

Southern Pacific Railroad

The first rail out of Portland was laid in 1869 and by December, 1872, the tracks were completed to Roseburg. Construction of the O & C Railroad was resumed from Roseburg in 1881. Grave Creek Tunnel, better known in later years as Tunnel No. 9, was completed north of Hugo, Oregon on July 4. The first official train arrived in Grants Pass, Oregon on December 2, 1883.^{1&2}



Hugo Garber in Tie & Hat

Southern Pacific Railroad acquired control in 1884 and the “last spike” or final ceremony in that railroad was driven at Ashland, Oregon in December 17, 1887, connecting Oregon and California.^{1&2} The second Hugo Depot at railroad mile post 487.4 was developed by the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1913. The yard had a siding, passing line, main line, section house, bunk houses, and depot.

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Hugo Depot Mile Post 487.4

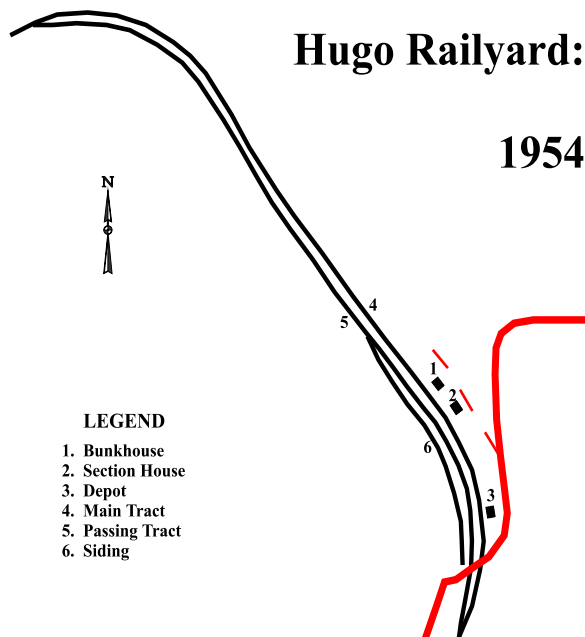
The community that became know as Hugo had an official name when its first post office was established in 1896. The post office was named after an early settler, Hugo Garber, who had homesteaded 80 acres in the area (Patent No. 725233). May Henry was the first Hugo Postmaster and assumed charge on August 22, 1896.³

Gravel Pit Station was christened Hugo by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company on May, 1897. Mrs. Mary Henry was postmistress.⁴ On August 7, 1955, passenger service was discontinued in Southern Oregon.⁵

More Information



Downtown Hugo Mile Post 487.4: 1916

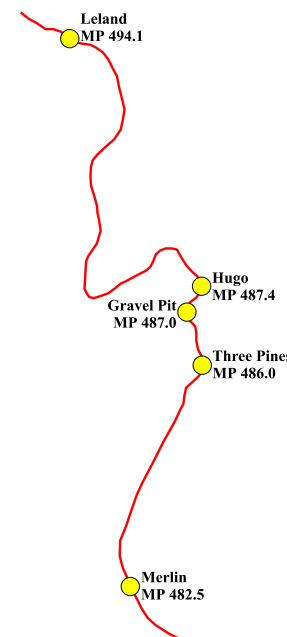


Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community’s land use, and/or history projects.

This brochure is one of five in the “depot” series.

1. Leland 494.1
2. Hugo 487.4
3. Gravel Pit 487.0
4. Three Pines 486.0
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Mile posts (MP) are in railroad miles from San Francisco.



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.

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 our Treasurer. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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Hugo Depot



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Hugo Depot at MP 487.4: 1916

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