

Thomas & Sarah Overton

Thomas Overton

Born: 1850 England
 Father & Mother's Birth Place: England

Sarah Overton

Born: 1860 Kentucky
 Father & Mother's Birth Place: Kentucky



1896 Thomas Overton's Hugo Homestead

On September 9, 1896 Thomas Overton was issued a homestead certificate for 80 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. 3783).¹⁻² The intent of the 1862 Homestead

Act was to grant land for agriculture. James, and other claimants, had to prove they lived on the land for a minimum of five years, and made the required improvements before they were eligible to be issued a certificate. For a variety of reasons, the "proving up" period was five to 10 years and longer.

1900 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Thomas Overton	Head	England	1850	50 yrs
Sarah Overton	Wife	KY	1860	40 yrs
Lillian Overton	Dau	OR	1890	10 yrs
Mary Overton	Dau	OR	1893	7 yrs
Nellie Overton	Dau	OR	1895	5 yrs
Lucetta Overton	Dau	OR	1898	2 yrs
Eva Barret	Brother	CO	1881	19 yrs

1. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), General Land Office (GLO) Records. 2007. Official Federal Land Records Site (<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>). Internet.

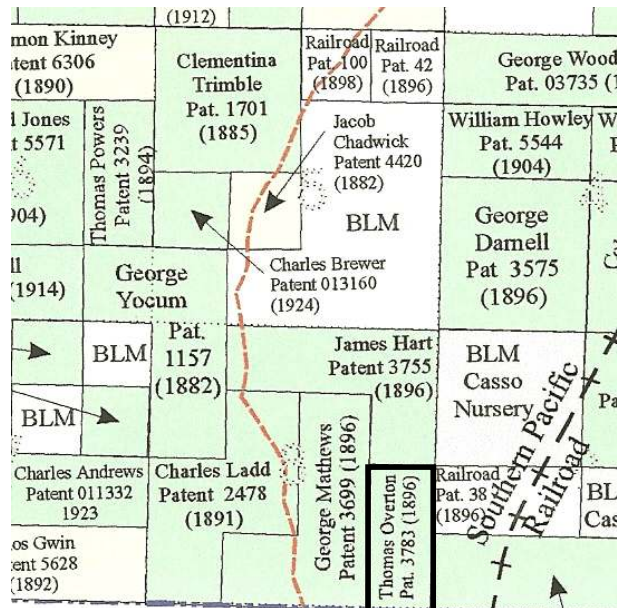
2. Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Hugo Pioneers*. Map Of Federal Land Transfer in Hugo, Oregon. Hugo, OR.

The Thomas Overton Family, Hugo Pioneers: ca., 1890s - 1910s

1910 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Thomas Overton	Head	England	1851	59 yrs
Sarah Overton	Wife	KY	1861	49 yrs
Juanita Overton	Dau	OR	1893	17 yrs
Millie Overton	Dau	OR	1896	14 yrs
Lucela Overton	Dau	OR	1898	12 yrs
Wilda Overton	Dau	OR	1901	9 yrs

In 1910 Thomas Overton's occupation was farmer practicing general farming.



Thomas Overton's Homestead: 1896

Homesteader

1920 Census. Granite Hill Precinct, Josephine County, Oregon

Thomas Overton	Head	England	1849	71 yrs
Sarah Overton	Wife	KY	1861	59 yrs

1939 Most of the Overton homestead was uplands in an unnamed tributary of Quartz Creek.³ It was within a quarter mile of the Southern Pacific Railroad and 1.5 miles as the crow flies to Merlin, 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.

3. USDA, Forest Service, North Pacific Region, National Forest Rogue River & Siskiyou. 1939 - 1940. *Project F.S. 6-66*. Designating Symbol GIZ.

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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*Thomas Overton's 1896 Homestead
On 1939 Aerial Photograph*

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