
Lead Trappers of the Trail: 1828 - 1841

1820 Thomas McKay established fort on Umpqua River for the North West Fur Company.

1821 Michael Laframboise had served in Astor's aborted American enterprise at the Columbia's mouth and trapped for the North West Company before joining the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) in 1821.

1823 John Work was an extensive traveler and trader and a chief factor of the HBC. He came to the Pacific Coast from York factory, on Hudson's Bay in 1823 with Peter Skene Ogden. He established a farm at Fort Colville in 1823, the first in the Old Oregon Country, and built Fort Colville in 1825 - 1826.

1824 From 1824 on, Laframboise had been a skillful interpreter for expeditions to all corners of the fur country."³

1825 HBC trappers under Thomas McKay and Finan McDonald followed Indian trails through the Rogue River valley.

1826 Alexander Roderick McLeod led two different HBC trapping expeditions south along the coast of which the second expedition penetrated as far south as the Rogue River.

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More Trappers

1827 Alexander Roderick McLeod's 1826-27 HBC "Umpqua" Brigade traveled into the Umpqua country, returning to Fort Vancouver in March.

Jean Baptiste Depaty and Michel Laframboise were attached to Alexander Roderick McLeod's 1826-27 "Umpqua" Brigade.

1827 Peter Skene Ogden was a fur trader and explorer for the HBC. His party's 1826 - 1827 expedition made the first documented exploration through the terrain that would be southern Oregon, including Hugo.³

1830 John Work succeeded Peter Skene Ogden in charge of the Snake River brigade.

1833 McLoughlin gave Laframboise the sobriquet of "Captain of the California Trail" in 1833.³

1834 John Work was in charge of a trading and trapping trip to the Umpqua River in 1834.

1835 Fort Simpson was in John Work's charge from 1835 - 1849.

- . Chief Trader John McLeod
- . Charles Ross

1839 McLoughlin's son, Joseph "Joe" McLoughlin, was on a fur brigade into the Rogue Valley when he fell ill on the march and returned to Fort Vancouver.

Leadership

The HBC divided Canada into two districts or departments each with its own forts or factories: Northern and Southern departments. These posts or factories were fur trading centers.

Governor — Each department was to be managed by a governor appointed by London, and a council, comprised of partners in the company — chief factors of districts within the department and chief traders.

Chief Factor — Commissioned gentlemen who were generally responsible for districts within each department.

Chief Trader — Commissioned gentlemen who managed posts or headed fur brigades.

Chief Factor Dr. John McLoughlin.

James Douglas, McLoughlin's Chief Assistant.

Governor George Simpson — In 1821 Simpson, a Scot in the service of the HBC in North America, was appointed to the governorship of the Northern Department; in 1826 he was also appointed head of the Southern Department.

Engages - Employed and/or contracted trappers.

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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. Make checks to the *Hugo Neighborhood* and send them to our Treasurer

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Dr. McLoughlin

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