

## Perkin's Ferry; Long's Ferry; Vannoy's Ferry

**Overview** Hugo, Oregon like most places has its Native American history, some known, most not. This brochure is part of Hugo's Native American Brochure Series.<sup>1</sup>



**Vannoy Rogue River Ford** Prior to the ferry pioneers had to ford the Rogue River.

**Vannoy's Ferry**<sup>2</sup> "Vannoy's Ferry began service in the early 1850s. The ferry was first operated in 1851 by Joel Perkins, later a resident of Lafayette, Oregon, and next by a man named Long. It was thus known as Perkins' Ferry and as Long's Ferry (Reinhart 1962:109). On August 31, 1853 pioneers settlers and Indians engaged in a battle at this site which resulted

in no known losses to the Indians but two deaths and six wounded among the settlers. An anonymous writer, "Ranger," reported these events in the *Oregon Statesman* and claimed that the affair involved the Grave Creek Takelmans (Anonymous 1853a). On September 7 volunteer soldiers, scouting on the Applegate captured Chief Taylor, also known as Tyee

Jim, took him to what was described as Holstead's Ferry and there on September 9 executed him (Anonymous 1853b)."



**Rogue River Ford**

## Vannoy's Ferry - 1855 GLO "Van Noys" Ferry

**Windlass Ferry** "Sam Mathis, a resident of Rogue River, Oregon, in 1942, talked with John P. Harrington about the ferry:

"Sam crossed Venoy's ferry from S[outh] side to n[orth] side & up river. The Venoy ferry was a windlass, he thinks.

Have a windlass in middle of boat, & your ropes go to either end & one entwined & other slacks just wind them by hand" Harrington 1981[2]:485."



**Pioneer Ferry**

**Ferry Charges** "Jack Sutton wrote that in 1851 James Vannoy and James Tufts purchased Long's Ferry at this site and later (at no set year) charged the following tolls:"

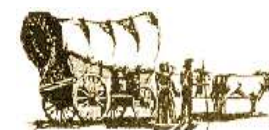
**"Foot passengers same as unloaded animals"**

"Unloaded wagon, \$1.00"  
 "Loaded wagon, \$1.50"  
 "Yoke of oxen, \$.25"  
 "1 sheep or hog, \$.25"  
 "Any other loaded animal, \$.25"  
 "Unloaded, , \$.12 1/2"  
 "Foot passengers same as unloaded animals"

## Ferry Charges

### 1855 Oregon General Land Office Survey Notes

1855 GLO Subdivisions, West on True Line Between Sections 16 and 21, T.36S., R.6W., W.M. Page 127.



#### Chains

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|-------|---|
| 40.30 | Set qr Sec Post [40.30 chains = 2,659.8 ']  |
| 48.00 | <b>Road</b> from Van Noys to Willamette [48.00 chains = 3,168']                                 |
| 55.50 | <b>Van Noys Barn</b> bearing South about 2.5 chs dist [55.5 chains = 3,663'; 2.5 chains = 165'] |
| 59.50 | <b>Van Noys House</b> Bearing South about 5 ch dist.[59.5 chains = 3,927'; 5 chains = 330']     |

**1856 GLO Map**<sup>3</sup> The GLO map clearly identifies the ferry as the "Van Noya Ferry".

1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. January 1, 2010. *Program Overview: Native Americans of Hugo, Oregon*. Hugo, OR.

2. Beckham, Stephen Dow. September 30, 1993. *Takelman And Athapascan Lifeways And History, Rogue River Corridor – Applegate River To Grave Creek: Investigations For Interpretive Programs*. Submitted to BLM

Medford District. Heritage Research Associates, Inc. Eugene, OR.

3. 1856 GLO Base Map General Surveyor Office of Oregon. 8<sup>th</sup> Standard Parallel, Township Lines, Subdivisions, & Meanders For 1856 Map (T.36., R. 6. W., Willamette Meridian). Field Notes. Surveyors Lake & Hyed. Contract 54 Awarded



February 19, 1855; Surveyed March 31, 1856.

## 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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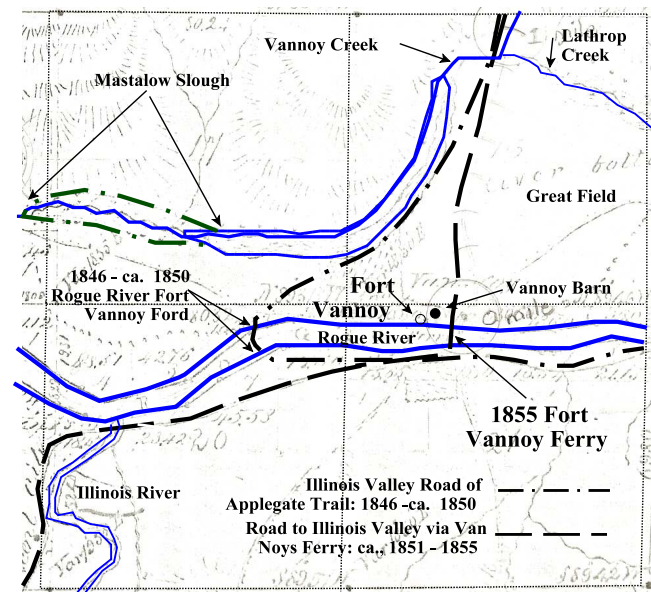
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## Beckham's Notes On Vannoy Ferry ("Van Noy Ferry")



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**Fort Vannoy Ferry: 1855**  
("Van Noy Ferry")  
1856 GLO Base Map

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