Mae Howland	Wife	32yrs	NY
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George's occupation was lumberman at a saw mill. They had been married 10 years now were living at 618 B Street in Grants Pass, Oregon. No children

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## George Howland, Three Pines Businessman

**1910** *"The town of Three Pines, in Josephine County, is booming, according to the statement of G. E. Howard, a leading lumber manufacturer of that place. The Three Pines Lumber Company, operating a large saw-mill at that place, is making substantial improvements in its plant. A new planing mill is almost ready for operation and a new sawmill is being erected as rapidly as possible. About 400,000,000 feet of timber are to be flumed down and cut at this mill."* *Rogue Magazine*. "The town now has 100 inhabitants, two stores, and a hotel. A great many houses will be built there this winter as nearly everyone at this time is living in a tent. The town now has three trains a day stopping there and a new depot has been built." *Rogue Magazine*. December 1910. [Three Pines.](#)

Rough lumber arrived at the Three Pines planing mill via a flume from Mountain, Oregon which is in the headwaters of Jumpoff Joe Creek.

**1911** *"Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Howland of Grants Pass came up on the morning train. Mr. Howland is doing some surveying for the timber company. Mrs. Howland is the guest of Mrs. Cook and Mrs. L. T. Corliss. Mr. Howland is the architect for the school house to be built, and well he may be congratulated for the plans he has made."* *Rogue River Courier*. March 31, 1911. [Three Pines.](#)

### 1911 — Town of Three Pines, Oregon Platted

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## Vice President of Three Pines Timber Company

**1911** *"Mrs. Arthur Howland of Winona was a caller on friends at this place Monday. She went with Mrs. Geo. Howland of Grants Pass, to the train. The latter has been spending some time visiting at Winona while Mr. Howland has been looking after his mining interests at and near Mountain, where the Mt. Pitt mine is located, and in which he is interested. He also was looking after placer ground in which he is a large owner."* *Rogue River Courier*. August 25, 1911. [Three Pines.](#)

*"Mr. Howland has returned to Grants Pass from his mining property on Jump Off Joe, where he has spent several days looking after his interests in that line. Mrs. Howland accompanied him on the trip."* *Rogue River Courier*. December 8, 1911. [Three Pines.](#)

**1912** Three Pines was recently developed and a going concern in 1912 with over a hundred citizens; a brand new one-year old school, Three Pines Elementary; two stores; the Corliss Hotel; a post office; a planing mill that was connected by a 11.5 mile flume to the upper reaches of Jump-off Joe Creek and the lumber town of Mountain; and a railroad siding and small depot.

**1920** U.S. Census Alameda Co., CA Fifty-one year old George was by himself as a lodger. His occupation was machinist in a shipyard.

**1951** George Elihus Howland died October 6, 1951 in Alameda County, California.<sup>1</sup> He is buried in Linden Grove Cemetery. His tombstone identifies he was born in 1864 versus death index of 1865.

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1. California Death Index, 1940-1997.

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

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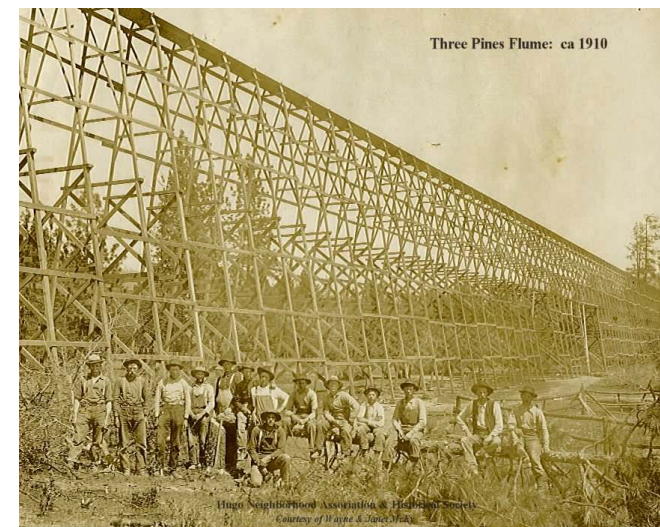
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