
Rice J. Benson's Certificate Of Location: 1861 & Military Warrant: 1864

Rice J. Benson

Born: 1813 Tennessee
Father & Mother's Birth: Tennessee

1850 Census. Randolph County, Illinois

Nine people in family, including Rice Benson.

1854 Oregon Census

Rice Benson was in Jackson County.

1860 Oregon Census

Rice Benson in Jacksonville Precinct,
Jackson County, Oregon.



May 10, 1861 "Military Bounty Land Act of March 3, 1855, Roseburg, Oregon. Military Warrant #92568 in the name of Rice Benson has this day been located by Anson Turner..." Rice Benson was a private in Captain Miller's Company Oregon Militia Rogue River War. The warrant was signed by Abraham Lincoln for 169.89 acres. "For value received; Anson Turner, to whom the within Certificate of Location was issued, do hereby sell and assign unto Robert Trimble. . ." the certificate, warrant, and land.¹

1861 Benson sold or assigned his warrant to Anson Turner. On May 10, 1861 Anson sold his certificate of location to the Trimbles the day he received it.² The assumption is that Benson never occupied the land.

1864 Benson & Turner's Military Warrant On June 15, 1864 Rice Benson & Anson Turner were issued a military warrant certificate for 169.89 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No.92568).²⁻³

Rice Benson, Hugo Pioneer: ca., 1860s

1860 Census. Jacksonville, Jackson Co., OR

Rice Benson	Male	TN	1813	47 yrs
Oliver Benson	Male	IL	1835	25 yrs

Rice and Oliver Benson were miners.

1870 Census. P. O. Jacksonville

Rice Benson	Male	TN	1813	57 yrs
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In 1870 Rice Benson was a farmer.

1880 Census. Table Rock Precinct

Rice Benson	Self	TN	1813	67 yrs
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In 1880 Rice Benson was a stock raiser.

Bounty land warrants weren't automatically issued to every veteran who served. The veteran first had to apply for a warrant, and then, if the warrant was granted, he could use the warrant to apply for a land patent. The land patent is the document which granted him ownership of the land.

Warrants could be assigned or sold to other individuals. A veteran who decided to redeem his warrant was issued a patent for the land itself, and a "Bounty Land Warrant File" was created in the General Land Office. This file contains the surrendered warrant, a letter of assignment (if he assigned his interest to another party) and any other documents pertaining to the transaction.

1. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), General Land Office (GLO) Records. 2007. Official Federal Land Records Site. Internet.

2. Josephine County Abstract Co. 1946. *Abstract Of Title To NE ¼ Of NE ¼ Of Section 3, T.35S. R.6W.* No. 3117, No. 20087, & No. 2558. Grants Pass, OR; Hugo Neighborhood. 2002. *Dickerson's Corner: 1945 - 2002.* Brochure. Hugo, OR.

3. Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Trimbles: Military Warrant.* Hugo, OR.

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

Rogue Indian War: 1855

1895 Rice J. Benson died October 7, 1895 in Meadows Precinct, Jackson County, Oregon at 82 years of age (*Ashland Tidings*. October 17, 1895. Death Notice. Vol. XX, No. 37, page 2. Ashland, OR).⁶



*Rice Benson's 1864 Military Warrant
On 1940 Aerial Photograph*

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

5. Koch, Joseph , Draughtsman. 1895 Official Josephine County, Oregon. Map. Scale 1 inch = 1 mile. Meston - Dygert Book M'F'G. Portland, OR.

6. Peterson, Paul A. July 26, 2011. Letter to Mike Walker, Education Chair, Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society.

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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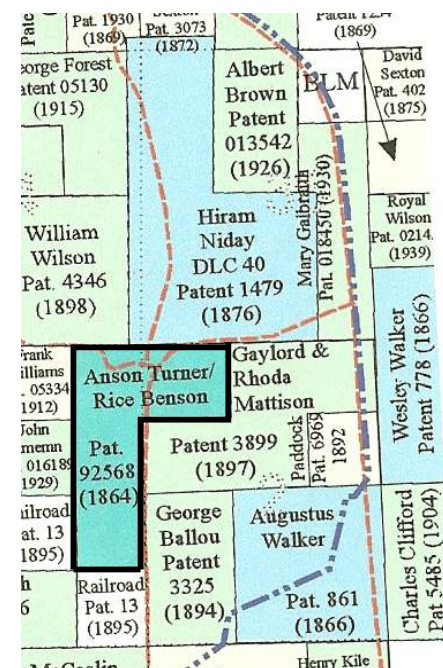
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