

Walter & Pearl Penny

Walter W. Penny

Born: 1882 Iowa
Parents Birth Place: f - WI m - IA

Pearl G. Penny

Born: 1888 Iowa
Parents Birth Place: f - MN m - IA

1896 - 1914 Hugo's first post office was by the railroad tracts.

1908 Susan A. Erickson to M. A. Penny E ½ of SW ¼ and the NW ¼ SW ¼ and SW ½ of NE ¼ of sec 22 in twp 34 S of R 5, 160 acres, \$1650. *Rogue River Courier*. October 8, 1908. Josephine County Realty Transfers. The Pennys were anxious to begin a church in Hugo.¹

1910 Walter Penny is building fences. *Rogue River Courier*. January 28, 1919. Sparks From Hugo.

1910 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

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| Walter Penny | Farmer | 28 years |
| Pearl Penny | Wife | 22 years |

They succeeded in obtaining a grant of land from Mrs. Caroline Sexton in 1910 and plans for the church were finalized quickly. Community effort built the structure. A cabin was given later and became the east Sunday School addition. The parsonage site was purchased from Sexton on July 31, 1936, and a foundation prepared. Several years later the teacherage was put on the foundation and it was remodeled to become the parsonage.¹

The Walter Penny Family, Early Hugo Settlers: ca., 1908 - 19??

1914 - 1917 The Hugo Post Office was moved to the Hugo Supply Company in 1914. Pearl Penny was acting Hugo Post Mistress from April 7, 1917 until February 12, 1918 when she became the permanent post mistress until 1926.

Orville Dingler lived in Hugo from 1909 through 1920. He remembered the Pennys. *The post office was moved into the Hugo Supply Company around 1917 and Mrs. Penny became the post mistress. Walter and Mrs. Penny had a home about a half mile out of Hugo toward Mt. Sexton. The Pennys raised and sold Tokay grapes from their Hugo farm. Orville liked the Pennys. He thought Mr. Penny was the nicest little guy you ever saw and Mrs. Penny was sure pretty.*²

1920 Census. Lucky Queen, Josephine Co., OR

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| Walter Penny | Farmer | 38 years |
| Pearl Penny | Wife | 32 years |

Mrs. Penny also taught Sunday school for the Dingler kids. Mac Davis was Orville's father's cousin and a preacher at the church. Mac was from the south and had a deep southern accent. Orville always listened to Mac's "Ahaaa, soooos."²

Dr. W. B. Penny returned Thursday to his home in Tacoma after visiting a few days with his brother, W. W. Penny. *Rogue River Courier*. March 26, 1920. Hugo.

W. W. Penny made a business trip to Grants Pass Tuesday. April 16, 1920. Hugo.

More Information

1925 Verlin Grimes lived in the Town of Three Pines just below the school house from 1925 - 1941. *The Penny place on Hugo Road was there when Verlin Grimes came to Three Pines in 1925. Mrs. Boldway lived in the Penny Place on Hugo Road in 2001. When they were younger the Pennys used to have a cabin up the hill across from the old Heller place. They later built the place on Hugo Road.*³

1930 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

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| Walter Penny | Farmer | 48 years |
| Pearl Penny | Wife | 42 years |
| Jenny Stumbo | Boarder | 47 years |

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1931 Walter W. Penny, Master of the Mt. Sexton Grange, represented the grange when it was sold to the Hugo Community Club on March 31, 1931.

1932 The Pennys possessed a sizable ranch in Hugo, Oregon in the 1930s.

Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community 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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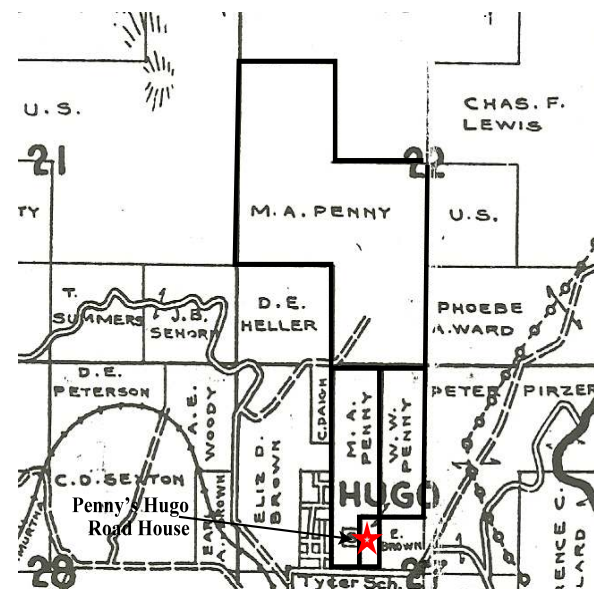
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Penny's Hugo Road Home: 1932

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