
Vawter: Early Hugo Investor

William Ira Vawter¹

Born: 03/24/1863, Boston Mills, Linn Co., OR

Died: 02/04/1916, Jackson Co. OR

Father: Cyrus Vawter

Mother: Sarah Finley

Etta May (Hill) Vawter^{1&2}

Born: 01/23/1869, Silver City, Owyhee, Idaho

Father: Henry Sterling Hill

Mother: Sarah Russell (Joyce) Hill

1870 Census: Harrisburg Precinct, County of Linn, Oregon

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|---------------------|---|--------|---------------|----|
| Crawford, Henry P. | M | 37yrs | Farmer | IN |
| Crawford, Elizabeth | F | 25 yrs | Keeping house | MO |
| Crawford, Martha H. | F | 6yrs | | OR |
| Crawford, Otheo | M | 2yrs | | |
| Vawter, William | M | 7yrs | | |

Henry Crawford (Value of real estate 3600, value of personal estate 2030)

William Vawter (Value of real estate 1600, value of personal estate 2700)

1889 William Ira Vawter married Etta M. Hill February 10, 1889 in Oregon.^{1&3} Children were:

1. Vernon Hill Vawter, born in Medford, Oregon, November 13, 1890, and
2. William Ira Vawter, Jr. born in Medford, Oregon May 21, 1894.

Vernon Vawter would become cashier of the Jackson County Bank of Medford and its chief executive.³

President Jackson County Bank; Oregon Legislator

1900 U.S. Census East Medford Precinct, County of Jackson, OR

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|--------------------|---|-------|------|----|--------|
| Vawter, William I. | M | 37yrs | 1863 | OR | Lawyer |
| Vawter, Etta M. | F | 31yrs | 1864 | ID | |
| Vawter, Vernon H. | M | 9yrs | 1890 | OR | |
| Vawter, William I. | M | 6yrs | 1894 | OR | |

1903 *"The Three Pines Timber Co. was incorporated last week in Medford. The incorporators are: A. E. Reames president; Geo. E. Howland vice president; J. D. Cook, secretary; W. I Vawter, treasurer. The principal place of business of the Three Pines Timber Co. Will be in Medford, the company having secured rooms in the Palm Lodge building which they will soon fit up for offices. The company has extensive timber holdings in both Jackson and Josephine counties and will probably develop a big timber industry during the present season."* *Rogue River Courier*. April 30, 1903. Three Pines Timber Co.

1903, 1907, & 1915 W. I Vawter represented Douglas and Jackson counties in the Oregon House of Representatives.⁴⁻⁵

1910 Census: North Medford Precinct, County of Jackson, Oregon

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|-----------------------|---|-------|-------|---------------|
| Vawter, William I. | M | 45yrs | OR | Banker |
| Vawter, Etta M. | F | 40yrs | ID | |
| Vawter, Vernon H. | M | 19yrs | OR | |
| Vawter, William I Jr. | M | 15yrs | OR | |
| Hill, Sarah R. | F | 74yrs | VA | Mother-in-law |
| Nakamitsu, Frank | M | 23yrs | Japan | Servant |

1911 — Town of Three Pines, Oregon Platted

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1. Boling, Jean. Historic Sites Chair, Josephine County Historical Society. July 6, 201. *Carr, Gilham Family Tree & Fawcett Family Tree*, Ancestry.com. Grants Pass, OR.
 2. United States of America. April 11, 1923. Pass Port for Etta May Vawter. Washington, D.C.

W.I. Vawter, Treasurer, Three Pines Lumber Company

1912 Three Pines was recently developed and a going concern in 1912 with over a hundred citizens; a brand new one-year old school, Three Pines Elementary; two stores; the Corliss Hotel; a post office; a planning mill that was connected by a 11.5 mile flume to the upper reaches of Jump-off Joe Creek and the lumber town of Mountain; and a railroad siding and small depot. The town was platted and there was the Three Pines Fruit Tracts just to the east.

1916 William Ira Vawter died: February 4, 1916 at Jackson County, Oregon.^{1&6}

1920 Census, Precinct No 5, Medford, County of Jackson, Oregon

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|-------------------------|---|-------|----|------------------|
| Vawter, William I. (jr) | M | 25yrs | OR | Bookkeeper, Bank |
| Vawter, Letta | F | 23yrs | MI | |

1923 Widow Etta May Vawter applied for a passport to travel to Europe.²

1930 Census, Precinct 38, Medford, County of Jackson, Oregon

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|------------------------|---|-------|----|--------|
| Vawter, William I (jr) | M | 35yrs | OR | Banker |
| Vawter, Leda | F | 31yrs | OR | |
| Vawter, Billy | M | 9yrs | OR | |

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. Carey, Charles Henry; "History of Oregon", Pioneer Historical Publishing Co., Chicago-Portland, 1922; pages 564-565 (William); page 178-179 (Vernon).

4. Bicknell, Grace Vawter; "The Vawter Family in America", The Hollenbeck Press. Indianapolis, 1905; page 333.

5. Duniway, David C; "Members of the Legislature of Oregon 1843-1967", Oregon State Archives, Bulletin No. 2 Rev., Publication No.30; page 41.

6. Oregon Death Index, 1903-98.

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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.

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