

**1968** Blake and Jacque Hardwick had to move back to Oakland, California in 1968 due to a family tragedy. They both lived and worked there until 1977.

**1971** The Hugo Hitching Post burned November 10, 1971. Jacque's sister, Ann, took a picture from the general location of the Davis General Store (see Photo 22). This beautiful old redwood building was a legacy to Hugo. It broke Blake and Jacque's hearts to see it destroyed.

**1977 - 1979** In 1977 Blake and Jacque moved back again to Hugo, Oregon. They bought five acres from Don Pieren right at the Hugo Crossing and beside Clara's store, the Davis General Store. Blake's mom, Vera, bought the adjoining 5-acres. The



**23 Hardwick's Mobile Home on five-acre lot on Hugo Road: 1977**

Courtesy of Blake & Jacque Hardwick

two 5-acre parcels were between Bummer Creek Lane and the Hugo Ladies Club. The property had never been developed until they bought it. They bought a new mobile home (see Photo 23), placed it on the lot, and started living "Hugo style." They immediately needed more room and Blake built a 24' by 50' garage (see Photo 24). They enjoyed looking up from their front

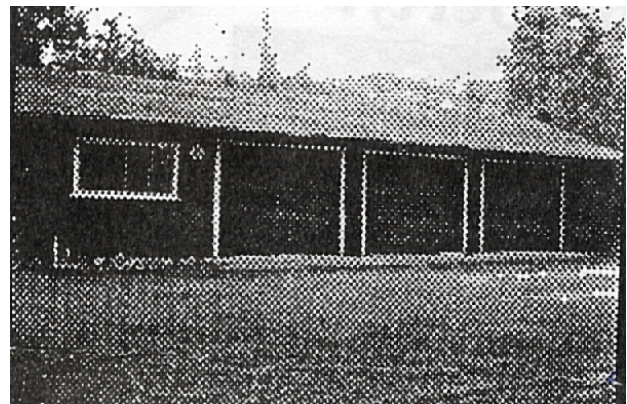


**22 Hugo Hitching Post Burning: 1971**

Courtesy of Ann Comer

yard and seeing Mt. Sexton and each winter's first snow. They lived there for 17 years.

During this time Blake Hardwick worked in retail sales in White City, Rogue River, and Grants Pass, Oregon, including six years for a Model-A Ford Parts Supply in Wimer.



**24 Blake Hardwick's 24x50' garage at 6156 Hugo Road, Hugo, Oregon**

Courtesy of Blake & Jacque Hardwick

**1977** Jacque Hardwick became a Teacher's Aide at Manzanita Elementary School in 1977. She worked there for 10 years. They were both very happy (see Photo 25).



*25 Blake & Jacque Hardwick: 1986*  
Courtesy Lenz Photo

**1992** Blake Hardwick's work took the family to Brookings, Oregon in 1992 (see Photo 26). Their home was three blocks from Macklyn Cove. They considered this cove their private beach. Blake was Hardware Manager for a building and supply company.

The seven years the Hardwicks spent in Brookings from 1992 through 1999 were wonderful. Every now and then they had misgivings about selling their place in Hugo across from the Davis General Store, but Brookings was keeping them busy. It is known for being the "Banana Belt" of the Oregon coast. When you hear that comment, believe it. They had only one day in all the seven years they lived there when

the temperature was over 100 degrees. Most days were very pleasant.

Many days were spent by the Hardwicks walking the beaches from Brookings to Port Orford. They always felt this area was the most beautiful part of the whole Oregon coast. Everyone always thinks of the Brookings area as being foggy and rainy. The Hardwicks got their share of rain and fog, but so many more days were sunny and pleasant. They loved their time in Brookings. The Port of Brookings in Harbor has had a lot of new development in the last few years - including many new shops and a beautiful new boardwalk.

Time was slowly creeping toward retirement for Blake Hardwick. Jacque had retired in 1992 when they moved to Brookings. Blake officially retired July 1999. For a couple of years from 1997 through 1999 they had looked all over Grants Pass, Hugo, and Rogue River for a place to move to when they both had retired. Nothing talked to them and said, "Buy Me!"



*26 Hardwick's Brookings, Oregon Home: 1992*  
Courtesy of Blake & Jacque Hardwick



**1999** That is until January 1999 when their real estate agent showed them a place on Red Mountain Drive — Hoo-Ray! — back in Hugo (see Photo 27). The minute they drove in the drive-way they both knew this was the place for them. They were the first people to look at the place; they made the lady owner an offer and she accepted it. She moved out a week from the following Sunday.

Jacque and Blake Hardwick were moved into their Red Mountain haven by January 19, 1999. They are sure this move will be their last. Jump-off Joe Creek runs the length of the back of their property. They love their new home and living back in Hugo, Oregon, and being with family and friends again.



*27 Hardwick's Retirement Home at 885 Red Mountain Drive,  
Hugo, Oregon: 1999*

Courtesy of Blake & Jacque Hardwick

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