

## “The Meadows”



**1892 Harison Triplett's Hugo Homestead** On March 23, 1892 Harison H. Triplett was issued a homestead patent for 160 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. 2858).<sup>1</sup>

### 1900 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Eveline Martin	Head	OR	1856	44 yrs
James E. Triplett	Son	OR	1878	22 yrs
Henry H. Triplett	Son	OR	1880	20 yrs
Rosa E. Triplett	Dau	OR	1882	18 yrs
William A. Triplett	Son	OR	1886	14 yrs
John Erving	Boarder	MO	1895	5 yrs
James C. Havelors	Boarder	MN	1882	18 yrs

Eveline Martin is Evia Triplett. Perhaps Martin = Murray? Eveline was a farmer. James and Henry were railroad laborers.

**1887 - 1901** Originally “The Meadows” was the 160-acre homestead of the Triplett family, of which two brothers, Harry and Cabe were prominent. It was this family which set out the once - famous fruit orchards. The two Triplett brothers, Harry and Clabe, were the builders of the fair-sized old homestead a two-story frame house for which they hand whip-sawed the lumber. The kitchen section of the building was the first section built, and markings on the lumber are those of the old 10-foot saw which they used.<sup>2</sup>

Hugo would become famous for its fruit orchards, some of them started by the Triplettts.

## The Triplettts, A Hugo Pioneer Family: 1887 - 1902

**Hugo Culture**<sup>3</sup> The three Triplett brothers were the building contractors of the day in Hugo. They build the original Triplett home with lumber from a pitsaw which was a large two-handed saw used to cut logs into planks; while sawing one brother stood above the log and the other in a pit below.

The Triplett's first home was a box building style with whip-sawed boards laid out up and down; you don't need studs. Later they added a two-story frame building (siding is horizontal) to the box building.

They probably built the original Hugo store and the Holgate place. A big pole barn on the Peterson place might have built by the Triplettts. A current neighbor, Norbert Tieman, torn it down and put it back together on his property.

At some point the brothers got into a conflict and the land was divided. William Triplett got 10 acres that later became the Ahern place, and another nice two story house was built there. The other two Triplett brothers got the 150 acres.

**1901** A social dance, under the management of H. W. Triplett and Chas. Bean will be given at the Hugo school house on the evening of March 29.<sup>4</sup>

*Charley Triplett was a passenger on Sunday's south bound train to Alameda to visit his mother.*<sup>5</sup>

**Petersons: 1901** Mr. Peterson has purchased Harry Triplett's farm and is planting potatoes, corn and garden.<sup>6</sup>

## Building Contractors

**Suicide At Hugo: 1902** *We have just heard of the death of Mrs. Triplett of Hugo. She committed suicide by drowning herself in a small pool of water. Her daughter Rosa recently went crazy and was committed to the asylum. Probably that preyed on her mind until it became unbalance. She was an honest upright woman, loved by all. She leaves a host of friends who will mourn her loss.*<sup>7</sup>

**1911** *The marriage of Chas. Triplet and Miss Anna B. McCallister Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup>, and which is more particularly mentioned in another item in this issue was a very pleasant affair and reflects credit on Mr. and Mrs. Baer, at whose home the ceremony took place, as entertainers at such events.*<sup>8</sup>

### Granite Hill Cemetery

Triplett, Blanche	F/30/L2-5
Triplett, Charles	F/30/L2-3
Triplett, Clifford Charles	F/30/L2-7

**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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## 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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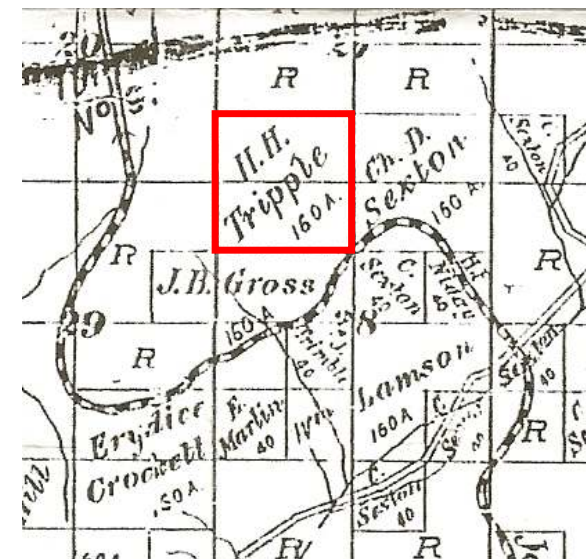
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