

## Hiram Francis “Frank” Niday Jr., Son of Hiram Francis Niday Sr.

**1854. Hiram Francis and Caroline Stumbo Niday Sr.** crossed the plains via the Oregon Trail to the Willamette Valley by late 1852. By 1853 the Nidays had moved to Josephine County. In 1854 Hiram Francis (Frank) Niday (Jr.) was born on the Hugo homestead.<sup>1-3</sup>



**1855 Hiram Niday Senior Passed** March 1855.

**1857** Caroline Niday subsequently married David Sexton, the Indian fighter, in 1857.

### 1870 Census. Rock Point Post Office, Jackson Co., OR

David D. Sexton	Head	NY	1827	43 yrs
Carrie Sexton	Wife	OH	1827	43 yrs
Charles Sexton		OR	1859	11 yr
Ellen Niday		IA	1852	15 yrs
<b>Hiram F. Niday</b>		OR	1855	15 yrs

### 1880 Census. Jump Off Joe Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

David Sexton	Head	OH	1821	59 yrs
Carrie Sexton	Wife	OH	1823	57 yrs
Ellen Owen	StepDau	IA	1853	27 yrs
<b>Frank Niday</b>	StepSon	OR	1854	26 yrs

(see footnote 4 for complete census)

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## The Hiram Frank Niday Jr. Family, Hugo Pioneers: 1854 - ca., 1907

### 1880 Census Grants Pass, Jackson County, OR

John B. Gross	Gold miner	OH	35 yrs
Maria J. Gross	Keeping House	MO	33 yrs
Clara M. Gross	Attending school	IA	13 yrs
Adam Gross		IA	10 yrs
Lucy Gross		OR	8 yrs
Gray (Grady?) Gross		OR	8/12 yrs

**1879 - 1886 Lucky Queen Post Office** Frank Niday became Postmaster of the Lucky Queen Post Office in 1879 and served in that capacity through 1886.

### Hiram Frances Niday & Clara Minnie Gross Wed

and had four children (Photo 1): 1. Helen Niday (Caroline Sexton's Will), 2. Della F. Niday, October 1889, 3. Elda M. Niday, March 1893, and 4. John H. Niday, May 1896.<sup>1&5</sup>

**1895 Hugo Homestead** On March 27, 1895 Hiram F. Niday was issued a homestead patent for 40 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. 3359; Map 1).<sup>6-7</sup>

**1899** Minnie Niday passed at 32 years of age in Oregon on May 24, 1899.<sup>1</sup>

### 1900 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Chas D. Sexton	Head	OR	1859	40 yrs
Teres Sexton	Wife	NV	1872	27 yrs
Caroline Sexton	Mother	OH	1828	72 yrs
<b>Hiram F. Niday</b>	Half-brother	OR	1854	46 yrs

(see footnote 4 for complete census)

### 1900 Census: Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

<b>Hiram F. Niday</b>	Widower	46 years	Gold Miner
Della F. Niday	Dau	10 years	At School
Elda M. Niday	Dau	7 years	At School
John H. Niday	Son	4 years	

## Gold Miner, Homesteader, & Postmaster

**1907** Because of an illness 52-year old Frank Niday left Hugo and moved to Texas January 1907 to be closer to his children. Frank passed in El Paso, Texas on June 5, 1907. His place of burial was Concordia Cety (cemetery), El Paso, Texas.<sup>8</sup>

**Gold Miner** “SEXTON AND NIDAY Just below is the placer claim of C. D. Sexton and Frank Niday, a claim which is also noted for it large nuggets and which, in other respects, is very similar to the Robinson claim. This property is better known as the “Old Wines place.” It formerly belonged to Henry Wines, an eccentric German who met a tragic death, and while in his custody yielded many a nugget which was the wonder of the county. Messrs. Sexton and Niday operate one giant under pressure of 125 feet. They have about two miles of ditch.”<sup>9</sup>



Map 1. Hiran Niday Jr.'s Hugo Homestead: 1895

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## 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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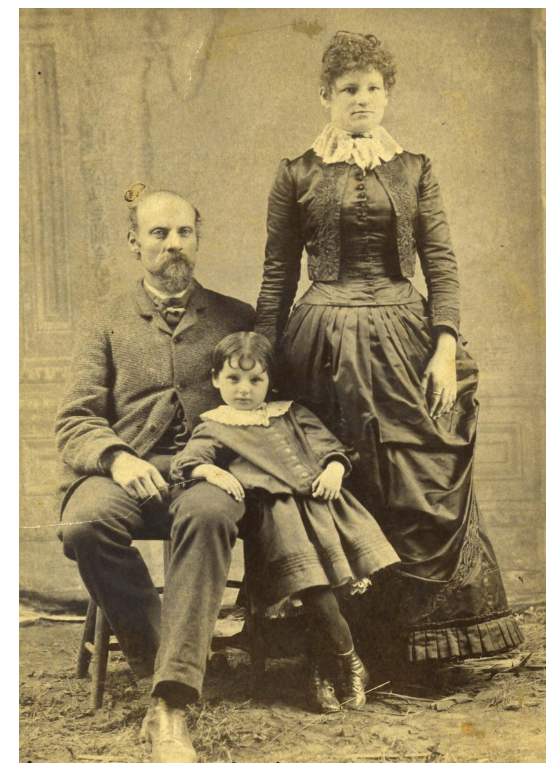
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## HIRAM "FRANK" NIDAY JR'S HUGO PIONEER FAMILY



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*Hiram F. & Minnie Niday Jr.: ca., 1890s*  
Courtesy of John B. & Pat Niday Jr.

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