

**THREE PINES TIMBER COMPANY
&
THE TOWN OF THREE PINES HISTORY PROJECT**



**Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society
Josephine County Historical Society**



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Three Pines Timber Company and the Town of Three Pines History Project is part of Hugo's settler brochure series. It is a stand alone project co-sponsored by both the Josephine County Historical Society (JCHS) and the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (Hugo Neighborhood) for the period c.a. 1903 - 1920s. It is a candidate for being the theme for the 2012 Hugo History Day XII (if one is held). The major components of this project follow.

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The *Three Pines Timber Company and the Town of Three Pines History Project* will be web published on the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's site.

I. TOWN OF THREE PINES

A. Investors

On May 30, 1911 George A. Steel and Cora Steel dedicated to the free use of the Public all the land represented as Streets, Alleys, Drives, Roads, Walks, and Places upon the plat of Three Pines in Josephine County State of Oregon.

The Three Pines Timber Company has established a small sawmill and is now pushing a flume out to the railroad and will be prepared to operate on a large scale in the early spring. It is their intention to increase their mill capacity upon the completion of the flume and to erect a large planing mill and box factory on the railroad. About six miles of the flume is already built and Regis & Mitchell, the contractors, have a large force of men at work on the remainder. Ed Savage has been working on the Three Pines Timber Company's flume

George Steel Family: Hugo Settlers (Platted Town of Three Pines; Settler brochure 381)
Regis & Mitchell, the contractors
Ed Savage, who has been working on the Three Pines Timber Company's flume

The town site, which is to be platted next week by H.L. Reynolds of Grants Pass, is to be located on the Jeb Anderson farm. George F. Howland and J.D. Cook are managers of a large mining company, of which is backing the enterprise.

H.L. Reynolds of Grants Pass
Anderson Family: Hugo's Pioneers (Brochure 3 Of Hugo's Pioneer Brochure Series)
George F. Howland and J.D. Cook are managers (see Settler brochures 177 & 72; Section III.A.)

The contract has closed for the opening of a large general merchandise store by Garman and Hemenway who now have a large store in Grants Pass and in Cottage Grove. Their building will be 30 feet by 70 feet, with a warehouse 30 feet by 50 feet.

Garman and Hemenway, large general merchandise store.

On March 28, 1902, Jefferson D. Cook and G. E. Howland were engaged in a placer mining enterprise in Josephine County, Oregon, operating the mine and holding title through the Hydraulic Mining Company. About this time they conceived the idea of embarking in certain timber and lumbering enterprises, and to that end desired to acquire timber lands and carry on a saw-milling business. In order to finance their operations, they procured Elizabeth A. Smith to loan them the sum of \$12,500 with which to acquire timber lands from the Oregon-California Railroad Company, and otherwise to finance their operations.

Elizabeth A. Smith

B. Businesses/Services: Town of Three Pines

Three Pines Depot	(Railroad/Depot brochure 4)
Three Pines Post Office: 1911 - 1921	(Post Office brochure 6)
Gordon Cochrane Family: Early Hugo Pioneers	(Pioneer brochure 11, 3 P School)
George Baer Family: Federal Census	(Settler brochure 13)
George Baer Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 14)
Levi Corliss, Early Brick Maker	(Settler brochure 73)
E. S. Corliss Hotel	(Settler brochure 74)
Levi Corliss Shingle Mill	(Settler brochure 76)
Watson E. Daniel, Three Pines Postmaster: 1911 - 1921	(Settler brochure 81B)
Damon Davis: Three Pines Wood Work Factory	(Settler brochure 84)

Emroy Davis Three Pines Merchant	(Settler brochure 85)
Damon Davis Mystery Well	(Settler brochure 86)
Rev. Mark C. Davis	(Settler brochure 87)
Fred Farwell Family & Farwell Construction Co.	(Settler brochure 119)
Historic Three Pines School	(Settler brochure 207)
Edwin Kolkow Family & Oxyoke Service Station	(Settler brochure 237)
Mittlestett's Three Pines Store	(Settler brochure 287)
William Rolf, Burrell Orchards Superintendent	(Settler brochure 345)
Three Pines' Early Homes: 1900 - 1930s	(Settler brochure 393)

C. Families: Town of Three Pines

Charles Agee Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 4A)
Dan Agee Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 4B)
George Barton Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 23)
Raleigh Bowers Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 36)
John Henry Brazille Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 39)
John Henry Brazille Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 40)
Bryon Coburn Family: Hugo Settlers (Pigs Place)	(Settler brochure 67)
H.A. Corliss Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 75)
George Deane Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 90)
B. M. Estey Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 115)
Eli Garner Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 124)
Frantz Garner Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 125)
Doran Grimes Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 138)
George Grimes Family: Federal Census	(Settler brochure 139)
Lorraine Grimes Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 140)
Soloman Grimes Family: Federal Census	(Settler brochure 141)
Verlin Grimes Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 142)
Mr. Huggins: Hugo Settler	(Settler brochure 180)
Franz Koehler Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 233)
Charles Kolkow Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 234)
Clarence Kolkow Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 235)
Edwin Kolkow Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 236)
Ralph Kolkow Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 238)
Silas & Ida Ludwick Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 250)
Elmer Ludwick Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 251)
Harold Ludwick Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 252)
Vernon Ludwick: Hugo Settler	(Settler brochure 253)
Vernon Ludwick & Hugo's Music	(Settler brochure 254)
McGowan Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 272)
William Vanderbilt Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 400A)
William Vanderbilt Family: Federal Census	(Settler brochure 400B)
Ira Wagoner Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 404)
Frank Williams Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 417)

Fred Wilson Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 420)
John Wiseman Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 425)
David Wright Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 428)
George Wright Family: Hugo Settlers	(Settler brochure 429)

II. THREE PINES TIMBER COMPANY: 1903 - 1921

Three Pines Timber Company's Beginnings (Final Settler brochure 394)
Three Pines Timber Company's Promotion (Final Settler brochure 395)
Three Pines Timber Company's Endings (Final Settler brochure 396)

A. Incorporators

In 1903 the Three Pines Timber Co. was incorporated by four investors in Medford, Oregon. The incorporators were the following.

