

## Walker's Mill Precinct

**1856 Josephine County Created** The county was created January 22, 1856 from the western section of Jackson County.

There were only four families identified on the 1856 General Land Office (GLO) maps for in the middle Jumpoff Joe Creek drainage: Harris, Hines, Wagner, and Widow Niday.<sup>1</sup> However, these maps only identified homes on the section lines and/or withing close view of the section lines being surveyed. For example the Walker brothers were there, but not identified on the GLO map.



### 1860 Josephine County, Oregon Precincts

There were 13 precincts and 559 families in Josephine County in 1860.<sup>2</sup>

1. **Williamburg Precinct** - Family No. 1 - 107
2. **Applegate Precinct** - Family 108 - 117
- 3A. **Walker's Mill Precinct:**  
Slate Creek June 9, 1860 - Family No. 118 - 136
4. **Fort Leland Precinct** - Family No. 137 - 152
- 3B. **Walker's Mill Precinct:**  
Leland June 11, 1860 - Family No. 153 - 175
5. **Galice Precinct** - Family No. 176 - 183
6. **Slate Creek Precinct** - Family No. 184 - 200
7. **Deer Creek Precinct** - Family No. 201 - 209
8. **Illinois River Precinct** - Family No. 210 - 238
9. **Canyon Creek Precinct** - Family No. 239 - 254
10. **Kerbyville Precinct** - Family No. 255 - 319
11. **Waldo Precinct** - Family No. 320 - 431
12. **Browntown Precinct** - Family No. 432 - 559.

## 1860 Federal Census Of Josephine County, Oregon

**Walker Brothers** On September 27, 1850, the United States Congress passed the Donation Land Act. By 1855 Wesley and Augustus Walker had both settled their 160 acre claims at the foot of Walker Mt. Walker's Mill Precinct was named after the Walker brothers. They received their patent certificates in 1866.

### 1860 Walker's Mill Precinct Census: P.O. Slate Creek June 9, 1860

#### Family Number and Family Surname

118	Courcer	128	Trimble
119	Gillenwater	129	Hall
120	Kerby	130	Walker
121	Gragg	131	Turner
122	Tufts	132	Wallace
123	Croxtton	133	Twogood
124	Wolcott	134	Davis
125	Picknell	135	Bock
126	Albridge	136	Evans
127	Welch		

The Applegate Trail remained stable for 28 years in the location of the Jumpoff Joe Creek crossing on Augustus Walker's donation land claim from 1846 through 1874 and perhaps as late as 1891.

Parts of the original Applegate Trail were surveyed by Josephine County in 1874.<sup>3</sup> The 1874 Jumpoff Joe Creek bridge crossing is in the same location as it was in 1856.

1. General Surveyor Office of Oregon. Subdivision Lines For 1856 Map (T.34., R. 6. W., Willamette Meridian). Field Notes. Surveyor Luke G Hyde. Contract February 19, 1855; Surveyed March 31, 1856.

## Walker's Saw Mill

The following surveyed points of the original Applegate Trail crossing were recorded in 1874.

- 213 Mrs. Trimbles [Turner Military Warrant]
- 217 north end of Bridge over Jump off Joe
- 218 **Saw Mill [first Walker's Saw Mill, then Neeleys; mill is 165 feet south of bridge]**
- 219 Mrs. Neeleys [ Mrs. Neeley's house is 363 feet south of bridge]
- 222 Small Creek Course N. W.

### 1860 Walker's Mill Precinct Census: P.O. Leland June 11, 1860

#### Family Number and Family Surname

153	Olds	165	Ah Ling
154	Gibson	166	Ah Toy
155	Appleton	167	Fong Sue
156	Umpqua	168	Sow Long
157	Dinsmore	169	Sing Kew
158	Sanders	170	Douglass
159	Witt	171	Martin
160	Ah Lee	172	Stevens
161	Ah Que	173	Nowell
162	Wa Soon	174	Herron
163	Aue Sing	175	Rood
164	Wa Wee		

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2. End of Trail Researchers. 1974. *1860 Josephine County, Oregon Census*. Transcribed by Harley Raskin. Lebanon, OR.

3. Alex Watts, Josephine County Surveyor. 1874. *Road Viewer Book 1, Road Survey Number 12*. Book 1, Pages 40 - 45, May 20 1874.

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### 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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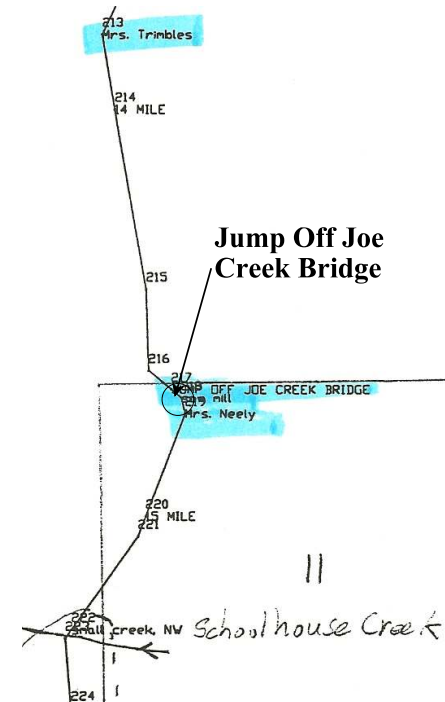
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Point 218 (Saw Mill),  
Just South of Joe Creek Bridge,  
Originally Walker's Mill: 1874

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