

## **HUDSON BAY POST**

The main site of the Hudson Bay Post was established on the farm known as the Hudson's Bay ranch, and extending into the adjoining land, now farmed by Mervin Nibler. Here there was a meadow with springs rising it and a steep bank close by, where dugouts were constructed for winter shelter. This was the purpose of the settlement – a place to spend the winter – and it was an ideal place.

The dugouts have almost completely caved in, and the meadow has become a marsh since so much irrigation is carried on, so there is little evidence of the details of the camp.

The French Canadian trappers, who used this post, did most of their own trapping, for they were experts at it and were well equipped by their company.

There is a log cabin built into the walls of the house now standing on the Hudson Bay Ranch, but it was constructed long after the trappers had departed.

This farm was one of the earliest ones in the valley, established between 1812 and 1814.

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