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## Robert E. & Ethel Smith, Hugo's Early Settlers

### Robert E. Smith

Born: 1885 Texas  
Father & Mothers 's Birth Place: Texas

### Ethel L. Smith

Born: 1889 California  
Father & Mother's Birth Place: California

**1896 Hugo Homestead** On September 16, 1896 John S. W. Smith was issued a homestead patent for 160 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. 3749).<sup>1-3</sup>

### 1880 Census: Jump Off Joe & Galice Creek Precincts

John S. Smith	Head	OH	1825	55 yrs	
Susan Smith	Wife	OR	1844	36 yrs	½ Black
Horace (Horice)	Son	OR	1863	17 yrs	¼ Black
Mary Jenetta	Dau	OR	1865	15 yrs	¼ Black
Mellisa A.	Dau	OR	1868	12 yrs	¼ Black
Orelando	Son	OR	1872	8 yrs	¼ Black
William Nagel	Boarder	Hamburg	1820	61 yrs	
Edward Combs	Boarder	England	1829	51 yrs	

John was a farmer, William Nagel was a grocery store keeper and Edward Combs was a miner.

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## Robert E. Smith Family, Hugo Settlers: ca., 1920s - 19??

### 1900 Census: Leland Precinct, Josephine County

John S.W. Smith	74 years	Husband	White	Farmer
Susan Smith	55 years	Wife	Indian	
Perry Brown	39 years	Boarder		
John Augel	45 years	Boarder		

John S. W. = John Silas Wesley Smith  
Susan Smith = Susan (Dixon) Smith

Mellisa A. Smith = Melissa Adeline Smith

b. May 26, 1869 in Oregon  
d. May 12, 1949, in Grants Pass, Oregon  
Spouse: Adam Schaffer Metz

**1920 Charles Smith's Hugo Homestead** On June 7, 1920 Charles Frederic Smith was issued a homestead certificate for 160 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. 09252).<sup>1-2</sup> [Simple ancestry search for Josephine Couty, Oregon 1920. Lots of Charles Smiths in 1920. 1/24/08](#)

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### 1920 CENSUS. LUCKY QUEEN PRECINCT, JOSEPHINE COUNTY, OREGON

Robert E. Smith	Head	TX	1885	35 yrs
Ethel L. Smith	Wife	CA	1889	31 yrs

Mrs. R. E. Smith left on No. 13 Sunday morning for Eureka, Cal., where she will spend several weeks with her mother. *Rogue River Courier*. August 20, 1920. [Hugo.](#)

### 1924 ROBERT SMITH'S HUGO HOMESTEAD

On October 13, 1924 Robert E. Smith was issued a homestead certificate for 80 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. 011891).<sup>1-2</sup>

**1932** By 1932 the three Smiths were gone from their homesteads.<sup>4</sup>

### Pleasant Valley Cemetery<sup>6</sup>

Smith, Harry S(am)	b. 7/21/1910	d. 2/11/1981
Smith, Horace	b.	d. 5/28/1937
Smith, Louis	b.	d. 9/12/1905
Smith, Orlando	b.	d. 1/2/1898
Smith, Verona F.	b. 1/3/1912	d. 6/1/1994
Smith, William Lewis	b. 7/21/1874	d. 12/24/1938

Orlando Smith was the son of pioneer J. S. W. & S. Smith [John S. W. Smith and Susan Smith].

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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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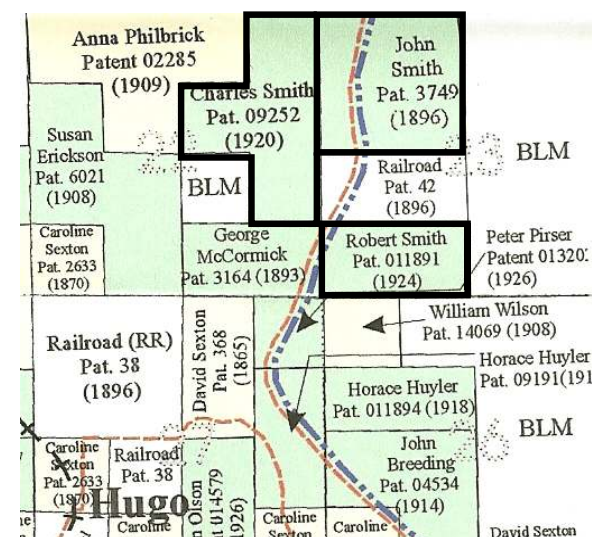
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