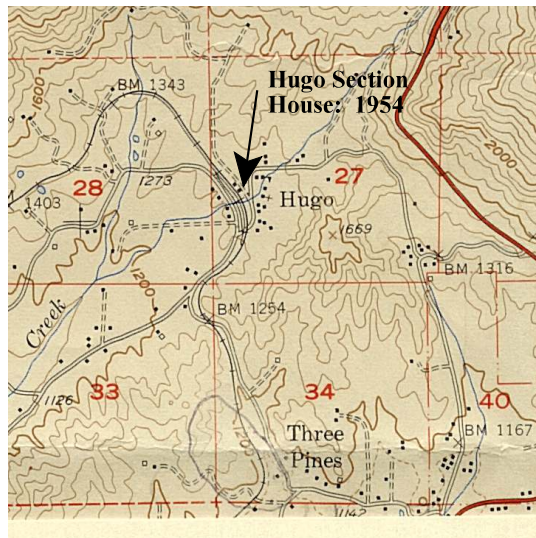


## Hugo Section House

The Southern Pacific Railroad finished building a new Section House in Hugo proper during the summer of 1913. Nine-year old Orville Dingler always figured his father, Fred Dingler, Section Foreman, has been a major factor in getting the Section House moved from Tunnel No. 9 to Hugo.

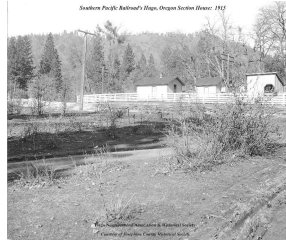
The section house property had a two-story house, bunk house, woodshed, toolshed, and pump house. Orville thought the section house was quite nice with two bedrooms and a storage room upstairs and one bedroom downstairs.

The Dingler Family, Fred and Maude, and children Belle, Orville, Juanita, and Ethel, was the first family to live in the new place. The family had brand new oil lamps for light and every morning Maude would wash the lamps.



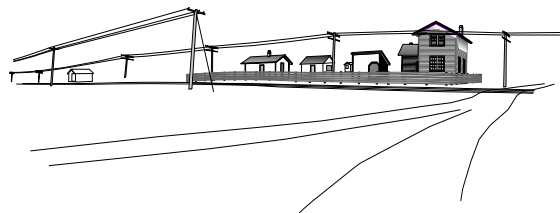
## Death At Southern Pacific Railroad's Section House

Mr. Columbus L. Dillen was killed March 7, 1916 on the old railroad crossing right next to where the Dinglers were living in the section house. Mr. Dillen was married to the sister of Wayne and Blaine McKy's grandmother. Wayne became a railroad man himself from 1951 - 1955 when he worked as a member of the Hugo Section Gang.



Dillon's son-in-law was driving a new car when Dillon got killed as they were traveling over the old railroad crossing. The second and present

Hugo crossing was located further south by the new railroad depot. But Dillon did not like to go out of their way to the new crossing and proceeded to cross the railroad at the old crossing's location. The car got stuck on the railroad tracks at the same time the train was coming which caused the accident.



*Hugo Section House: 1915*

## More Information



*Hugo Section House: 1916*



*Wayne Mcky and John Pugmire (JCHS Living History Player - Fred Dingler) at Location of Hugo Section House: 2003*

Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community's history projects.

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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 promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

### Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote the social welfare of the citizens of the area by working to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and by preserving, protecting, and enhancing the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. 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. Make checks to the *Hugo Neighborhood* and send them our Treasurer. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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