
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.



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Born:

Birth Place:

Father's Birth Place:

Mother's Birth Place:

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1922 Takes Own Life After Family Row Near Hugo¹

- *Albert Leo Schlick Dead From Self-Inflicted Shot From Automatic*
- *Had Quarreled With Wife*
- *Drinking Too Much Moonshine Is Believed To Have Been Cause Of Tragedy*

Albert Leo Schlick, Hugo Settler Family: ca. 1910s - 1922

Takes Own Life (continued) *Too much Thanksgiving season moonshine is given by the officers who investigated as a contributing cause to a family row at Three Pines that closed only when Albert Leo Schlick turned a Colts automatic pistol upon himself.*

It is stated that Schlick had been quarreling with his wife Wednesday and had bruised her up somewhat until she took refuge at a neighbor's. later in the evening he went after her, and it is evident that the strife was renewed. Late in the night, Schlick obtained a pistol, a .38 caliber, and it is said he remarked that he might as well end the whole thing right then, and turned the muzzle of the gun upon himself. Robt. A. Robinson, a neighbor who was present, grabbed for the gun, and just as he got hold of it the trigger was pulled. The bullet went through the fleshy part of Robinson's right hand, and entered Schlick's chest above the heart, severing the pulmonary artery and causing almost immediate death.

When the coroner arrived on the scene, he found the pistol outside the house where it had been thrown. The body of the dead man was brought to Grants Pass Thursday, and today Dr. Loughridge performed an autopsy, finding the severance of the artery that had caused death. The inquest will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The dead man was 43 years of age, and had resided in the Three Pines district for several years. In August of this year he was married in this city to Mrs. Lela Agusta Sepulvida, both giving their residence as Hugo. Mrs. Schlick showed the effects of the difference of opinion that had occurred before the tragic ending of her husband's life, having a more or less discolored eye.

1. Boling, Jean. 2007. *Murder, Mayhem and Mischief in Josephine County. Takes Own Life After Family Row Near Hugo*. December 1, 1922. Grants Pass, OR.

2. Boling, Jean. 2007. *Murder, Mayhem and Mischief in Josephine County. Inquest Finds Schlick Died As A Suicide*. December 8, 1922. Grants Pass, OR.

Takes Own Life

Inquest Finds Schlick Died As A Suicide²

- *Officers Were Mystified Because No Powder Burns Were Found On Body of Dead Man*

The coroner's jury that investigated the death of Albert Leo Schlick, shot at Three Pines Wednesday evening, this forenoon returned a verdict that Schlick came to his death from a gun shot wound inflicted by himself with suicidal intent.

Several witnesses were put on the stand, and evidence was forthcoming that Schlick had on numerous occasions threatened to take his own life. Robert A. Robinson and Mrs. Schlick were the eye witnesses to the tragedy, and they testified that Schlick has turned the pistol upon himself when Robinson interfered in an attempt to prevent the suicide. The bullet from the gun penetrated the fleshy part of Robinson's hand and entered Schlick's breast, causing death. The thing that was baffling to the officers was the fact that there were no powder burns visible on either Robin's hand or Schlick's body.

The coroner's jury which heard the evidence and returned the verdict was composed of M. L. Opdyke, H. P. Eggers, A. B. Cornell, C. G. Ament, J. B. Howell, and Joe Ferguson.

Mrs. Schlick bore evidence of the battle that had preceded the suicide, her face being badly discolored about the eyes from the bruises received.

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.

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