

HOW SHOEPEG GOT IT'S NAME

As told by Claude Keithley, April 27, 1971

The summer was extra dry; the wheat crop had looked so promising in the spring, and then came the hot wave. Of course, there was no irrigation project at this time. Both crops and gardens dried up. This was a major catastrophe, as the home garden was counted on for much of the winter supply of food.

The wheat on Keithley Creek dried up until the kernels looked like little wooden pegs, such as the shoe cobbler used in mending shoes. So it was called "Shoe Peg", and is still called that today, much more than by any previous name.

Another explanation of the name "Shoe Peg" is that the itinerant shoe cobbler traveled through the country, and stopped at each farm long enough to make shoes for all members of the family who were in need. He also mended their shoes.

Usually the farmer had saved up enough leather for this purpose. The cobbler used little wooden pegs, as they were supposed to hold better than nails and were cheaper. So the people got to calling the area "Shoe Peg", from the fact that he spent some time there on each trip, because of the large community.