

General Land Office (GLO) Surveyed Points of Interest (POIs): 1893 JA-15 South Rat Creek to 1855 JA-16 Old Stage Road

Map 2. Jacksonville Road (JR) Of Applegate Trail (Trail): 1874 Josephine County's First Road Base Map: 1874 Josephine County Survey¹

September 3, 2010 This 1874 county road is a surveyed road with many features accurately located along the road, but survey does not tie into any surveyed corner or monument, and can not be accurately located.

Chard¹ was able to establish it's general location and relationship to today's roads with an AutoCAD program by plotting the survey notes. Chard identified the boundaries of Section 14.

The old 1874 road is partially composed of today's Warner Road, Railroad Avenue, Edgewood Road, Sunny Valley Loop, **Old Stage Road**, Hugo Road, Oxyoke Road, Monument Drive, Grants Pass Road, Camp Joy Road and Highland Avenue.

Applicable here are three survey notes (i.e., points) in or near the border of Section 14 (Map 2).

- Point 180 **McMichael's House**
- Point 180 [Close to JA-16]
- Point 184 **Small Stream** course NW, **Leave Road**
- Point 187 **Strike Road**
- Point 191 **Ascend Hill** [Close to JA-15]

Henry B. McMichael was an early settler in the Grave Creek drainage. He would own several large parcels of land. In 1869 he purchased 40 acres and built a house along the Applegate Trail in Rat Creek (Cash-Entry, May 1, 1869, Patent No. 2060) north and adjacent to Section 14 (Map 2).

Survey point 184 locates the Trail, and more, it indicates that the survey had been along the Trail, although the survey does not indicate for what distance. Survey point 187 notes that the Trail was again located. Survey point 191 suggests that the Trail started ascending just past JA-15.

Footnote 1. On July 11, 1997, Bob Chard, Engineering Technician III, Josephine County Public Works, developed a report on a road established by the Josephine County Commissioners on April 9, 1874 (Commissioner's Book 2, Page 261). Alex Watts, County Surveyor at that time, did a survey of the route. It is recorded as part of the Road Viewers Report as Road Number 12 (Book 1, Pages 40-45, May 20, 1874, copy enclosed).

