

T.36S., R.6W., W.M.

Overview Hugo, Oregon like most places has its Native American history, some known, most not.¹



Atwood's GLO Surveyors Notes² are in two parts; this is Part II of II. The following information on GLO contract No. 54 is from *Chaining Oregon*.

The surveyors encountered miners of the Illinois River's tributary streams. In the mining district known as Sailor's Diggings, men crowded on claims along Sailor, Scotch, and Allen gulches, while in other areas the placers had already been exhausted. On the East Fork Illinois River in T.40S., R.7W., the surveyors found the formerly gold-rich stream almost mined out. In the upper Illinois Valley, the surveyors visited Waldo, supply town for the mining region. Developed in 1853 as a mining camp of temporary canvas tents and crude log structures, Waldo was named for a California gubernatorial candidate when the site



Surveyors' Half Chain

was mistakenly assumed to be in that state rather than in Oregon. By the time Lake and Hyde visited the community, Waldo had a bowling alley, butcher shop, blacksmith, brewery, stores, hotels and saloons along its single east-west street. Pack trains running from Crescent City to Jacksonville were linked to the town by a branch trail, carrying equipment and supplies to the mines.

GLO Surveyors: June - August 1855

Atwood² As the hot summer wore on, mining dried up along the creeks and tensions simmered between Indians and restless miners. Hearing reports of random killings in the mountains, Lake and Hyde hurried their subdivisions and, at the end of the first week in August, finished the contract.

The surveyors separated and headed in different directions; Wells Lake, James

Dickey, and Thomas Payne went to Jacksonville to swear their oaths to the district court clerk while Truax and Addington traveled to Grave Creek, where McDonough Harkness, a justice of the peace and now proprietor of Bates and Twogood's old inn, would witness their pledges. **George Hyde and a few men traveled north to Salem where, on August 28, Shunk, McConnell, Griffiths, and Small swore to completing Contract 54. Hyde made his own affidavit in Salem on September 7.²**

This completed the GLO township and subdivision surveys in the Rogue River Valley.



Early Surveyor Crew

1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. January 1, 2010. *Program Overview: Native Americans of Hugo, Oregon*. Hugo, OR.
2. Atwood, Kay. 2008. *Chaining Oregon: Surveying the Public Lands of the Pacific Northwest; 1851 - 1855*. The McDonald & Woodward Publishing Company. Pages 196 - 202. Blacksburg, Virginia.
3. BLM Field Notes, vol. OR R0045, p. 0607.0; vol. OR-R0045, p. 0159.0, and vol. OR-R0045, p. 0159B.

Indian Troubles

1855 GLO Subdivision Survey Notes, West on True Line Between Sections 16 and 21, T.36S., R.6W., W.M.³

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

Chains

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

1856 GLO Base Map³
General Surveyor Office of Oregon. 8th 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. The 1856 GLO map is in conflict with the when the contract was surveyed (Section IV.C).



Early Surveyors

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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