Alfred Reames: Early Hugo Investor (Final Settler brochure 333A)
Alfred Reames Family: Federal Census (Final Settler brochure 333B)
George Howland Family: Hugo Settlers (Final Settler brochure 177)
J. D. Cook Family: Hugo Settlers (Final Settler brochure 72A)
J. D. Cook Family: Federal Census (Final Settler brochure 72B)
W. I. Vawter Treasurer, Three Pines Timber Co. (Final Settler brochure 401A)
W. I. Vawter Family, Federal Census (Final Settler brochure 401B)

B. Mountain Sawmill

The Three Pines sawmill, which is located at Mountain, will commence the manufacture of lumber again within the next ten days after having been idle for many months. The plant, one of the best known in the southern Oregon country, has been taken over by A. B. Frame of Portland, and will be operated by Buckley Bros., late of Silverton. The Messrs. Buckley were in Grants Pass Thursday arranging for help and supplies. The mill will employ from forty to fifty men, and will run on full time from the start.

A. B. Frame of Portland, takes over the Three Pines sawmill

Buckley Bros., late of Silverton

Hanson Darnielle Family: Hugo Settlers (Settler brochure 83)

1920 Josephine Lumber Company is planning to erect a sawmill. The Josephine Lumber company is the concern which bought out the Three Pines Timber Company

C. 1920 Seattle People Operate Sawmills

The Columbia Mining company composed of a number of gentlemen from Seattle, has lately purchased the timber holdings of the Three Pines Lumber company, including 50 million feet of standing timber, and will soon have their mill ready to saw lumber. They have purchased the Presley & Hackett mill located on Sardine creek, and are now transferring it to Jump-off-Joe creek, somewhat above the former location of the Three Pines mill. The mill will cut 30,000 board feet daily, and will be in operation in about a month.

**Columbia Mining company
Presley & Hackett mill**

The purchase of the timber holdings, all patented land, and of the mill and other equipment, has been in the hands of A. C. Stewart, who has been here since last fall. Interested with him in the project are F. Goetz, W. O. Wolbro, L. P. Tunstad and Chas H. Green, of Seattle. A number of mining properties are now being investigated by the company, and further investments and activities in this district are contemplated by the gentlemen.

**A. C. Stewart
F. Goetz
W. O. Wolbro
L. P. Tunstad
Chas H. Green**

III. TOWN OF MOUNTAIN

Raymond Daniel: Mt. Store Keeper & Timber Co. Time Keeper (Settler brochure 81A)
Hanson Darnielle Family: (foreman 3P sawmill) (Settler brochure 83)
George Reiber Drowns In Three Pines Timber Co. Mill Pond: 1913 (Settler brochure 336)

IV. THREE PINES TIMBER COMPANY FLUME

Homer Grable: Hugo's Flume Walker (Settler brochure 136)

V. MAPS & AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

A. Three Pines Maps

Federal Transfer of Ownership: Three Pines Region I
Federal Transfer Of Ownership: Three Pines Region II

1856 Oregon Surveyors General Land Office Map: Section 34, T.34 S., R.6W., W.M.
1856 Oregon Surveyors General Land Office Map: Section 3, T.35 S., R.6W., W.M.

1874 Josephine County Road Survey: 1874

1895 Three Pines Region I: Official Map of Josephine County
1895 Three Pines Region II: Official Map of Josephine County

1923 Three Pines Region I: USGS. Edition of 1904, reprinted 1923. *Riddle Quadrangle*.
Surveyed in 1901 - 1902
1923 Three Pines Region II: USGS. Edition of 1904, reprinted 1923. *Riddle Quadrangle*.
Surveyed in 1901 - 1902

1932 Three Pines Region I: Metsker Map

1932 Three Pines Region II: Metsker Map

1954 Three Pines Region I: USGS

1954 Three Pines Region II: USGS

1955 Three Pines Region I: Metsker Map

1955 Three Pines Region II: Metsker Map

1970 Three Pines Region I: Metsker Map

1970 Three Pines Region II: Metsker Map

1998 Three Pines Region I: USGS. 1998. Merlin 7.5 Minute Quad

1998 Three Pines Region II: USGS. 1998. Merlin 7.5 Minute Quad

20?? Three Pines Region I: BLM Transportation Map

20?? Three Pines Region II: BLM Transportation Map

20?? Three Pines Region I: BLM Lands Administered Map

20?? Three Pines Region II: BLM Lands Administered Map

20?? Three Pines Region I: Oregon State Highway Map

20?? Three Pines Region II: Oregon State Highway Map

B. Three Pines Aerial Photographs

C. Mountain

D. Flume

VI. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

VII. OTHER ARTICLES

VIII. WEB LINKS