

John & Josephine Olson

John Olof Olson

Born: 1868
Birth Place: Sweden
Father's Birth Place: Sweden
Mother's Birth Place: Sweden

Josephine Anna (Bolex) Olson

Born: 1881
Birth Place: Illinois
Father's Birth Place: Germany
Mother's Birth Place: Germany

Olson's Children

Charles Olson
Ernest Olson 1914 Illinois
Josephine A. Olson 1906 Illinois
Ermma Olson 1921 Illinois

1920s Beatrice June (Decker) Bentson was born in Hugo, Oregon in 1924. She attended Hugo Elementary School and Hugo High School from 1930 through 1942. John and Josephine Olson were her grandparents.¹

Beatrice's grandparents, John Olaf and Josephine Anna (Bolex) Olson, with their three children, moved to Hugo, Oregon in the early 1920s. They came to Hugo by train from McHenry, Illinois.¹

Josephine homesteaded after John went back to McHenry and worked in a factory boiler room. He was a cigar maker by trade and once the mayor of McHenry. He later came back out to Hugo.¹

John Olson Family, Early Hugo Settlers: ca., 1920s - 1930s

1920 Census, McHenry Precinct, McHenry County, Oregon

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|--------------------|------|--------|------|--------|
| John Olson | Head | Sweden | 1868 | 52 yrs |
| Josephine Olson | Wife | IL | 1881 | 39 yrs |
| Josephine A. Olson | Dau | IL | 1906 | 14 yrs |
| Ernest Olson | Son | IL | 1914 | 6 yrs |

John's occupation was cigar manufacturer.

1926 John Olson's Hugo Homestead On May 20, 1926 John Olof Olson was issued a homestead certificate for 80 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. 014579).²⁻³

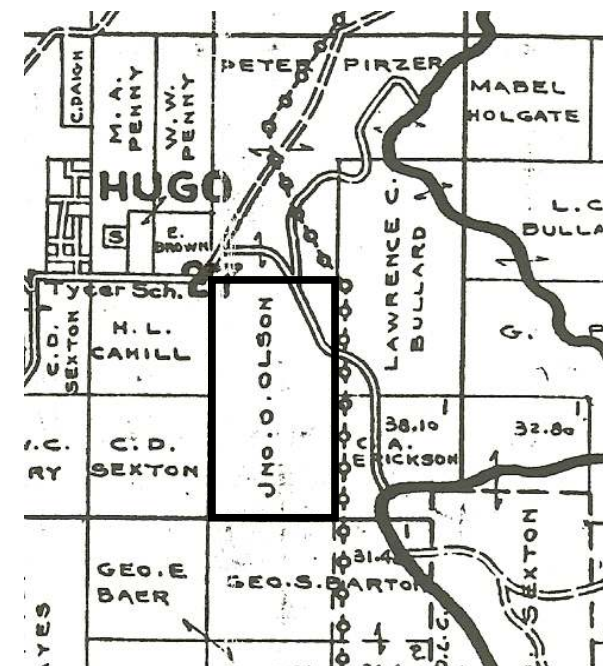
1930 Census, Lucky Queen Precinct, Josephine County, Oregon

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| John O. Olson | Head | Sweden | 1868 | 62 yrs |
| Josephine Olson | Wife | IL | 1881 | 49 yrs |
| Ernst A. Olson | Son | IL | 1914 | 16 yrs |
| Emma E. Olson | Dau | IL | 1921 | 9 yrs |

John's occupation was laborer in a saw mill.

1938 Those who graduated from high school were Erma Olson and Edwin Brown. Beatrice Decker was the only eight grade graduate. The program was as follows: processional by orchestra; invocation by Dr. Mabel Holgate; song by Beatrice Decker; valedictory by Erma Olson; selection by orchestra; salutatory by Edwin Brown; song by Mr. Waltz; address by J. F. Swigart; presentation of awards by Irene Rodgers and of diplomas by Thomas Mackenzie.¹

Homesteaders



John Olof Olson's Hugo Homestead: 1932

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

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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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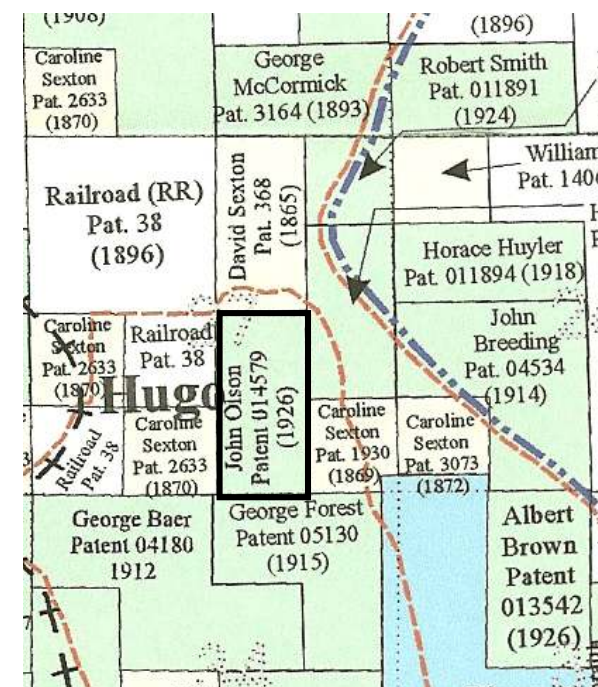
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