
James Trimble's Roots In Hugo, Oregon

1852 Oregon Trail "In 1852 Mr. And Mrs. Trimble crossed the plains by ox team and entered the Willamette Valley, . . ." ¹ Robert taught his boys blacksmithing.² They and their offspring would create a large powerful set of families in Hugo, Oregon.³



May 10, 1861 On the day after he received it from the General Land Office, Anson Turner sold his certificate of location for a 169.89 acre military warrant to Robert Trimble.³ ⁴ The Trimbles were living in Douglas County, Oregon at the time and did not move to Hugo until 1870.

1870 Hugo, Oregon The Trimble family moved to Hugo, Oregon from Douglas County in 1870 to the Turner warrant when James Trimble was 13 years old.³

James Trimble *Distinguished as a native-born son of Oregon, and as a man of industry, probity and high moral principles, James Trimble of Grants Pass, enjoys to a high degree the respect and esteem of his fellow-men, a tribute which is universally bestowed upon all who worthily deserve it. During his active career he has labored with great fidelity, and by his earnest endeavor has achieved success in the industrial world, and now, as head of the firm Trimble & Cook, is actively identified with the largest and most completed blacksmith business in southern Oregon.*⁶

1. *Oregon Observer*. Died – Trimble. January 31, 1903.

2. *Grants Pass Courier*. Pioneer Smith In G. P. Since '68. April 3, 1935.

James Trimble, A Hugo Pioneer: 1870 - 1877

1857 *A son of the late Robert Trimble, he was born April 13, 1857, in Canyonville, Douglas county. On the paternal side he is of Irish ancestry, his Grandfather Trimble having emigrated from Ireland, the country of his birth, to Pennsylvania, where he was subsequently engaged in business as a blacksmith. A native of Pennsylvania, Robert Trimble learned the blacksmith's trade of his father, with whom he worked a few years .*⁶

1870 James Arrived In Hugo, Oregon *Coming with his parents to Josephine county in 1870, James Trimble worked on the home farm for two years after his father's death, and subsequently was employed in different places in this county.*⁶

1877 James Left Hugo *Working at various times with his brothers, he learned the blacksmith's trade, and at the age of twenty years went to Ellsworth, Nev., where, in partnership with Napoleon Chatelie, he ran a smith for two years. The ensuing years he worked at his trade in Bodie, Cal., afterward being engaged in blacksmithing at Smith River, in Del Norte county, Cal.*⁶

1881 *Eight years later Mr. Trimble located in Josephine county, Ore., and for seven years was blacksmith for the Sugar Pine Door and Lumber Company.*⁶

1888 *In 1888 he established himself as a blacksmith in Grants Pass, on I street, and was successful from the first.*⁶

3. Hugo Neighborhood & Josephine County Historical Society. 2007. (*Crocketts: Hugo Pioneers; Trimbles: Hugo Pioneers; Trimbles: Josephine County Census; Trimbles: Military Warrant; Eurydice Trimble Crockett: Hugo Pioneer*). Hugo, OR.

4. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), General Land Office (GLO) Records. 2007. Official Federal Land Records Site (<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>). Internet.

5. Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Hugo Pioneers*. Map Of Federal Land Transfer in Hugo, Oregon. Hugo, OR.

6. Hill, Edna May. 1980. *Josephine County Historical Highlights: I*. Klocker Printery. Medford, OR.

Firm of Trimble & Cook

1897 The James Trimble homestead (Patent No. 3905) for 40 acres was issued January 15, 1897 (NESW1/4, Section 28, T.34S., R.6W., WM).

1901 *In September, 1901, owing to the demands of his trade, he built a larger plant, having a shop 34x70 feet. With his partner, Mr. Cook, he is carrying on a very extensive and lucrative business, being head of the firm of Trimble & Cook, doing a general line of blacksmithing work, but making a specialty of horse-smithing.*⁶

*At Smith River, Cal., in 1882, Mr. Trimble married Martha Purdy, a native of Ontario, Canada, and they have three children, namely William a blacksmith, is also book-keeper for the firm of Trimble & Cook; Claud and Mabel. Politically Mr. Trimble sustains the principles of the Republican party, and fraternally he is a member of Grants Pass Lodge No. 84 A. F. & A. M.; of Reames Chapter No. 28 R. A. M.; and of the Woodmen of the World.*⁶

1939 James passed August 4, 1939 in Grants Pass, Oregon.

Trimble Blacksmiths Robert Trimble was a blacksmith. His two sons William and James (Timble & Cook) were blacksmiths. William's sons, George and Robert, were blacksmiths. James' son, Claude, was his assistant.² Present Hugo neighbor, Wayne McKy, used to use the services of blacksmith Claude Trimble.

Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community's history and land use.

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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*James Trimble Grew Up Turner Warrant: 1870 - 1877
Warrant Boundaries On 1940 Aerial Photograph*

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