

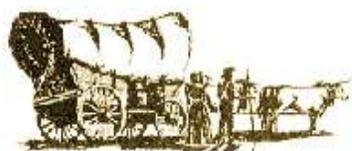
Three Pines Post Office: 1911 - 1921

Three Pines, Oregon Three Pines was a lumber planning mill, railroad terminal, fruit orchard town, but during its hay day it was a mill town which was the western end of the Three Pines Timber Company's forestry empire of which Mountain was at the eastern end. Its name comes from the three varieties of pine common in the area: Sugar Pine, Ponderosa Pine, and Oregon Pine.

Three Pines was recently developed and a going concern in 1912 with over a hundred citizens; a brand new one-year old school, Three Pines Elementary; two stores; the Corliss Hotel; a post office; a planning mill; and a railroad siding and small depot. The town was platted and there was the Three Pines Fruit Tracts just to the east.

Three Pines Post Office: 1911 - 1921 The following information is from the September 8, 1910 application for a new post office from the Hugo Postmaster, William L. Henry, to the First Assistant Postmaster General, Post Office Department.

- Proposed Three Pines Post Office was 800' east from the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks.
- Total population to be supplied with mail: 60.
- Proposed Postmaster was W. E. Daniel.

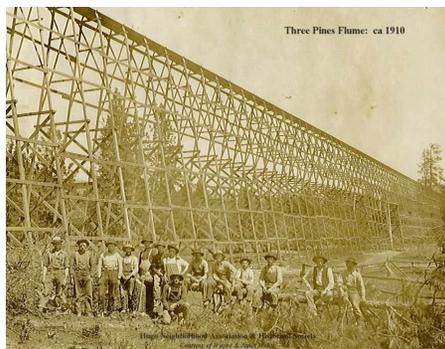


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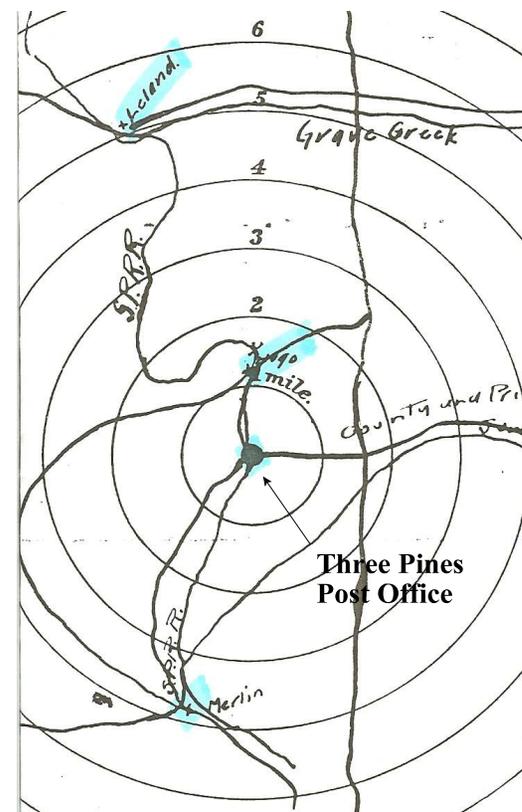
Three Pines Timber Company One of the most interesting sawmill enterprises in Josephine County was the Three Pines Timber Company, operated by George Steele of Portland. A planing mill and a drying yard were established at Three Pines, on the Southern Pacific between Merlin and Hugo. Rough lumber was sawed at a mill located at Mountain, eleven miles to the east and at a much higher elevation. The lumber was flumed to Three Pines in a trestle supported wooden flume with a deep, V-shaped trough.



Three Pines Timber Co.'s Flume

Although this was cheap and rapid transportation, the flume had to be constantly patrolled while lumber was running to prevent jamming. If one board caught on an obstruction, lumber would pile up quickly and the flume would overflow, washing out the foundations of the supporting trestle. When this happened on one of the higher spans — up to 148 feet in height — damage to the flume was heavy, and repairs expensive.

More Information



1910 Proposed Three Pines Post Office
National Archives & Records Administration

More Information. Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* if you are interested in becoming involved in the history of our area.

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 promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote the social welfare of the citizens of the area by working to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and by preserving, protecting, and enhancing the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors.

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.

Voluntary membership dues are \$10.00 annually and will be used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Make checks to the *Hugo Neighborhood* and send them our Treasurer. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

Hugo Neighborhood Association

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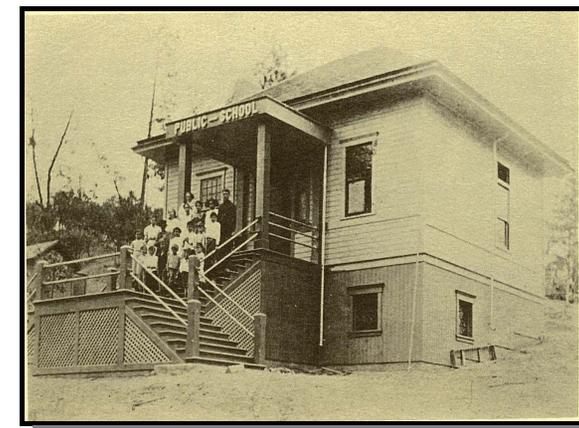
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