
Alfred E. Reames: Early Hugo Investor

Alfred Evans Reames

Born: February 5, 1870; Jacksonville, Oregon
Died: March 4, 1943; Medford, Oregon
Buried: Siskiyou Memorial Park.
Father: Thomas Givings Reames¹
Mother: Lucinda Williams¹

Edith L. (Tongue) Reames

Born: 1872 Oregon¹
Died: July 26, 1918, Portland, Oregon
Father: Thomas H. Tongue¹
Mother: Margaret Emily Eagleton¹

Lillian L. (Lanning) Reames

Born: May 21, 1882
Died: April 25, 1968

1900 Census: Town of Jacksonville, County of Jackson, Oregon

Reames, Evan R. M 30yrs Born Feb 1870 Lawyer
Reames, Edith F 29yrs Born Aug 1871 OR

1903 *“The Three Pines Timber Co. was incorporated last week in Medford. The incorporators are: A. E. Reames president; Geo. E. Howland vice president; J. D. Cook, secretary; W. I Vawter, treasurer. The principal place of business of the Three Pines Timber Co. Will be in Medford, the company having secured rooms in the Palm Lodge building which they will soon fit up for offices. The company has extensive timber holdings in both Jackson and Josephine counties and will probably develop a big timber industry during the present season.” Rogue River Courier. April 30, 1903. Three Pines Timber Co.*

President Of Three Pines Timber Company

Alfred Reames received his primary education in the public schools of Jacksonville. For college Reames first attended University of the Pacific in California before returning to Oregon and attending the University of Oregon in Eugene. In 1891 he married Edith L. Tongue of Hillsboro, Oregon, the daughter of former representative Thomas H. Tongue. Then in 1893 Alfred Reames earned his law degree from Washington and Lee University in Virginia. That same year he returned to Oregon and began law practice in Eugene after passing the bar.²⁻⁴

After practicing in Eugene until 1894 he moved to Portland, Oregon to continue practicing law. In 1895 he returned to Jacksonville where he practiced law until 1902. From 1900 to 1908 he served as the district attorney for Josephine Jackson, Klamath, and Lake counties in southwestern Oregon. In 1911 he resumed private law practice in Medford, Oregon. There Reames became a part owner of the Deep Gravel Mining Company and president of Three Pines Timber Company. Then on February 1, 1938 Oregon Governor Charles H. Martin appointed Alfred Reames to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy created when Senator Frederick Steiwer resigned from Congress. The Democrat served until November 8, 1938 when Alexander G. Barry was elected. Reames did not run in the fall election.²⁻⁴

1910 Census: Town of Jacksonville, County of Jackson, Oregon

Reames, Alfred E. M 40yrs Lawyer
Reames, Edith F 37yrs None
Crump, Olive F 32yrs Servant

Attorney, District Attorney, U.S. Senator

1918 Edith Tongue Reames died 26 July 1918 in Portland, Oregon.

1923 Reames married Lillian L. Lanning of Albany, Oregon, and adopted her son, Edward. After Congress he returned to private practice. He was responsible for the construction of the Jacksonville power plant.²⁻⁴

1912 Three Pines was recently developed and a going concern in 1912 with over a hundred citizens; a brand new one-year old school; two stores; the Corliss Hotel; a post office; a planning mill that was connected by a 11.5 mile flume to the upper reaches of Jump-off Joe Creek and the lumber town of Mountain; and a railroad siding and small depot.

1935 Alfred and Lillian Reames arrive Port of San Francisco, California from New York, New York.

1938 Appointed United States Senator.

1943 Alfred E. Reames died March 4, 1943 in Jackson County, Oregon.⁵ He is buried at Siskiyou Memorial Park, Jackson County

1968 Lillian L. Reames died April 25, 1968. She is buried at Siskiyou Memorial Park, Jackson County.

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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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