
Pleasant Valley Cemetery (PVC): 1880s - 2008

The tombstone analysis documented a comparative analysis of stone in the *Quarry Site* and tombstones in the PVC. It is a companion and supporting document to the assessment entitled, *Hugo Granite Tombstone Quarry Site: Preliminary Resource Assessment*.¹⁻³



The hypothesis tested was if the *Quarry Site* provided tombstones for the PVC during the quarry's operational years from ca., 1880s to 1929 when it ceased operation. The purpose of the analysis was to conduct and document a visual comparative analysis of rubble, squared, and finished stones at, or from, the *Quarry Site*, and tombstones in the PVC.

The historic *Quarry Site* was operational ca., 1880s through 1929. The Hugo Tombstone Quarry Inventory Stewards felt it classified as a site and had a high probability of qualifying for the National Register of Historic Places. The site possesses significance in American history, archeology, engineering, and culture when evaluated within the historic context of Josephine County's history.

Regionally the *Quarry Site* is a rare site as there were, and are, no other known granitic tombstone quarries in Josephine County. The site retains its integrity in relation to the aspects of location, design, setting, workmanship, materials, and association to several historic contexts. Historically the site is related to the Applegate Trail, Oregon & California Railroad, the emigrant PVC, and homesteading.

Tombstone Analysis: 1880s - 1920s

The site is a time capsule of old quarrying and tombstone shaping techniques without the use of modern transportation and stone cutting technology.

The tombstone analysis conducted and documented a visual comparative analysis of rubble, squared, and finished stones at, or from, the *Quarry Site* and tombstones in the PVC. Over three dozen tombstones in the PVC were evaluated as having an extremely high probability of coming from the tombstone quarry as identical-looking stones, including rubble, drill marked, squared and flat finished tombstones, which can be found at the quarry and the PVC.



Quarry Site Stones With Tombstone Characteristics

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1. Hugo Neighborhood, Josephine County Historical Society (JCHS), Rogue Advocates, et. al. 2007. *Hugo Granite Tombstone Quarry Site: Preliminary Resource Assessment*. Two volumes. Hugo, OR.
 2. Hugo Neighborhood, JCHS, Rogue Advocates et. al. 2007. *Assessment Of Proposed Pioneer Meadow Subdivision Containing Applegate Trail Resources*. Hugo, OR.

Hugo Granite Tombstone Quarry Site (*Quarry Site*): 1880s - 1929

Besides numerous base stones, there were several tombstones exhibiting multiple tombstone characteristics (i.e., 1. squared side, 2. flat trim finish, and 3. polished finish) supporting the hypothesis that the *Quarry Site* provided tombstones for the PVC during the quarry's operational years.

The Evertte - Elizabeth Neeley tombstone (1898 & 1904) has a granite base stone and a granite vertical tombstone. It is the PVC's best single example of one vertical tombstone exhibiting four tombstones characteristics: 1. squared stone, 2. flat trim finish and flat finish, 3. polished finish, and 4. inclusion. The vertical tombstone is especially good at demonstrating the contrasts of separate workings and their very different appearances.



Quarry Site Comparison Stone & Evertte-Elizabeth Neeley Tombstone

In summary, the visual comparison analysis provided solid evidence that the *Quarry Site* provided stones for the PVC.

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

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3. . Hugo Neighborhood & JCHS. 2007. *Pleasant Valley Cemetery "Tombstone Quarry" Granitic Tombstones: 1880s - 1920s*. Hugo, OR.

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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