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## June Sommers

### June Ione (Sommers) Miksik

Born: April 9, 1932 Hugo, Oregon

### Father Andrew T.Sommers

Born: 1891 Wisconsin

### Maude A. Sommers

Born: 1892 Wisconsin

**1928 - Sommers Moved To Hugo** Maude and Andy Sommers and their sons, two-year old Clarence and 11-year old Eugene, moved to Hugo, Oregon in 1928. Truman and Emma eventually also moved to Hugo.

**1929** Times were hard, as it was the start of the *Great Depression* in 1929. All the people helped each other and shared food.

### 1930 Census. Lucky Queen Precinct, Josephine County, Oregon

Andrew T. Sommers	Head	WI	1891	39 yrs
Mand A. Sommers	Wife	WI	1892	38 yrs
Clarance Sommers	Son	MT	1917	13 yrs
Truman Sommers	Brother	WI	1886	44 yrs
Emma Sommers	Sister-in-law	WI	1887	43 yrs
Eugene Sommers	Nephew	WA	1926	3 yrs

**1932 - June Born** June Ione Summers was born in Hugo, Oregon in April 1932. She came into this world in a little house they called the Red House on a lane across from where Fern (McKy) Larsen and her parents lived. She was the nurse that attended June's birth.

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## June Sommers' Hugo Memories: 1928 - 1936

**1928 - 1938** While in Hugo, the family picked cherries at the cherry orchards. Her father, Andy Sommers, went where ever he could to find work. There sure wasn't much money to be had and everyone was in the same boat. The Sommers family moved several time while in Hugo; for example they lived at the Coburn place near the Grime's in the Town of Three Pines and at the Dean homestead.

June's father, Andy Sommers, had a great sense of humor and a gift for gab. He told his kids many stories of their life in Hugo. He also loved music and dancing and promoted dances at the Community Hall. Everyone that could play instruments would gather and the families came along.

A Metsker map records that in 1932 Andrew Sommers had a 10 acre farm.<sup>2</sup> The Sommers family also owned a new cabin somewhere on a road that circled around back of Hugo.

**1934** June's brother, Clarence, graduated from Hugo High School.

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1. Hugo Neighborhood. 2000. *June Ione (Sommers) Miksik's Hugo Memories: 1932 - 2000*. Hugo, OR.

[Simple ancestry search for Josephine County, Oregon 1920 1/27/08](#)

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## Bummer Creek

**1935 - 1936** Once when June was real little, Bertha Brown and she took off for the pond out in the pasture and had everyone looking for them. When they found them they were happily splashing around in the water that was pretty deep; both of them could have drowned. Another time June was all dressed up in a little red dress and her mom was carrying a pie while they walked across a pasture. They were going to a social event. All of a sudden her mom saw a bull coming fast toward them. She screamed, "*Run!*" to June and they both ran to the barb-wire fence. Her mom went over the fence while June slid under it. Amazingly nothing awful happened to either of them, or to the pie. The bull must have really hated June's dress.

**1937** In 1937 the Sommers' family was living at the Coburn place. It was quite a ways off of Hugo Road (today called Three Pines Road) near the Grimes house in Three Pines. The Sommers could hike a short ways north over the hill to the town of Hugo when they needed something at the Hugo Supply Company.

**1938** The Sommers family was living on the Dean homestead west of Three Pines. That same year they, including six-year old June, left Hugo and moved to Grants Pass, Oregon.

**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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## 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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