
Trapper's Trail: 1830s

Southern Oregon's mountainous terrain limited early transportation to walking, horseback, and pack animals.¹

1832 Two different Hudson's Bay Company fur brigades left Fort Vancouver headed south for California by different routes. One, under Michel La Framboise, traveled the McLeod route of the previous year. The other was under John Work. Both of the parties joined and trapped in the Bay area during the winter of 1832-1833. They both returned by the McLeod route.¹

1834 "From May 22nd to July 10th John Work and 12 men, following the original Hudson's Bay Company Trail down the western Willamette Valley foothills, reached "Umpqua Old Fort" at the mouth of Calapooya Creek west of Oakland."¹

"As late as the latter part of September, 1834 when the Methodist missionaries under Jason Lee arrived, there were but about a dozen families living in the Willamette valley, all at French Prairie. The first mission was soon established some ten miles north of present Salem."¹

"During this same year a party of sixteen Americans under the leadership of Hall J. Kelly and Ewing Young traveled overland from California. They had in their possession nearly one hundred horses and mules."¹

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*"Somewhere in the California-Oregon mountains Kelley was stricken with fever and was nursed back to life by Michel La Framboise of a Hudson's Bay party. The American party also had some difficulties with Indians along Rogue River, but arrived at Vancouver by October 27th."*¹

1835 "During the summer of 1835 a party of eight men traveled overland from California. They too were attacked by Indians on Rogue River and four of their number killed. Three of the survivors were Bailey, Gay and Turner."¹

1837 "Next during the summer of 1837, the Willamette Cattle Company, which had been organized the fall before with the assistance of William Slacum, also traveled overland from California. Ewing Young with ten others delivered 630 cattle with a loss of approximately 200."¹

1840 "In 1840 Jason Lee and party traveled as far south as Fort Umpqua seeking a location for a mission among the Umpquas."¹

1841 "Late in August, 1841 a company was organized by Lt. Emmons of the Wilkes' expedition to travel overland from Oregon to California. It consisted of eighteen officers and men, a number of settlers and a few newly arrived emigrants from the year before, thirty-nine in all with 76 horses."^{1&2}

More Information

1843 "In 1843 the Lansford W. Hastings party of fifty-three started overland to California. "Several days travel below Rogue River" they met the Leese-McClure party enroute from California to Oregon. About one-third of the Hastings party turned back to Oregon with the other party."¹

"1843 also witnessed the "Big Migration" from the Missouri River, via the Oregon Trail to the settlements of the Willamette Valley. The three Applegate brothers: Charles, Lindsay and Jesse, with their families, were members of this migration."¹

1844 "1844 witnessed the arrival across the plains of another man. Levi Scott, who was to play a major part in the history of the latter Applegate Trail. Scott perhaps became the best authority for events concerning this route, and only recently have his reminiscences come to light historically."¹

1845 "In 1845 a number of the 1844 Oregon emigrants went to California overland under the leadership of James Clyman. . . . The company consisted of thirty-nine men, one woman and three children. They arrived at Sutter's Fort on July 12th."¹

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

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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. Make checks to the *Hugo Neighborhood* and send them to our Treasurer.

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