

Edward Squier Homestead: 1927

Applegate Trail The 1927 120 acre Squier homestead was located nearly astride the old Applegate Trail. It is clearly depicted on 2007 Josephine County Assessor maps for the old homestead.¹⁻³



*“Approx. Center Line Territorial Road
Willamette Valley to Jacksonville.”*

This same trail location is almost exactly the title used on the 1856 General Land Office (GLO) map.

“Road from Willamette Valley to Jacksonville”

The trail continues north from the homestead over Schoolhouse Creek to the west side of the Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

1856 GLO Field Notes: JA-8⁴

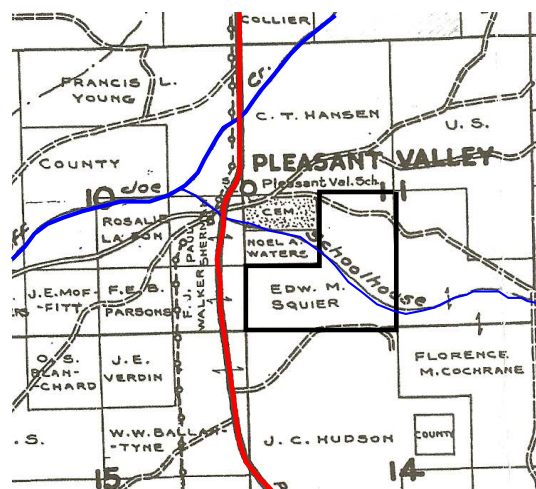
The Applegate Trail was surveyed in 1856 on what would become the southern property line of the Squier homestead. Surveyed location JA-8 is on private property and has not been located in the field.

Schoolhouse Ridge ■ JA-8

1916 the Chamberlain-Ferris Act provided for reversion to the federal government of title to lands remaining unsold and held by the Southern Pacific Railroad originally granted to the Oregon and California Railroad. These previous railroad lands came under the Homestead Act and there was another mini-land rush.

The Edward Squier Family, Hugo Settlers: ca., 1920s - 1930s

Applegate Trail The evolved Applegate Trail went through this homestead as late as 1895.⁵ However, this transportation route was abandoned soon after as the automobile came on line in Josephine County. It was official by 1921 with the paved Pacific Highway (Monument Drive) located to the west of the homestead and the lowlands of Schoolhouse Creek.



Edw. M. Squier's Homestead: 1932

1927 Squier Homestead On March 9, 1927 Edward Markham Squier was issued a 120 acre homestead patent in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. 014565).¹⁻²

This was a late homestead entry after the O & C lands came back to the United States from the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Homesteader

1930 Census. Roseburg, Douglas County, OR

Edward M. Squier	Head	WI	1898	32 yrs
Corlyss L. Squier	Wife	OR	1904	26 yrs
Bertha M. Courtney	Mother-in-law	IL	1872	58 yrs

Edward's occupation was manager of a service station.

1932 Edw. M. Squier was in possession of the Squier homestead.⁶

1942. U.S. WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946

Edward M. Squier was a white citizen born 1898 in Illinois. At the time of enlistment, July 13, 1942, he resided in Jefferson County, Colorado.

During the war he was a private in the Army. He had two years of college. His civil occupation was baker or radio engineer, or electrical engineer. He was 71" tall and weighed 146 pounds.

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

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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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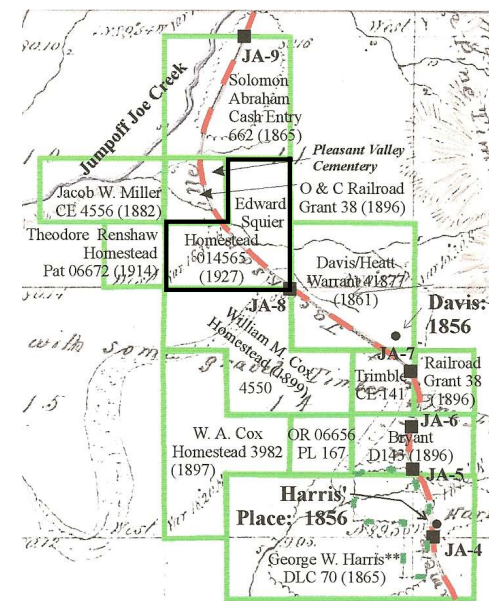
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1.5 mile Applegate Trail nomination to Federal Register of Historic Places



Quarry Section Of Applegate Trail: 1856

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