

Apples & Cherries Settlers

John Ritchie

Born: 1842 New York
Father & Mother's Birth Place: Ireland

Esther Ritchie

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John Ritchie was a Union soldier who served right after the Civil War. He and his wife, Esther, eventually came west to Hugo and died there.

1880 Census. Jefferson Precinct, Cook Co., IL

John Ritchie	Self	NY	1842	38 yrs
Jennie Ritchie	Wife	NY	1850	30 yrs
Robert Ritchie	Son	OH	1870	10 yrs
Harvey Ritchie	Son	IL	1873	7 yrs

John's occupation was shorthand reporter.

1910 Census. Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

John X Ritchie	Head	NY	1841	69 yrs
Ester J. Ritchie	Wife	NY	1851	62 yrs
Harvey W. Ritchie	Son	IL	1874	36 yrs
Margaret M. Ritchie	Dau-in-law	IL	1881	29 yrs
Margaret G. Ritchie	Grand-dau	IL	1909	1 yr

John's occupation was court reporter. Harvey

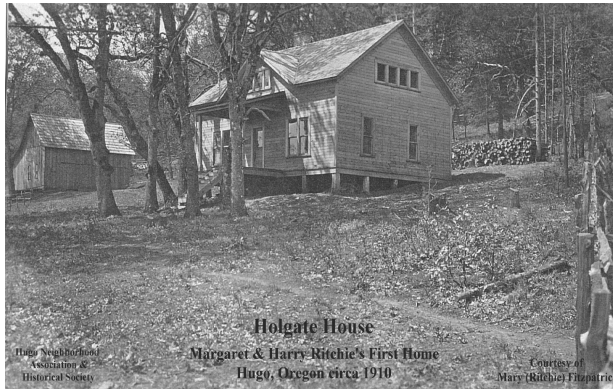
Ritchie's occupation was artist.

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John & Esther Ritchie, Early Hugo Settler Family: ca., 1910 - 1918

1910 Mary Ellen (Ritchie) Fitzpatrick's folks, Harvey Whitaker and Margaret Mary Ritchie, first came to Hugo in 1910. Her family stayed with the Petersons for awhile until they moved into the Holgate house.



Holgate House, Margaret & Harry Ritchie's Home, Hugo, Oregon: circa 1910

Courtesy of Mary (Ritchie) Fitzpatrick

1912 At the time the Ritchies were living on their homestead off the Ahern Road within a mile of downtown Hugo, Oregon. Mary Ritchie remembered the four daughters felt they were pretty poor: Margaret, Mary, Elaine, and Pat. The road to the Ritchies early home site and the home of the Fitzpatricks in 1999 was always called the Ahern Road as it went up to the old Ahern place. It was a well traveled road when Mary was born.

1918 WWI Draft: Harvey Ritchie Registered

Harvey was a farmer. His wife, Margaret Mary, was listed as his nearest relative. He had lost part of his right hand. The registrar was Thomas Mackenzie.

Union Soldier

1914 - 1918 John & Esther Jane Ritchie Passed

They both passed in Hugo, Oregon. Esther Jane Ritchie died November 18, 1914. John Ritchie died June 16, 1918.

1920 Mary's family moved to Wolf Creek in 1920 and then to Salem, Oregon in 1924, but the family always retained property and friendship ties in Hugo. They started having reunions of Hugo people who had birthdays in October and she returned to Hugo every October until she passed away.



Esther Jane Ritchie's Tombstone

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

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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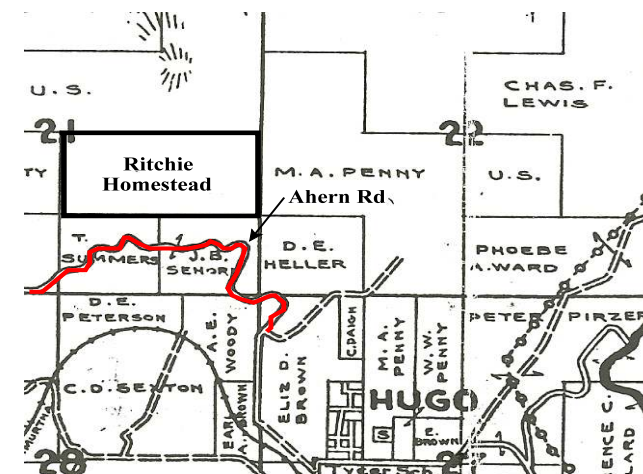
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