

## James & Nancy Hart

### James H. Hart

Born: 1834 Kentucky  
 Died: November 14, 1910 Josephine Co., OR  
 Father's Birth Place: Kentucky  
 Mother's Birth Place: Kentucky

### Nancy Hart

Born: 1837 Indiana  
 Died: June 14, 1909 Josephine Co., OR  
 Father's Birth Place: Maryland  
 Mother's Birth Place: Ohio

Mary E. Hart was James' second wife.

### 1880 Census. Wetmore Precinct, Nemaha County, Kansas

James H. Hart	Head	KY	1833	47 yrs
Nancy Hart	Wife	IN	1835	45 yrs
Ara O. Hart	Son	IA	1862	18 yrs

In 1880 James Hart's occupation was farmer.

### 1896 James Hart's Hugo Homestead

On September 9, 1896 James H. Hart was issued a homestead certificate for 160 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. 3755).<sup>1-2</sup> The intent of the 1862 Homestead Act was to grant land for agriculture. James, and other claimants, had to prove they lived on the land for a minimum of five years, and made the required

improvements before they were eligible to be issued a certificate. For a variety of reasons, the "proving up" period was five to 10 years and longer.

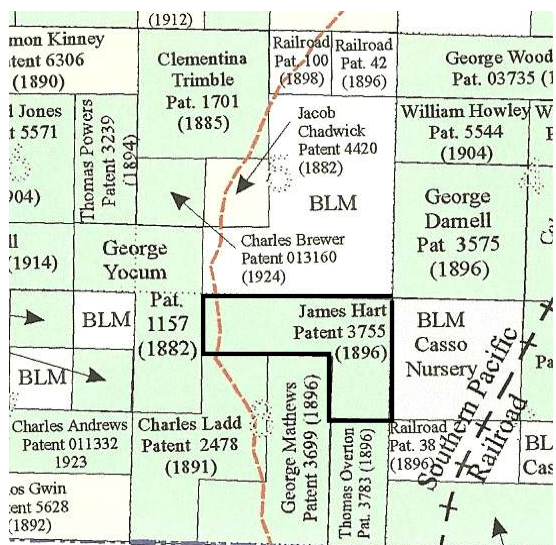


## The James H. Hart Family, Hugo Pioneers: ca., 1890s - 1910

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

James H. Hart	Head	KY	1834	66 yrs
Nancy Hart	Wife	IN	1837	63 yrs
Charles Overton	Grandson	KS	1881	19 yrs
James T. Overton	Grandson	KS	1883	17 yrs

In 1900 the federal census identified James H. Hart's occupation as a farmer. Most of his homestead was in forest upland from the bottom lands of Quartz Creek where his agricultural operation was located (reference 1939 aerial photo on title page).



James Hart's 160 Acre Homestead: 1896

1. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), General Land Office (GLO) Records. 2007. Official Federal Land Records Site. Internet.  
 2. Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Hugo Pioneers*. Map Of Federal Land Transfer in Hugo, Oregon. Hugo, OR.

## Farmer Owning His Own Farm

1909 Nancy Hart passed June 14, 1909 in Josephine County, Oregon.<sup>4</sup>

### 1910 Census. Merlin, Josephine Co., OR

J. H. Hart	Head	KY	1833	77 yrs
Mary E. Hart	Wife	OH	1850	60 yrs

In 1910 the United States Federal census identified J. H. Hart as a farmer owning his own farm. He had been making a living farming the agricultural lands of Quartz Creek for approximately 20 years.

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1910 James Hart passed November 14, 1910 in Josephine County, Oregon.<sup>4</sup> James and Nancy Hart both rest in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

**21<sup>st</sup> Century** The old 160 acre Hart homestead has changed ownership many times since James Hart passed in 1910. Mr. Ward Ockenden has been in possession of the homestead from at least 1992 when he filed a comprehensive plan/zone change application from forest to residential, to the year 2008 when the same general request has continued.

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

3. USDA, Forest Service, North Pacific Region, National Forest Rogue River & Siskiyou. 1939 - 1940. *Project F.S. 6-66*. Designating Symbol GIZ.  
 4. Oregon Death Index, 1903-98. Internet.

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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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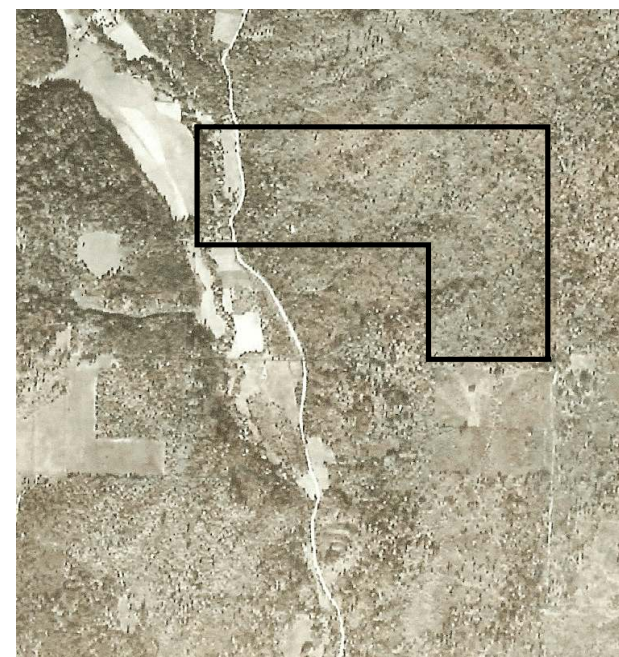
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*James Hart's 1896 Homestead  
On 1939 Aerial Photo*

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