

George & Mary “Netty” McCormick

George McCormick

Born: November 1848 Missouri
 Father & Mothers’ Birth Place: Tennessee

Mary J. McCormick

Born May 1855 Oregon
 Father’s Birth Place: Ohio
 Mothers’ Birth Place: Oregon

1885 Hugo Homestead On September 15, 1893 George T. McCormick was issued a homestead patent for 80 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. 3164).¹⁻² The homestead was along the Applegate Trail.



1900 Census: Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., Or

George McCormick	Head	MO	1849	51 yrs
Mary T. McCormick	Wife	OR	1865	35 yrs
Wiley A. McCormick	Son	OR	1886	14 yrs
John V. McCormick	Son	OR	1889	11 yrs
Hattie W. McCormick	Dau	OR	1891	9 yrs
Wilton E. McCormick	Son	OR	1896	4 yrs

George’s occupation was farmer.

1906 Wiley McCormick and brother, Welton, made to trip to Crescent City recently. *Rogue River Courier*. September 14, 1906. [Hugo](#).

1908 Geo. McCormick of Hugo, one of the old pioneers of the Rogue Valley, who recently sold his farm near Hugo, was in Grants Pass Tuesday. Mr. McCormick is thinking of moving away. *Rogue River Courier*. August 17, 1908. [Personal Items](#).

The George McCormick Family, Hugo Pioneers: 1880s - 1946

1910 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

George C. McCormick	Head	MO	1850	60 yrs
Nettie McCormick	Wife	OR	1866	44 yrs
Wily McCormick	Son	OR	1887	23 yrs
Warney McCormick ⁴	Son	OR	1889	21 yrs
Winnie McCormick	Dau	OR	1891	19 yrs
Wilton McCormick	Son	OR	1896	14 yrs

George’s occupation was boarding house.

Mrs. Bertha McCormick is quite ill. Dr. Parker was up to see her Sunday. There is no other reported case of sickness in Hugo. *Rogue River Courier*. March 4, 1910. [Sparks From Hugo](#).

1913 Mrs. George McCormick visited in Merlin Monday. *Rogue River Courier*. May 16, 1913. [Hugo Items](#).

McCormick Hotel: ca., 1916 - 1920 “Mrs. McCormick was partly of Indian descent. Mrs. McCormick had a boarding house for the railroad men. Mary [Mary Ellen (Ritchie) Fitzpatrick] can remember sitting and playing with Edith McCormick [granddaughter Edith Bagley] when her little Indian mother (dressed like an Indian) was there sitting in the corner over by the fireplace. Her Indian mother never talked or said anything, but her eyes would kinda sparkle when the kids did something humorous while playing.”⁵

“Edith and Mary would sit in front of the fireplace and play when it was raining outside. The McCormicks had this rooming house and Mary would love to go there because they had an upstairs, halls, and downstairs while in comparison the Ritchies lived in a shack that did not have those neat features. Edith called her grandmother “Nanna” Mary remembers that Nanna always had these good things in the boarding house and she would give these good things to the kids and Mary would love it.”⁵

McCormick Homesteaders & Hugo’s McCormick Hotel

1920 Census. Lucky Queen, Josephine Co., OR

George McCormick	Head	MO	1849	71 yrs
Netty McCormick	Wife	OR	1867	53 yrs

George’s occupation was hotel keeper.

1920 “Miss Madge Wiseman came over Thursday from Leland to visit Mrs. George McCormick.” (June 18, 1920. *Hugo. Rogue River Courier*). “G. T. McCormick and W. G. Vanderbuilt were in Grants Pass Saturday serving on the jury.” (July 16, 1920. *Hugo. Rogue River Courier*). “Wiley McCormick and wife returned to their home at Eureka, Cal., after visiting at the Geo. McCormick home.” (September 17, 1920. *Hugo. Rogue River Courier*). “Mrs. G. T. McCormick, who is staying in Grants Pass taking medical treatment, spent Sunday and Monday at home.” (October 22, 1920. *Hugo. Rogue River Courier*). “Mr. and Mrs. Adam Shaffer, of Montana, are visiting at the home of the latter’s sister, Mrs. Geo. McCormick.” (November 3, 1920. *Hugo. Rogue River Courier*). Mrs. Winnie Bagley went to Merlin Sunday morning to visit her grandmother, Mrs. Smith. *Rogue River Courier*. March 26, 1920. [Hugo](#).

1930 - 1946 George McCormick passed in 1930. Nettie McCormick passed in 1946. George and Nettie share a tombstone in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

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1. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), General Land Office (GLO) Records. 2007. Official Federal Land Records Site (<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>). Internet.
 2. Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Hugo Pioneers*. Map Of Federal Land Transfer in Hugo, Oregon. Hugo, OR.
 3. Koch, Joseph , Draughtsman. 1895 Official Josephine County, Oregon. Map. Scale 1 inch = 1 mile. Meston - Dygert Book M’F’G. Portland, OR.
 4. Warney is probably the 1920 widower John Warren McCormick with step-children Claire and Madge Wiseman.
 5. Walker, Mike. April 26, 2000. *Mary Ellen (Ritchie) Fitzpatrick’s Hugo Memories*. Interview. Mary attended Hugo School 1917 - 1920. Hugo, OR.

