
Postmaster Appointment Records & NARA

Like all our history projects this project is part of a program in which the *Hugo Neighborhood* aims to promote the social welfare of its Hugo and county neighbors by working to preserve, protect, and enhance their rural livability through recording their rich community history.

Postal records prior to 1971 are kept at the National Archives and Records Administration. Two of the records most useful to postal historians, postmaster appointment records and post office site location reports, are preserved on microfilm.



The primary source for information on post offices and postmasters in western United States is Microfilm Publication M841, Record of Appointment of Postmasters, 1832-September 30, 1971. This record shows the names of post offices, the dates of their establishment and discontinuance, name changes, and names and appointment dates of postmasters.

Site location reports typically show the location of post offices relative to other post offices, transportation routes, and facilities; some include small grid maps. The series has been reproduced in Microfilm Publication M1126, Post Office Department Reports of Site Locations, 1837-1950.

Historically, there were six post offices in the Hugo, Oregon region; none remain today.

Post Office Site Location Reports

Hugo: 1896 - 1956 Hugo's history is rooted in farming, orcharding, lumbering, and railroading. Its first name, Gravel Pit Station, was a railroad name after the railroad was built in 1883. Its name change came with its first proposed post master, Thess May Hall Henry, December 1895. Thess became the first post master August 22, 1896. The second post master was William Henry, October 29, 1897. The Hugo Post Office was named after a local homesteader, Hugo Garber.

Leland (Leland - Fort Leland - Grave - Grave Creek - Sunny Valley): 1855 - 1954 First post master was McDonough Harkness.

Lucky Queen: 1876 - 1896 The Lucky Queen Post Office was named after the Lucky Queen mine to the east up Jumpoff Joe Creek. Its first post master was David Sexton; second was Frank Niday in 1879; and third and last was Charles Sexton in 1886.

Mountain: 1908 - 1913 Mountain was a lumber mill town. It had a unique 11.5 mile lumber flume to Three Pines at the Southern Pacific Railroad. Its first post master was Allison Burnham.

Three Pines: 1911- 1921 Three Pines was a lumber planning mill/railroad terminal/fruit orchard town. Its first post master was W. E. Daniel.

Winona (Gorham - Winona): 1897 - 1905 It had a history of lumbering, mining, and farming and was named after the Winona ranch. Its first post master was Herbert M. Gorham.

More Information

We are involved because we believe the quality of rural life in Hugo and Josephine County is enhanced through citizen knowledge of its history and the sense of community that a historical perspective facilitates.

The first Hugo Post Office building was a simple affair located within 30 feet of the Southern Pacific Railroad (middle right structure in photograph).



Hugo, Oregon: ca., 1900

This brochure is the first of several in the "post office" series numbered 1 through 7.

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More Information. Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* if you are interested in becoming involved in the history of our area.

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.

Voluntary membership dues are \$10.00 annually and will be 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.

Hugo Neighborhood Association

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Post Offices:
Hugo Region



From 1782 to 1837, the U. S. Postal Service used the Roman god Mercury as its symbol. This was replaced in 1837 with a running pony, which was itself superceded by an eagle in 1970. In the 1990s, the eagle was redesigned again so that it was just the head

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