
Thomas J. Bryant: Military Warrant

Thomas J. Bryant

Born: 1845 Illinois
Father's Birth Place: Tennessee
Mother's Birth Place: Indiana

Avarilla Bryant

Born: 1850 Ohio
Father's Birth Place: Virginia
Mother's Birth Place: Indiana

Daughter Arvilla Bryant

Born: 1876

Son Thomas M. Bryant

Born: 1882



Military Warrants Before the Civil War, veterans were given warrants entitling them to a specified number of acres of public domain land for service in military engagements. Hugo has three military warrants for military service.

1896 Thomas J. Bryant Military Warrant On January 18, 1896 Thomas Bryant was issued a military warrant for 80 acres along the Applegate Trail in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. D143). The grant was under the authority of the March 17, 1842 Script or Nature of Scrip Act (5 Stat. 607).¹⁻³

This 80 acres is two forties orientated east-west across Hall's Draw. It is north and adjacent to the Harris donation land claim at approximately the location of today's entrance to the Josephine County Sportsman Park entrance.

The Thomas Bryant Family, Hugo Pioneers: ca., 1890s - 1910s

Marriages Arvilla Bryant married G. J. Soleman August 17, 1904 (Vol. 5, p. 33). T. M. Bryant married Clara M. E. Soleman (daughter of J. T. Soleman) August 18, 1904 (Vol. 5, p. 34).

Hall's Draw Hall's tombstone at the entrance to the park and the southern entrance to a draw in the general location of JA-5 and JA-6 is the rationale for the naming of the draw as Hall's Draw.⁴

Bryant's warrant is a relatively late warrant as the good prairie and pasture land to the north and south in Schoolhouse and Harris creeks has been in private property since the early 1860s. The warrant does have a small tributary of Harris Creek which may have been perennial. Hall's Draw also had a small amount of bottom land.

Applegate Trail The Bryant warrant is exactly astride the Applegate Trail which is clearly depicted on the 2007 Josephine County Assessor maps:

"Approx. Center Line Territorial Road Willamette Valley to Jacksonville."

This same trail location is almost exactly the title used on the 1856 GLO map: *"Road from Willamette Valley to Jacksonville"* The trail continues north from the warrant through the Josephine County Sportsman Park, and to the northwest over I-5 down Schoolhouse Creek.

1. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), General Land Office (GLO) Records. 2007. Official Federal Land Records Site. Internet.
2. Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Hugo Pioneers*. Map Of Federal Land Transfer in Hugo, Oregon. Hugo, OR.
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General Land Office (GLO) Field Survey Notes For Applegate Trail

1856 GLO Field Notes: JA-5 & JA-6⁵ The Applegate Trail was surveyed in 1856 on what would become the Bryant warrant. Two surveyed points are in Hall's Draw: 1. Harris Road 2 (Creek) ■ JA-5, and 2. Harris Road 3 (Pond) ■ JA-6.

1895 Official Map of Josephine County There is a potential conflict as the Bryant warrant was issued in 1896 which is a year later than the 1895 county map which shows the land as being owned by W. H. Flanagan.⁵

1900 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Thomas Bryant	Head	IL	1845	55 yrs
Avarilla Bryant	Wife	OH	1851	49 yrs
Arvilla M. Bryant	Dau	NV	1876	24 yrs
Thomas M. Bryant	Son	NV	1883	17 yrs

In 1900 Thomas Bryant was a farmer; his son Thomas M. was a farm laborer.

Pleasant Valley Cemetery⁸

- Bryant, Arvilla, born 1/8/1819, died 3/26/1885
- Bryant, Alonzo, born 1840, died 1889

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

4. Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Lewis Heath: Indian Fighter*. Hugo, OR.
5. General Land Office. 1856. *Subdivision Lines T. 35 S. R. 6 N.* GLO Field Notes For 1856 GLO Map: T. 35S., R. 6W., Willamette Meridian.
6. Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Samuel Trimble: Hugo Pioneer*. Hugo, OR.
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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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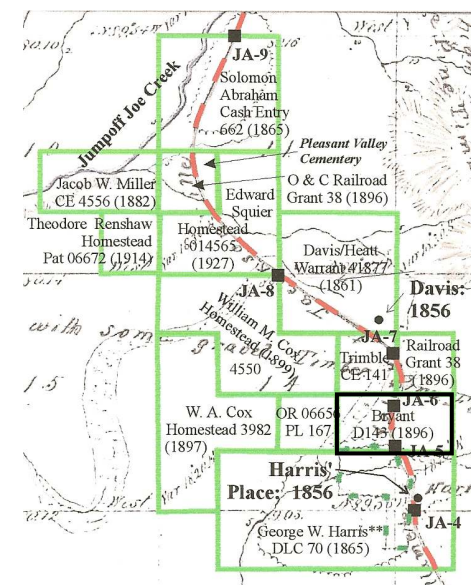
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