

Earl E. Brown, Born In Hugo, Oregon

Earl Eugene Brown

Born: June 19, 1927 Hugo, Oregon

Father Lawrence Brown

Born: 1886 Kansas

Mother Ellen (Markley) Brown

Born: 1891 Colorado

1926 Then, in 1926, the Browns with their kids, LeNora, Carrol, Edwin, and Maxine, headed north to a Hugo, Oregon farm. It was 10 acres, including a garden and peach orchard. That same year the Browns, with help from their neighbors, added a log house to their acreage.

1927 Earl Eugene Brown was born at Hugo, Oregon, June 19, 1927 in the family's log home.

1930s Earl's dad always had a pair of mules to plow and work the ground at the farm. Their names were Kate and Maud. When the mules were not being worked they were turned loose to graze and they always came home.



5-Year Old Gene Brown (left) & Gene Summers (right): 1932
Courtesy of Earl Brown

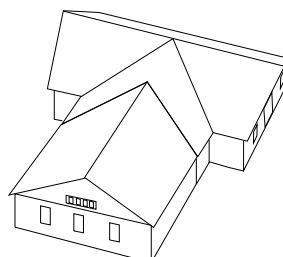
Earl E. Brown's Hugo Days: 1927 - 1940

1930 Census. Lucky Queen Precinct. Josephine County, Oregon

Lawrence E. Brown	Head	KS	1886
Emma E. Brown	Wife	CO	1891
Lenore V. Brown	Daughter	CO	1914
Carrol E. Brown	Son	CO	1916
Edwin A. Brown	Son	CO	1921
Ellen M. Brown	Daughter	CA	1924
Earl E. Brown	Son	OR	1925
Bertha E. Brown	Daughter	OR	1929

Hugo Elementary School:

1932 - 1940 Earl was a young five-year old when he started grade school in Hugo in 1932. This was the remodeled school that had the new enlarged north side room built in 1930.



Hugo School: 1930

His closest childhood friends were Gene Sommers who lived just down the road towards Merlin; Gene Decker, and Doran Grimes who lived at Three Pines. They all started grade school in 1932, Doran at Three Pines, and the three "Genes" at Hugo.

1936 In 1936 the Brown's home did not have running water inside their house yet. However, they did have something wonderful in the kitchen. It was a *Home Comfort Kitchen Stove* with a water tank on the side. The heated water from the water tank was used when they took metal tub baths in the kitchen. And, about once a week they washed clothes in a tub with a hand-suction washer.

Hugo Was A Community Of Wonderful People

1936 Roosevelt was President of the United States in 1936 and few people in Hugo, and elsewhere, had any money, and that year had been hard for the Browns. Roosevelt had set up a program where a family could borrow money to buy food for the winter. So, in the fall of 1936 Lawrence and Ellen Brown decided they would borrow some money to help get their family through the cold months. They went to a bank in Grants Pass and borrowed \$15.00 and bought baking power, sugar, coffee, and other staples for the winter. Earl's dad, Lawrence Brown, did get one treat. He chewed *Brown's Mule Tobacco* and Ellen allowed him to buy a poach of it out of the food money.

That same year Earl's older brother, Carrol, enlisted in the Navy, and was soon gone from Hugo. Hugo was not so much a location as a community of wonderful people who cared for each other.

1940 Eleven-year old Earl left Hugo Grade School and the family's Hugo cabin when his folks traded their place for a home in Cave Junction. Brother Carrol and Brother Edwin helped their parents buy the Cave Junction place on the road to the Oregon Caves. He still had a few months left to finish eight grade, but finished at a grade school in Holland, Oregon.

Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community's history and land use.

1. Hugo Neighborhood. 2001. *Earl E. (Gene) Brown's Hugo Memories: 1927 - 2000.* Hugo, OR.
2. Hugo Neighborhood. 2008. *Lawrence Browns: Early Hugo Settlers.* Hugo, 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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Brown's Old Hugo Home: in 1960s
It was started in 1926
Courtesy of Earl Brown

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