

Hugo's Early Settlers

For purposes of the Hugo's Settler brochure series, an early Hugo settler includes anyone who lived, worked, or owned property there sometime from 1900 through the 1930s.

Maud Melcher

Born:

Birth Place:

Father's Birth Place:

Mother's Birth Place:

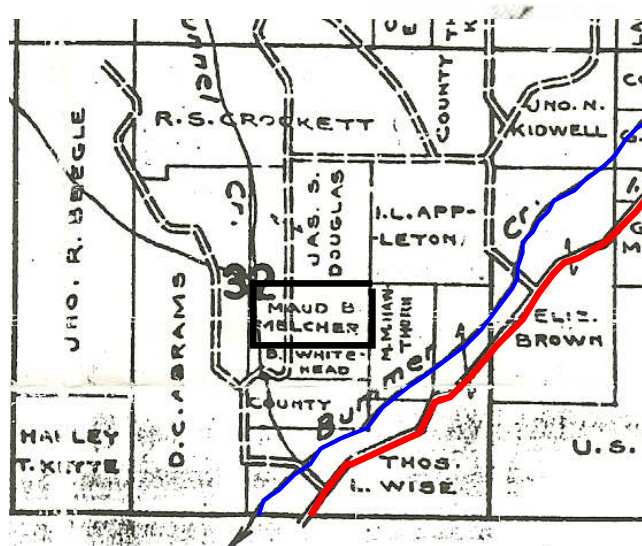
ca., 1910s - 1930s W. Soloman

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.¹

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 action of the Hugo land owners is an object lesson for the many who are clearing and planting lands in this country.¹

Maud Melcher Family, Hugo Settlers: 19?? - 19??

W. Soloman would take the lesson to heart and developed a large peach orchard on approximately 20 - 30 acres of land.



Maud Melcher's Hugo Farm: 1932

Soloman Peach Orchard

1932 Approximately 20 acres of the old Soloman Peach orchard parcel on Tunnel Creek just north of its confluence with Bummer Creek was in the possession of Maud Melcher in 1932.²

The Melcher parcel was part of the old C. D. Williams' cash entry (see 1939 aerial photograph on title page).

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

1. *Rogue River Courier*. November 4, 1910. Hugo's Fine Soils.
2. Metsher, Chas. F. 1932 *Metsker Map*. Josephine County, Oregon. Portland, OR.

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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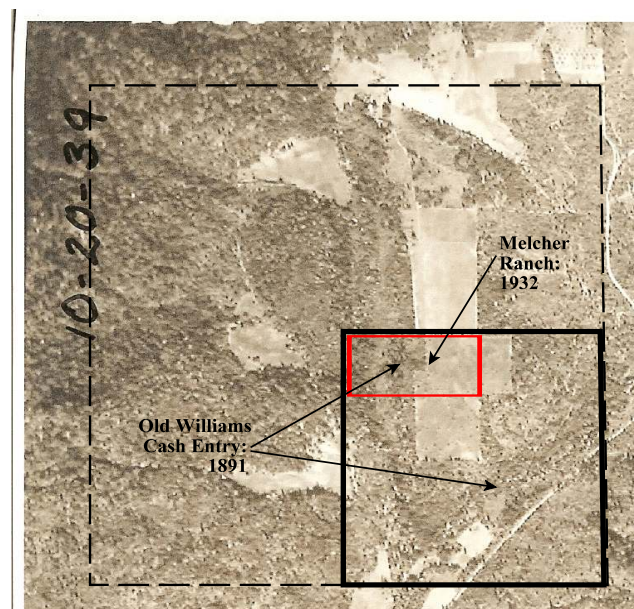
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*Melcher's 20 Acre Ranch Was Part Of
Original 1891 Williams 160 Acre Cash Entry: 1939*

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