
Mary Ritchie, Hugo's Early Settler

Harvey Whitaker Ritchie

Born: November 24, 1873 Illinois

Father John Ritchie

Born: 1842 New York
Died: 1918 Josephine Co. Oregon

Mother Ester Jane ("Jennie") Ritchie

Born: 1850 New York
Died: 1914 Josephine Co. Oregon

Wife Margaret Ritchie

Born: 1881 Illinois
Father's Birth Place: New York
Mother's Birth Place: Illinois

1880 Census. Jefferson Precinct, Cook Co., IL

John Ritchie	Self	NY	1842	38 yrs
Jennie Ritchie	Wife	NY	1850	30 yrs
Robert Ritchie	Son	OH	1870	10 yrs
Harvey Ritchie	Son	IL	1873	7 yrs

John's occupation was shorthand reporter.

1900 Census. Chicago Ward 35, Cook Co., IL

Harvey W. Ritchie	Lodger	IL	1874	26 yrs
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Harvey's occupation was artist.

1910 Census. Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

John X Ritchie	Head	NY	1841	69 yrs
Ester J. Ritchie	Wife	NY	1851	62 yrs
Harvey W. Ritchie	Son	IL	1874	36 yrs
Margaret M. Ritchie	Dau-in-law	IL	1881	29 yrs
Margaret G. Ritchie	Grand-dau	IL	1909	1 yr

John's occupation was court reporter. Harvey Ritchie's occupation was artist.

Mary Ritchie Family, Hugo Settler: 1910 - 1920

1910 Mary Ellen (Ritchie) Fitzpatrick's folks, Harvey and Margaret Mary Ritchie, first came to Hugo in 1910. Her family stayed with the Petersons for awhile until they moved into the Holgate house.

1912 Mary Ritchie was born October 30, 1912 in Medford, Oregon. At the time her folks were living on their homestead off the Ahern Road within a mile of downtown Hugo, Oregon. Mary remembered the four daughters felt they were pretty poor: Margaret, Mary, Elaine, and Pat.

1917 Mary attended the one room Hugo Elementary School. In 1917 she was a student in the first grade when she was five years old. She was there through the third grade when she transferred to the school in Wolf Creek for the fourth through six grades as her mother went to teach there.

The Dingler family were acquaintances with the Ritchie family. Mary Ritchie was five years younger than Juanita and started first grade at Hugo Elementary School in 1917.¹

1918 WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917 - 1918

Harvey Ritchie was a farmer. His wife, Margaret Mary, was listed as his nearest relative. He had lost part of his right hand. Blue eyes; brown hair.

1920 Mary's family moved to Wolf Creek in 1920 and then to Salem, Oregon in 1924, but the family always retained property and friendship ties in Hugo. They started having reunions of Hugo people who had birthdays in October and she returned to Hugo every October until she passed away.

1920 Mrs. H. P. Conley and two children arrived from Seattle Thursday to visit Mrs. H. W. Ritchie. *Rogue River Courier*. April 30, 1920. [Hugo](#). Mrs. H. W. Ritchie arrived home Wednesday morning from Portland where she has been in a hospital for a couple of weeks. *Rogue River Courier*. July 9, 1920. [Hugo](#).

More Information

1930 Census, East Mount Angel, Marion Co., OR

Margaret Ritchie	Head	IL	1881	49 yrs
Mary Ritchie	Dau	OR	1913	17 yrs
Elaine Ritchie	Dau	OR	1915	15 yrs
Patricia Ritchie	Dau	OR	1917	13 yrs

Margaret's occupation was teacher in public school.

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

Harvey H. Ritchie	Head	IL	1874	56 yrs
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Harvey's occupation was laborer cutting wood.

1935 Harvey Ritchie's Hugo Homestead On

December 6, 1935 Harvey Whitaker Ritchie was issued a homestead certificate for 80 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No.017987).²⁻³

2000 In her later years Mary Ritchie would write stories of Hugo.

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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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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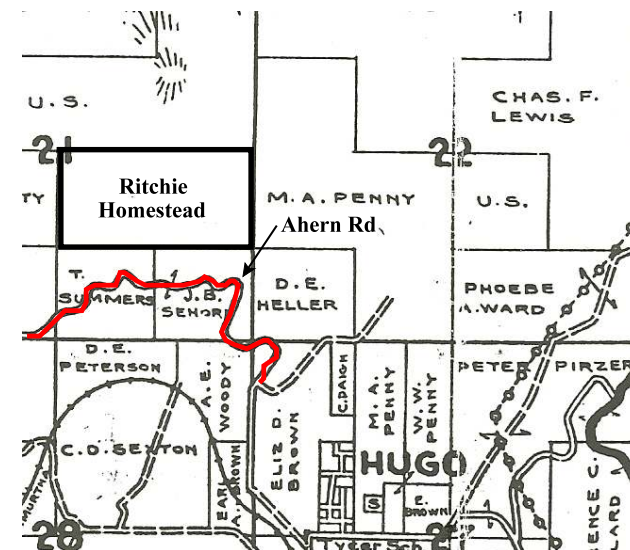
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