

Daniel & Elizabeth Heller, Hugo's Early Orchardists

Daniel E. Heller

Born: 1865 Pennsylvania
 Father & Mother's Birth Place: Pennsylvania

Elizabeth Heller

Born: 1870 Wales
 Father & Mother's Birth Place: Wales

1870 - 1895 Caroline Sexton 40-acre cash entry became the Echo Cove Orchard. In 1895 Caroline Sexton still owned the property.³

1910 D. E. Heller purchased 40-acres (SW ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 22, T.34S., R.6W., W.M.) from Caroline Sexton for \$2,000.00 on January 3, 1910. The Hellers planted pear and cherry trees and named their orchard Echo Cove. Mr. Heller was trained as an engineer and did survey work for property owners in the area. He served for many years on the Hugo School Board and was responsible for the design of the gymnasium building at Hugo.⁴

1910 Hugo's Fine Soils Some of the leading owners of the property at Hugo got together recently and discussed the conditions of soil in their neighborhood and the crops best adapted to them. It was finally decided to secure the services of Professor O'Gara, the United States soil expert, and get his opinions on this important subject., so as to enable them to commence right. Professor O'Gara made the examination and gave his report, in which he says that apples, pears, peaches, cherries, and grapes will grow to perfection in that locality and that all of them would be profitable crops.⁵

Daniel Heller Family, Hugo Settler Family: 1910 - WWII

1910 Hugo's Fine Soils (continued)⁵ These owners were: W. Soloman. D. C. Abrams, Robert Randolph, Wm. McKenzie, S. Sehorn, John Peterson, John R. Beegle. S. S. Beveridge, Dr. F. E. Holgate, H. E. Martin, J. M. Hall, Robert Crockett, Thomas H. Ahern, and D. H. Heller. The



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action of the Hugo land owners is an object lesson for the many who are clearing and planting lands in this country. **Echo Cove Orchard** was known for its fancy pack, a special arrangement for cherries which sold very well to wealthy people in the East. They also were successful selling candied fruit in eastern markets. The Hellers lived in the Hugo area for many years and were still contributing in the community during WW II. A modern nursing home structure has been constructed on the property and has compromised the integrity of the orchard setting and earlier Echo Cove buildings. Even so, Echo Cove Orchard remains one of the farmsteads in existence which were significant in the agricultural development of northern Josephine County.⁴

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Echo Cove Orchard

1913 The Josephine county farmers and fruit growers are on the right track, and have started out through co-operation to find profitable markets for the products of the fertile soil of the Rogue valley. The meeting held at the Commercial club rooms, Saturday afternoon was well attended, representatives being present from all the districts adjacent to the city, and the machinery was set in motion whereby the Grants Pass cannery will be rehabilitated and ready to take care of the surplus product of the farm and the orchard this present season. The membership of the Josephine County Growers' association's *organizational committee* includes D. E. Heller, Hugo, and others.⁶

1920 Census. Vallejo Precinct, Solano County, CA

Daniel Heller	Head	PA	1866	54 yrs
Elizabeth Heller	Wife	Wales	1870	50 yrs

Daniel's occupation was machinist helper in a navy yard.

1930 Census. Lucky Queen Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Daniel Heller	Head	PA	1865	65yrs
Elizabeth Heller	Wife	Wales	1870	60 yrs
Henry M. Peterson	Lodger	Denmark	1902	28 yrs
Flora H. Peterson	Lodger	PA	1859	71 yrs

Daniel's occupation was farmer that owned his own farm.

1932 D. E. Heller remained in possession of the 40 acre orchard as of 1932.⁷

Want more information? Contact an officer of the Hugo Neighborhood on how you can become involved.

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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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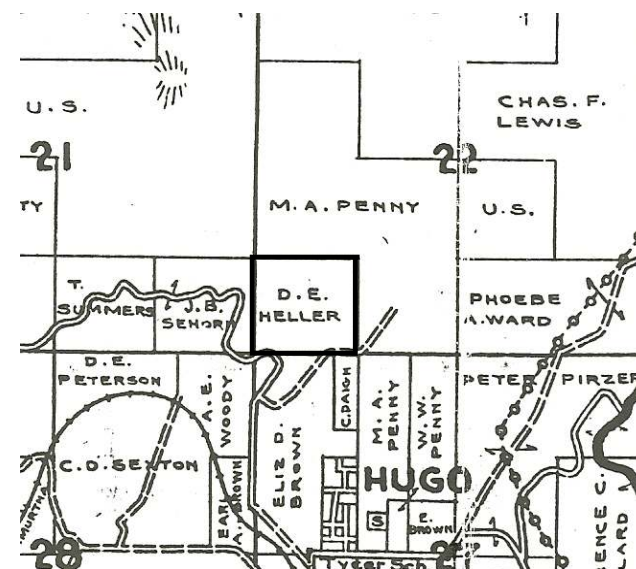
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