

Robert & Clementina Trimble Traveled Oregon Trail: 1852

1846 Robert Trimble and Clementina Packard married July 3, 1846.

1852 “In 1852 Mr. And Mrs. Trimble crossed the plains by ox team and entered the Willamette Valley, settling near Marysville, now Corvallis. They lived there about a year and moved South to Douglas (County). . .”¹ Robert taught his boys blacksmithing.²



May 10, 1861 Anson Turner sold his certificate of location for a 169.89 acre military warrant to Robert Trimble.^{3&4}

1864 On October 20, 1864 Samuel Trimble (unknown relationship) purchased 40 acres 1/4 mile north of the Harris Donation Land Claim on the Applegate Trail in Josephine County (Patent 141).^{5&6}

1865 The Trimbles’ oldest daughter, Eurydica, married Garrett Crockett April 6, 1865.

1866 Douglas County Donation Land Claim From 1853 through 1866 the Trimbles proved up Donation Land Claim Patent No. 655 for 325.9 acres in Douglas County, Oregon. It was issued July 11, 1866 to Robert and Clementine.^{5&6}

1870 Robert Passed In Josephine County “. . . and in 1870 came to Josephine County. Two months after their arrival here Mr. Trimble died, leaving a wife and 12 children, one boy being adopted.”¹ The adopted child may be Elmer, the son of James Justin Packard, a brother of Clementina.

The Trimbles, A Hugo Pioneer Family: 1870 - 1903

1870 Census The head of Household 22, Leland Precinct, was Clementine Trimble.⁷

1880 Census The head of Household 52, Jump Off Joe Precinct, was Clement Trimble.⁷

1885 Hugo Homestead In 1885 Clementina Trimble was issued a homestead patent for 171.66 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. 1781).

On May 9, 1885 Robert and Clementina’s son, Mackenzie, purchased 160 acres of land 3/4 miles north of his folk’s homestead under the cash entry system (Patent 5510).

1895 By 1895 the Trimble’s Hugo homestead was sold, and son Mackenzie’s cash entry was the home place of his sister, Eurydica [Trimble] Crockett, while son William owned the warrant lands.³⁻⁷

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Blacksmiths For At Least Three Generations

1903 Clementina Passed “Died. TRIMBLE – Eight of Mrs. Trimble’s children survive her and are well-known and respected residents of Oregon. Mrs. Garrett Crockett, of Tunnel 9; Mrs. B. A. Williams, Grants Pass; Mrs. C. D. Williams, Dillard; Wm. Trimble, Oregon City; Jas. Trimble, Grants Pass; Mack Trimble, Bridal Veil; John M. And Chars. R. Trimble, of Cathlamet, Wash.”¹

1915 Caroline [Trimble] Williams’ son, Ken Williams, was born 1890 in Grants Pass, Oregon. Ken was 25 years old when he broke into the big leagues in 1915 with the Cincinnati Reds.

Trimble Blacksmiths Robert Trimble was a blacksmith. His two sons William and James (Timble & Cook) were blacksmiths. William’s sons, George and Robert, were blacksmiths. James’ son, Claude, was his assistant.² Present Hugo neighbor, Wayne McKy, used to use the services of blacksmith Claude Trimble.

Pleasant Valley Cemetery (PVC) Robert Trimble has the oldest dated tombstone in the PVC (except for W. A. Gibson’s tombstone dated July 23, 1869). Jacob Miller’s tombstone dates his death as February 27, 1878.

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| 1. Robert Trimble | 1870 |
| 2. Henry Trimble | 1881 |
| 3. Elmer Trimble | 1884 |
| 4. Medissia “Malissa” (Trimble) Rowe | 1887 |
| 5. Clementina Trimble | 1903 |

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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.

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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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*Clementina Trimble's Tombstone
Pleasant Valley Cemetery: Hugo, Oregon*

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