

John & Susan Smith

1860s - 1870s John S. W. Smith was born August 1825 in Ohio. He was a miner on Coyote Creek in the 1860s and 70's. Susan Dixon was born October 1844 in Oregon. John married Susan April 16, 1862. *"They lived on Coyote Creek until 1877, then sold their mining claims to Henry Smith of Wolf Creek and moved to the Grave Creek area."*¹

1860 - ca. 1900 California Stage Company *"The stage company hired its own hostler to handle the stable of approximately ten horses in the summer months and approximately fourteen horses during the difficult winter months. Winter required six-horse teams because of the dreadful condition of the roads on the north side of Sexton Mountain known as Smith Hill (so named for a pioneer settler, J. S. W. Smith), Wolf Creek Hill, and Cow Creek Hill, now called Glendale Hill or Stage Coach Pass."*¹

1877 *"John and Susan took up a one hundred and sixty acre homestead in a meadow on the north side of Sexton Mountain. This meadow is where the present Interstate 5 freeway cut is located. At the time they homesteaded, the overland stage road ran through this property. John and Susan farmed their homestead until just after the turn of the century."*¹



1860 Census: Walker's Mill Precinct Thirty-four year old **C. W.** Smith, a blacksmith, was in the Twogood household (family 133). **Relationship to JSW?**

1. McLane, Larry L. 1995. *First There Was Twogood*. Sexton Enterprises. Sunny Valley, OR.

2. Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Hugo Pioneers: Before 1900*. Map. Hugo, OR.

The John Smith Family, Hugo Pioneers: 1877 - 19??

1870 Census: Jackson County, Oregon??

Joseph S.W. Smith (48 years born in Indiana) is with Susan Smith (25) and kids: Horace A. (6 years), Nettie (4 years), and Adaline (2 years). **Relationship to JSW?**

1880 Census: Jump Off Joe & Galice Creek Precincts

John S. Smith	55 years	Husband	
Susan Smith	36 years	Wife	½ Black
Horace (Horice)	17 years	Son	¼ Black
Mary Jenetta	15 years	Daughter	¼ Black
Mellisa A.	12 years	Daughter	¼ Black
Orelando	8 years	Daughter	¼ Black
William Nagel	61 years	Grocery Store Keeper	
Edward Combs	51 years	Miner	

1896 Hugo Homestead On September 16, 1896 John S. W. Smith was issued a homestead patent for 160 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. 3749).²



Smiths at Homestead Pass: 1895

Courtesy of Larry McLane

Smith Hill

1900 Census: Leland Precinct, Josephine County

John S.W. Smith	74 years	Husband	White Farmer
Susan Smith	55 years	Wife	Indian
Perry Brown	39 years	Boarder	
John Augel	45 years	Boarder	

Smith Hill *"During this time, John held a number of public positions of trust and was well known for his honesty and integrity. Some of these trusts were as justice of the peace of Leland Precinct, road supervisor of the district, various school board positions and elections precinct judge."*¹

*"John and Susan's table was set at all hours of the day and night for weary travelers to partake of food and rest after their struggle up either side of the difficult terrain of Sexton Mountain. Their hospitality was especially appreciated during the difficult winter months when the roads were nearly impassable."*¹

*"Sexton Pass, as it is called presently, was known as Smith Hill after John homesteaded in 1877 and was noted as such in all the publication of the times, including the documentation of the bids that were let for clearing right-of-way and grading the Pacific Highway in 1919. With the completion of the interstate highway system it was referred to as Sexton Pass and the term Smith Hill moved four miles north to Wolf Creek, presumably in honor of Henry Smith, the founder of Wolf Creek."*¹

Pleasant Valley Cemetery (PVC) Orlando and Horace reside at the PVC.

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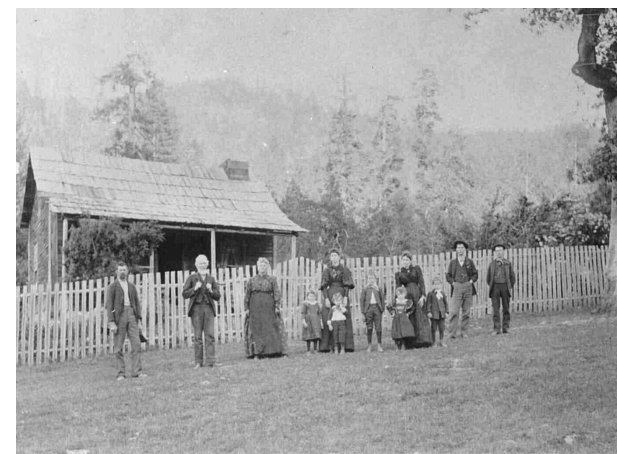
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