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## Nelson & Mozella Ward

### Nelson O. Ward

Born: July 29, 1893 Oregon  
Died: December 1970, Josephine Co. Oregon  
Father's Birth Place: Iowa  
Mother's Birth Place: Kansas

### Mozella Florence (Robinson) Ward

Born: 1902 Oregon  
Father's Birth Place: Tennessee  
Mother's Birth Place: Kansas

**May 9, 1861** "Military Bounty Land Act of March 3, 1855, Roseburg, Oregon. May 9, 1861 Military Warrant #92568 in the name of Rice Benson has this day been located by Anson Turner..."<sup>1-2</sup>

**1907** The Oliver Ward family moved to Hugo, Oregon in 1907 and purchased land from the McCormick family above what is now Hasis Road.<sup>3</sup> Nelson was one of their children.

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

Oliver G. Ward	Head	IA	1861	49 yrs
Pheobe A. Ward	Wife	KS	1873	37 yrs
Wilbur Ward	Son	OR	1893	17 yrs
Nelson Ward	Son	OR	1895	15 yrs
Frank Ward	Son	OR	1898	12 yrs
Walter Ward	Son	OR	1903	7 yrs
Theodore Ward	Son	OR	1905	5 yrs
Nellie Ward	Dau	OR	1909	1 yr

Oliver was a farmer practicing general farming.

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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.

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## The Nelson Ward Family, Hugo Settlers: 1907 - ca., 1930s?

**1920** There was a surprise party on Miss Iva Wright Friday evening, last. Quite a number of Three Pines people were in attendance, also Gus Springer, Miss Millicent Kiphart and Alberta Bigeman of Winona; Mrs. Allen and daughter Eva, of Grants Pass, and Frank Ward of Hugo. *Rogue River Courier*. January 30, 1920. Three Pines Weekly.

**1920** Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Ward arrived Sunday from Needles, Cal., where they spent the winter. April 9, 1920. Hugo.

**1920** In 1920 Nelson Ward secured 40 acres of the old original 1861 Military Warrant to Private Rice Benson for service in the 1850s Rogue Indian Wars. When W. G. Vanderbilt died in 1920 his widow sold the land to Nelson. Nelson operated a range cattle operation on the ranch and did general farming.<sup>3</sup>

**1920** The young people of Three Pines and Frank Ward from Hugo had an enjoyable time Thursday evening. The played games by the light of a large bon fire. *Rogue River Courier*. March 15, 1920. Three Pines Weekly. Mrs. Nelson Ward went to Roseburg Tuesday to spend several months. *Rogue River Courier*. May 7, 1920. Hugo. Nelson Ward went to Roseburg Sunday morning to spend a few days with his wife. *Rogue River Courier*. August 20, 1920. Hugo.

**1920** The community was saddened by the news of the death of Mrs. Nelson Ward at Roseburg last Wednesday where she had been in a hospital the past few months. Mrs. Ward will be missed by her host of friends for her cheerful, sunny disposition. She was a member of the first class to graduate from the Hugo high school. *Rogue River Courier*. September 3, 1920. Hugo.

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## Mill Wright - Farmer?

### 1930 Census. Plevna Precinct, Klamath Co., OR.

Nelson Ward	Head	OR	1895	35 yrs
Mazella Ward	Wife	OR	1903	27 yrs
Calvin C. Ward	Son	OR	1925	5 yrs

Nelson was a mill wright in a lumber mill.

**1932** N. [Nelson] O. Ward was identified as owning the old Vanderbilt Ranch in 1932.<sup>4</sup> This ranch was originally part of the Turner military warrant.

### 1970 Social Security Death Index

Nelson Ward  
Born: July 29, 1894  
Died: December 1970, Grants Pass, Josephine Co., OR

**2008** Cal Ward is Nelson and Mazella's son. He and his wife, Jean, are members of the Hugo Community Church (1052 S. E. Ashley Pl., Grants Pass, Oregon 97526, 541-476-1948).

### Owners of Military Warrant

1861 - 1870	Robert & Clementina Trimble (160 ac)
1870 - 1878	Clementina Trimble (160 ac)
1878 - 1903	William Trimble (160 ac)
1903 - 1905	James Trimble (160 ac)
1905 - 1908	L. L. & Iona Strong (160 ac)
1908 - 1909	Fred & Mary Geyer (160 ac)
1909 - 1920	W. G. & Rachel Vanderbilt (80 ac)
1920 - 1934	Nelson & Mazella Ward (40 acres)

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3. Atwood, Kay. 1984. Josephine County Historical Resources Inventory: 1983 - 1984. Volume I. Grants Pass, OR.

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

## 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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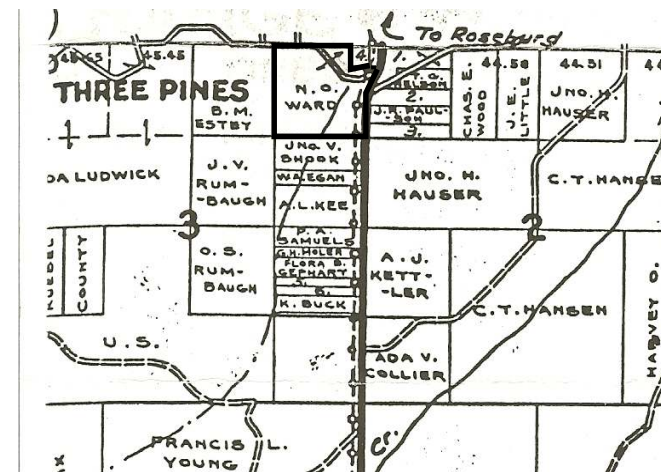
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