

Hiram Niday “Senior” & Caroline Stumbo

1822 - 1826 Hiram Francis (Frank) Niday was born in Lawrence County, Ohio in 1822. Caroline Stumbo was born May 1, 1826 in Lawrence County, Ohio.



1847 Married Caroline and Frank married in Mahaska, Iowa on March 4, 1847.

1852 Oregon Trail The Nidays, with their daughter Nellie, crossed the plains via the Northern Oregon Trail, arriving in the Willamette Valley by late 1852.



Hiram Francis Niday,
“DLC-er”

1853 They were in the Jones Creek area of Josephine County by 1853 just in time for the Indian War and their escape to Fort Vannoy.

“On several occasions, Mr. Niday had to escape with his family to the protection and security of several forts in the

area. In October 1853, they rushed to Fort Vannoy and later Fort Halstead for safety. These were dangerous times indeed.”²

The family ended up locating on a farm in what would become Hugo near Jumpoff Joe Creek. They settled down to raise their family. Frank bought some mules and began packing supplies to the gold mines in the area.

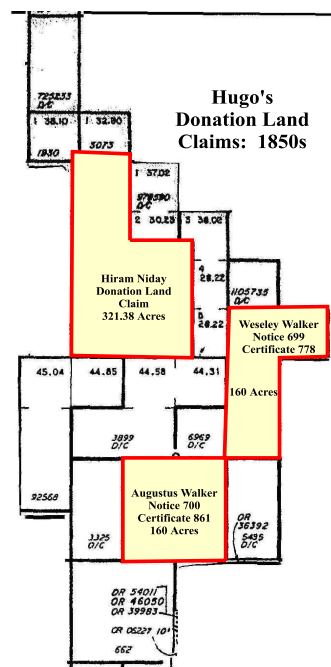
The Hiram Niday “Senior” Family, Hugo Pioneers: 1853 - 1911

1853 Frank applied for a Donation land Claim (DLC) ca., 1853 – claim notification #692 in the Hugo area.¹

The Niday donation land claim is located mostly in section 35 of Township 34 South, Range 6 West, of the Willamette Meridian. A small amount of the claim overflowed into sections 26 and 27 on the north and section 34 on the west. By today’s road structure, the DLC roughly borders the following roads: Western border is just west of Oxyoke Road, southern border is Monument Drive, eastern border is almost to Interstate 5, and the northern border is Hugo Road.

1854 Their son, Hiram Francis, was born in 1854.

1855 Hiram Niday Passed He died quite suddenly in March 1855, eight days after the birth of their daughter Mary, and was buried on the homestead. During the Rogue River War, Mary died in Ft. Levens, and was buried outside the fort. At the end of the War, she was brought home and buried next to her father near their home.



Three DLCs in Hugo: Niday and Walker Brothers

“Forks Of Road”

Will & Testimony Of Hiram Niday The estate of Hiram Niday at the “Forks of Road” was appraised June 23, 1855.⁴

- 17 head of cattle \$630.30
- 6 head of horses \$207.50
- 24 head of hogs \$240.00
- Cash \$100.00
- Government Script \$500.00
- SW¼ of Nidays Claim \$200.00
- Homestead Part of Nidays Claim \$1,000.00

The appraisers were: Hardy Elliff, James R. Tuffs, and Joseph F. Vannoy.

1876 Niday DLC Patent On July 19, 1876 Caroline Niday and the heirs of Niday were issued a DLC patent for 321.88 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No.1479). This DLC is identified as DLC No. 40 on the 1998 USGS Merlin 7.5' Quad

1911 Caroline Stumbo Niday Sexton Passed May 20, 1911.

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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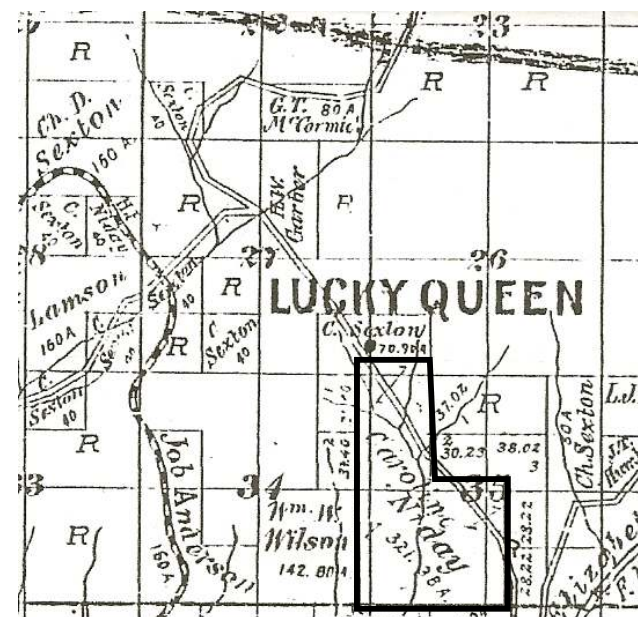
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HIRAM NIDAY (SENIOR) FAMILY: HUGO PIONEERS

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Hiram Niday "Senior" Donation Land Claim: 1895

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