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## Wayne McKy & Janet (Sutton) McKy

### WAYNE NORBERT MCKY

Born: 1933; Grants Pass, OR

Siblings: Wayne and Blaine.

Reference: Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *McKys, Early Hugo Settlers*. Hugo, OR; Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Blaine McKy Family, Early Hugo Settlers*. Hugo, OR

### JANET MARGARETTA (SUTTON) MCKY

Born: 1931; Atascadero, California.

Siblings: Jack, Mary, and Janet Sutton.

Reference: Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Sutton Family*. Hugo, OR.

**1910 - 1931** Jasper and Lettie McKy, with their son, 27-year old Glen, landed in Josephine County in 1910 from Idaho.<sup>1-2</sup> Glenn McKy and Mildred Cecilia Ramsey married January 31, 1931.<sup>2</sup> They would have two sons.

Wayne Norbert McKy	July 26, 1933
Blaine M. McKy	August 27, 1934

**1941-42** Youngsters Blaine and Wayne McKy lived at the old 80-acre Hayden homestead and mine site with their family in the early 1940s. They had to walk about three miles to the red Grave Creek School.<sup>1</sup>

**1942** Wayne came back to Hugo in the fall of 1942 and there was no high school. There were only three kids in the school: Melvin Galli, BettyJo Steiger, and Stanley Morgan. Wayne's dad, Glen, would become the janitor and he and Wayne would get up early to start the oil furnace before the kids came to school.

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## The Wayne McKy Family, Early Settlers: 1934 - 2007

**1949 - 1951** Janet Sutton and Wayne McKy both graduated from Grants Pass High School, she in 1949, he in 1951. After school Janet was employed as a day clerk at Rogue River Hardware from 1951 through 1957. She worked for Monkey Wards in 1966. After school Wayne went to work for the railroad on the Hugo Section Gang and stayed with it for five years. It was a real uptown 40-hour a week mostly day job, but all pick and shovel work.

**1951** With his railroad job secured Wayne made his first land purchase from his Aunt Fern and step-Uncle Art Erickson in 1951. Art Erickson built the first section of the house (22' by 22'). Wayne purchased the house and 40 acres for \$2,500.00. He started payments of 35 dollars a month until it was paid off.

**1955** Twenty-two year old six-foot plus Wayne was a bachelor when he moved into his own place in 1955. Neighbors and friends gave him a nice house warming. This included Janet Sutton who knew Wayne better through a protestant gathering when friends would worship God in a neighbor's home. This was the same year he went into logging.

**In 1964** Janet and Wayne attended some gospel meetings together; these meetings are the first time that Janet became really aware of Wayne. At that time the gospel meetings were held at the Hugo Community Center and they were a normal part of Janet and Wayne's lives. These meetings were held twice a week where neighbors learned about the scriptures in the King James Bible. Janet still uses her bible that she had in the 1960s.

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## More Information

**1966** Wayne McKy asked Janet Sutton to marry him in 1966. He said, "*Why don't we get married and I can claim you for an income tax deduction.*" But she declined, there was no way she was going to be an income deduction! Janet did not have an engagement ring, but they both considered themselves going together even though Janet would not marry him.

**1967** Wayne Norbert and Janet Sutton were married January 7, 1967 in Josephine County. That was the same year that Blake and Jacque Hardwick purchased the Hugo Hitching Post

**19??** Jeffrey Wayne McKy was born.

**1969** Wayne was logging when Jack Glen was born.

**1980 - 2007** After 25 years of logging 47-year old Wayne felt it was time for a career change. He was not a young man anymore and those beautiful steep mountains sometimes kicked at his joints, but more importantly he wanted to be independent and his own man. He knew farming and this was a job where he could be his own boss. The Mckys purchased a new Massey Ferguson tractor in 1980 and Wayne started doing custom farm work

Land use and local Hugo history have been important in their lives during the last 20 years.

**Want more information?** Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community 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.

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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.

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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