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Born: 1917 Montana

Father Andrew T. Sommers

Born: 1891 Wisconsin

Maude A. Sommers

Born: 1892 Wisconsin

1928 - Sommers Moved To Hugo Maude and Andy Sommers and their sons, two-year old Clarence and 11-year old Eugene, moved to Hugo, Oregon in 1928. Truman and Emma Sommers eventually also moved to Hugo. Truman and Andy were brothers.

1929 Times were hard, as it was the start of the *Great Depression* in 1929. All the people helped each other and shared food.

1930 Census. Lucky Queen Precinct, Josephine County, Oregon

Andrew T. Sommers	Head	WI	1891	39 yrs
Mand A. Sommers	Wife	WI	1892	38 yrs
Clarance Sommers	Son	MT	1917	13 yrs
Truman Sommers	Brother	WI	1886	44 yrs
Emma Sommers	Sister-in-law	WI	1887	43 yrs
Eugene Sommers	Nephew	WA	1926	3 yrs

1932 A Metsker map records that in 1932 Andrew Sommers had a 10 acre farm.²

Clarence Sommers: Hugo, Oregon: 1928 - 1934¹

The Sommers family also owned a new cabin somewhere on a road that circled around back of Hugo. This was probably the tract identified as T. Sommers.²⁻³

1934 - Clarence Valedictorian June's older brother, Clarence, was the Valedictorian in a class of five and graduated from Hugo High School May 22, 1934. There were five in the senior graduating class.

John William Case
Marjorie Alvina Hutton
Willamae Muetzel
Vera Juanita Ramsey
Clarence G. Sommers

Class Motto — “Not the end, but the beginning”
Class Colors — “Lavender and ‘White’”

Clarence had a wonderful woman teacher that inspired him. He learned to play the trumpet in Hugo and later joined the Navy with Carrol Brown. Clarence became a Lieutenant Commander up through the ranks.

1. Hugo Neighborhood. 2000. *June Ione (Sommers) Miksik's Hugo Memories: 1932 - 2000*. Hugo, OR.

2. Metsker, Chas. F. *1932 Metsker Map. Josephine County, Oregon*. Portland, OR.

3. Hugo Neighborhood. 2008. *Truman Sommers Family: Hugo Settlers*. Hugo, OR.

Valedictorian: 1934

1937 In 1937 the Sommers' family was living at the Coburn place. It was quite a ways off of Hugo Road (today called Three Pines Road) near the Grimes house in Three Pines. The Sommers could hike a short ways north over the hill to the town of Hugo when they needed something at the Hugo Supply Company.

1938 The Sommers family was living on the Dean homestead west of Three Pines. That same year they left Hugo and moved to Grants Pass, Oregon.

1969 - Clarence Passed Away June thought it was so unfortunate that her 43-year old brother,

Clarence, died at such a young age. He was doing so well with his career in the U. S. Navy. Clarence passed away in 1969 leaving his wife, Bee, and four children. Bee is now living in Santee, California.

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Carrol Brown (left) & Clarence Sommers

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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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