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## David & Catherine Wells Stumbo Die On Oregon Trail

**1822 - 1826** Hiram Francis (Frank) Niday was born in Lawrence County, Ohio in 1822. Caroline Stumbo was born May 1, 1826 in Lawrence County, Ohio. They were married in Mahaska, Iowa on March 4, 1847.<sup>1-5</sup> Caroline's older brother, David Stumbo, was born in Lawrence county, Ohio in 1824. He married Catherine Wells March 5, 1846.

**George W. Stumbo** was born in Mahaska County, Iowa, October 11, 1848.



**1852 Oregon Trail** David, Catherine and their three year old son George W. left Iowa for Oregon in 1852 traveling the Oregon Trail with the Nidays. Catherine Wells Stumbo died in June 1852 on the Platte River near Fort Laramie. David Stumbo died in Idaho in August 1852 near the Boise River 15 miles East of Fort Boise. Their son George, orphaned by his parents death, was brought to the Willamette Valley by Hiram and Caroline Stumbo Niday.<sup>5</sup>

**1853** By 1853 the Nidays taking care of George Stumbo had moved to Josephine County, locating on a farm and filing a donation land claim (DLC) in what would become Hugo near Jumpoff Joe Creek.

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## George Stumbo, A Hugo Pioneer: 1853 - 1863

**1859** George's Aunt Caroline Stumbo Niday Sexton and her second husband, David Sexton, made a 160 acre DLC for their guardian, orphan George W. Stumbo (DLC application # 1968).<sup>5&8</sup> This was because the DLC law was amended to include widows in 1853 and orphan children in 1854.<sup>8</sup> The land was about 2 miles from his aunt and uncle's DLC.<sup>5</sup> Caroline Sexton gave an affidavit for DLC application # 1968 as late as 1875.<sup>8</sup> For some reason George's DLC application was not patented.

Local history is that the land would become Charles Sexton's 1893 160 cash entry. The ranch included several homesteads. It was above the railroad tracks.

### 1860 Census. Roseburg Precinct, Douglas Co., OR

David Sexton	Head	NY	1828	32 yrs
Caroline Sexton	Wife	OH	1828	32 yrs
Ellen Sexton		IA	1851	9 yrs
Francis Sexton		OR	1855	5 yrs
Charles Sexton		OR	1859	1 yr
George Stumbo		IA	1848	12 yrs

**1863** George left the Rogue Valley in 1863, when he went to Idaho, where he lived five years and was engaged in mining and prospecting.<sup>9</sup>

**1868** From Idaho George went to California, where he lived five years engaged in freighting.<sup>9</sup>

**1873** From California George moved to Nevada where he again engaged in mining unit 1879.<sup>9</sup>

**1876 Hugo Donation Land Claim (DLC)** On July 19, 1876 Caroline Niday and the heirs of Niday were issued a DLC patent for 321.88 acres in Hugo.<sup>6-7</sup>

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## More Information

**1879 - 1883** George moved to Falls City, Nebraska. He was married December 27, 1879, in Falls City to Miss Hirsra or Hersa Hall, a native of Iowa.<sup>9</sup> In 1883 George and Hirsra had one child, a son whose name was David Harvey Stumbo.<sup>9</sup>

**1893 Landowner Charles Sexton** Charles would acquire 160 acres in Hugo under the U. S. government's 1820 Sale-Cash Entry act (Patent 6152).<sup>6-7</sup>  
S½SE Quarter of Sec. 21, T.34S., R.6W., W.M.  
N½NE Quarter of Sec. 28, T.34S., R.6W., W.M.

**1909 Stumbo Hugo Homestead** On April 23, 1909 Clair W. Stumbo was issued a homestead patent for 160 acres in Wolf Creek, Oregon (Patent No. 01898).

**1911** George and his second wife Katie M. Hall Stumbo (married 1901) moved to Prairie City, Oregon. They had two children, one dying in infancy, the second was Fern V. Stumbo.<sup>8&10</sup>

**1915** George W. Stumbo passed April 20, 1915 at Prairie, City, Oregon. He left a son by his first marriage, residing in Colorado, and his wife and daughter Fern, in prairie City. G. W. Stumbo and Katie M. Stumbo are buried in the Prairie City Cemetery.<sup>10</sup>

**Want more information?** Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood*.

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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.

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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.

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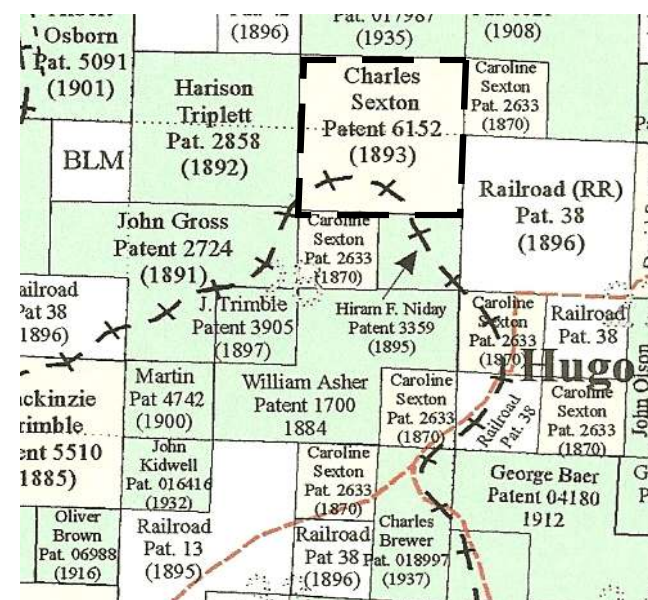
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