

Southern Pacific Railroad

The first rail out of Portland was laid in 1869 and by December, 1872, the tracks were completed to Roseburg. Construction of the O & C Railroad was resumed from Roseburg in 1881. Grave Creek Tunnel, better known in later years as Tunnel No. 9, was completed north of Hugo July 4. The first official train arrived in Grants Pass December 2, 1883.^{1&2}



Alta Station: 1883; Leland Station: 1898

David Peterson Family: wife Rosana, Children David, Joseph, John E., Roy W. Iva E., Daniel E., and Henry H.
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Old Alta station dedicated December 1, 1883.³ Southern Pacific Railroad acquired control in 1884 and the “last spike” or final ceremony in that railroad was driven at Ashland, Oregon in December 17, 1887, connecting Oregon and California.^{1&2} Station renamed Leland by Southern Pacific in August of 1888. By Petition Altamont was changed to Leland December 15, 1892.³

Leland Depot Mile Post 494.1

Leland was formerly called "Maloneyville" and "Altamont;" it was established in 1882. The founder of Leland, Edward Maloney, owned the first saloon in the town.⁴

The post office was established on April 16, 1884 by Ben Parker. William H. Dodd established the post office under the name of Leland on December 15, 1892.⁴

Leland was established mainly because of two reasons: 1) it was the major camp for building the railroad from 1882 to 1883; 2) in 1884 it became a supply center for the Grave Creek watershed with mining and mercantile stores.⁴

The oldest hydraulic mine was located a quarter of a mile west of town in 1878 by Roseburg merchants Criteser and Rast. The Goff Mine, established by John Goff in 1886, is about one-half mile north of the townsite. The third largest mine is located approximately one mile west of Leland. Originally patented by James Twogood in 1859, it went through various ownerships until the Lewis Investment Company of Portland, Oregon purchased it and other claims adjoining it.⁴

These three large mines ran for many years and produced unknown quantities of gold.⁴

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Alta Station: 1883 Renamed Leland Station: 1888



**New Leland Station: January 27, 1910
Mile Post 494.1**

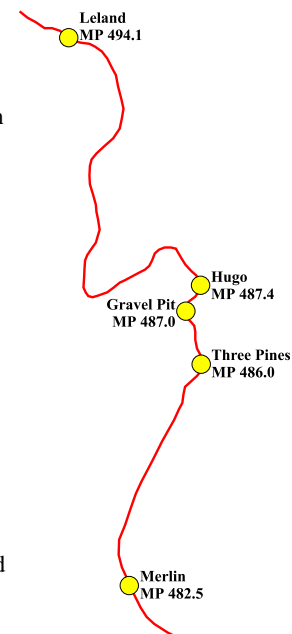
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This brochure is one of five in the “depot” series.

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Mile posts (MP) are in railroad miles from San Francisco.



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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Leland Depot

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Leland Depot: ca., 1892
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