

Jacksonville Road (JR) Ford No. 5: 1846 - 1847¹

Applegate Wagon Trains: 1846 - 1847 The JR Ford No. 5, Schoolhouse Creek Ford, is identified on the 1856 GLO map.²⁻⁴ It was not located at the western edge of the Pleasant Valley Cemetery (PVC) as identified on the 1874 survey and the 1895 county map as there are no 1855 GLO survey notes for the JR, Applegate Trail (Trail), on the north and south section line between sections 10 and 11.

The 1855 GLO survey for Schoolhouse Creek documents that Schoolhouse Creek is 3.3 feet wide and Jumpoff Joe Creek is 19.8 feet wide.³

Diaries, Journals and Reminiscences: 1846 - 1847
<http://www.jeffnet.org/~hugo/applegat.htm>.⁵ Levi Scott, 1846 and 1847 wagon train leader, did not report crossing the minor Schoolhouse Creek. He reported the 1846 Jumpoff Joe Creek crossing:

“In two or three days after passing this place, we reached the Jump-off-Jo, where the road cutters had again done nothing, and we were compelled to stop and cut our way through to the open ground beyond, which occupied us for several hours, working all the available force of the company.”

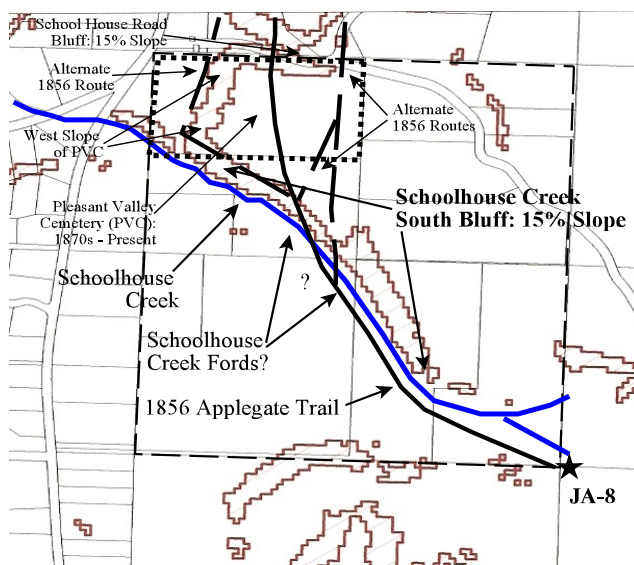
1874 County Survey identifies the original *Trail* crossing of Jumpoff Joe Creek and it is believed the evolved trail from Jumpoff Joe Creek to Schoolhouse Creek as identified on the 1895 county map.⁶

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Schoolhouse Creek Ford

1895 Official Josephine County Map The official 1895 map of Josephine County locates the Trail at the western boundary of the PVC and on the south side of Schoolhouse Creek.⁷

2007 Applegate Trail Location The Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee's field research corroborates the 1895 map that by that date the location of the Trail was not through the PVC, but adjacent to it at its western boundary. The Committee feels it has located the Trail's wagon ford location over Schoolhouse Creek, and a later bridge location long gone from the memories of local residents.⁸



1856 Applegate Trail Schoolhouse Creek Ford

General Land Office (GLO) Surveys & Maps

Merlin Quadrangle: 1998⁹ The topographic map, Josephine County Planning Office's 15% slope map, and field work suggest that the 1856 Trail located in the PVC was east or west of its map location. Alternative 1 to the 1856 map would have been just to the east of the School House Road Bluff where field research from the public road and PVC fits the slope data. Alternate 2 is also a close fit at the base of the west slope of the PVC. Alternate 2 has a higher probability due to the GLO recorded southwest direction of the road from JA-9.

Old 1856 GLO Ford There are four possible fords for JR Ford No. 5 along approximately 300 feet of Schoolhouse Creek at the location shown on the 1856 GLO map. Slope from creek north to PVC would support wagon use.

Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in land use and history.

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8. Hugo Neighborhood, Josephine County Historical Society, & Rogue Advocates. May 12, 2008. *Applegate Trail & Pleasant Valley Cemetery*. Hugo, OR.
9. USGS. 1998. *Merlin Quadrangle*. 7.5 minute topographic series, scale 1:24,000, and contour interval 40 feet. (Sexton Mountain Quadrangle - 1996, Merlin Quadrangle - 1998, Glendale Quadrangle - 1996).

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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.

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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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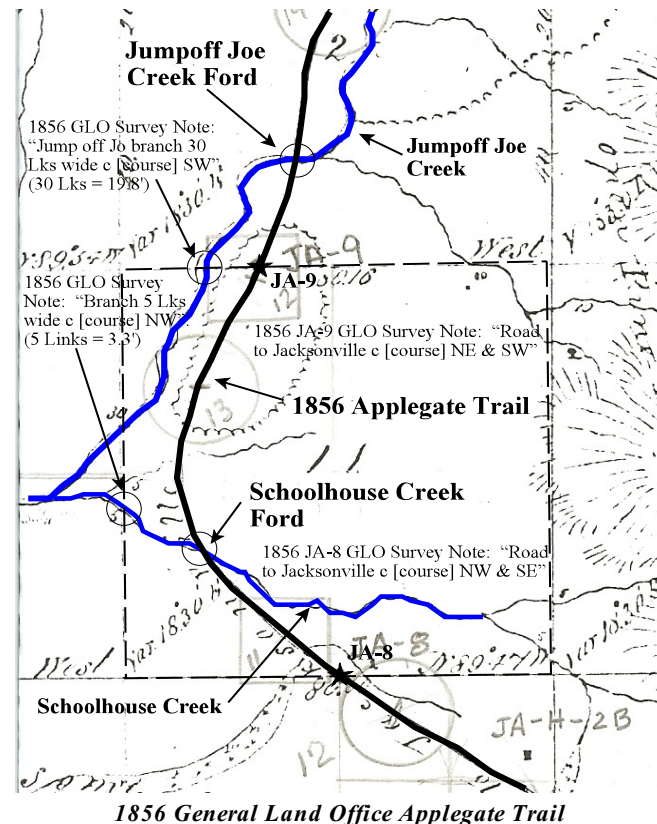
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