

## Rice Benson Military Warrant: 1864

**Bounty land warrants** weren't automatically issued to every veteran who served. The veteran first had to apply for a warrant, and then, if the warrant was granted, he could use the warrant to apply for a land patent. The land patent is the document which granted him ownership of the land. Basically, the warrant is a piece of paper which states that, based on his service, the veteran is *entitled* to X number of acres. **Warrants could be assigned or sold to other individuals.** A veteran who decided to redeem his warrant was issued a patent for the land itself, and a "Bounty Land Warrant File" was created in the General Land Office. This file contains the surrendered warrant, a letter of assignment (if he assigned his interest to another party) and any other documents pertaining to the transaction.



Private Benson sold or assigned his warrant to Anson Turner. Anson sold the warrant to the Trimbles one day after he received it from the United States.

Hugo has three military warrants for military service.

1. 1864 Warrant: Private Rice Benson for service, located by Anson Turner.
2. 1861 Warrant: Private Lewis Heath for service, located by John Davis.
3. 1896 Warrant: Thomas Bryant for service.

1. Josephine County Abstract Co. 1946. *Abstract Of Title To NE ¼ Of NE ¼ Of Section 3, T.35S. R.6W. No. 3117, No. 20087, & No. 2558.* Grants Pass, OR; Hugo Neighborhood. 2002. *Dickerson's Corner: 1945 - 2002.* Brochure, Hugo, OR.

## Anson Turner: Military Warrant Locator: 1861

**May 9, 1861** "Military Bounty Land Act of March 3, 1855, Roseburg, Oregon. May 9, 1861 Military Warrant #92568 in the name of Rice Benson has this day been located by Anson Turner..." Rice Benson was a private in Captain Miller's Company Oregon Militia Rogue River War. The warrant was signed by Abraham Lincoln for 169.89 acres in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of section 2, and the E ½ of the NE ¼, and the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of section 3, T. 35. S., R. 6 W., W.M.<sup>3</sup> This track had good bottom land along the Applegate Trail.<sup>1-4</sup>

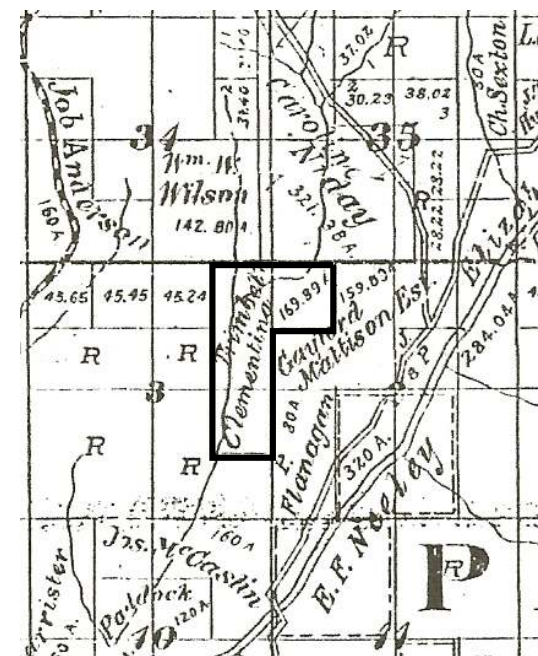
**May 10, 1861** Note: - "For value received; Anson Turner, to whom the within certificate of location was issued, do hereby sell and assign unto Robert Trimble and his heirs and assigns forever the said Certificate of Location and the warrant and land . . . - Acknowledged before James Walton, County Clerk of Douglas County, Oregon, on May 10, 1861."<sup>1</sup>

**1864 Benson & Turner's Military Warrant** On June 15, 1864 Rice Benson & Anson Turner were issued a military warrant certificate for 169.89 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No.92568).<sup>1-2</sup> March 3, 1855: Script Warrant Act of 1855 (10 Stat. 701).

2. Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Trimbles: Military Warrant.* Hugo, OR.  
3. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), General Land Office (GLO) Records. 2007. Official Federal Land Records Site (<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>). Internet.  
4. Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Hugo Pioneers.* Map Of Federal Land Transfer in Hugo, Oregon. Hugo, OR.  
5. Koch, Joseph , Draughtsman. 1895 Official Josephine County, Oregon. Map. Scale 1 inch = 1 mile. Meston - Dygert Book M'F'G. Portland, OR.

## Applegate Trail

**1895 Official Map of Josephine County** The Trimbles owned the 160 acre military warrant from 1861 to at least 1895.<sup>5</sup> The warrant lands had been located along the Applegate Trail.



*Trimble Family's Military Warrant: 1895*

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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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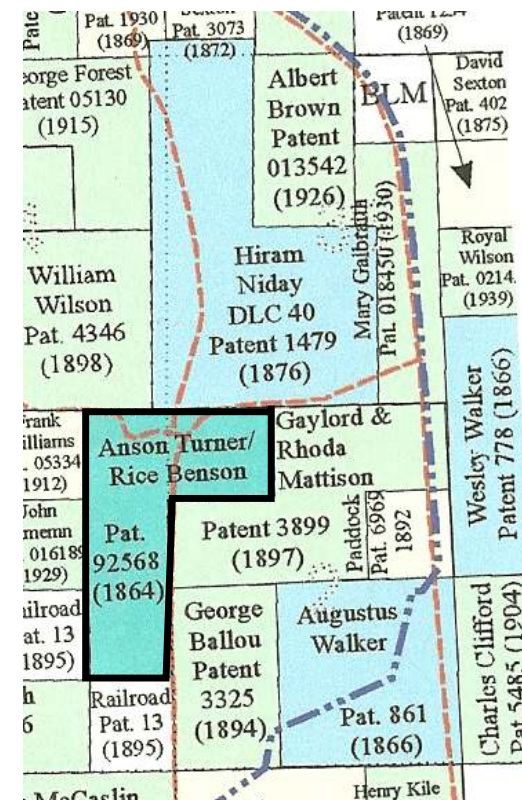
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