

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY
 HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS
 Oregon State Highway Department, Salem 97310

2. County Coos

Town _____

Name (Common) Old Randolph

(Historic) Randolph, Ore.

Original Use Mining Town

Present Use Deserted

Present Owner J. Fitzpatrick

Date 1853 Style _____

Source of Date Dodge's Pioneer Hst.

Architect _____

Builder _____

1. Site Structure is historically significant to: Town County State Nation

Site Structure has historical associations with the following themes:

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| Aboriginal man | Transportation/Com- |
| Maritime exploration | munication |
| Overland exploration | Military/Indian Affairs |
| Fur trade | Government |
| Missionary frontier | Arts and Sciences |
| Oregon Trail migration | Religion/Philosophy |
| <u>Mining frontier</u> | Social/Humanitarian |
| Cattlemen's empire | movements |
| Agriculture | Ethnic immigration |
| Commerce/Industry | Travel/Recreation |
| Development town/city | Conservation |
| Other _____ | |

3. CONDITION: Good Fair Poor Re-sited Altered Restored _____
 (Site) Open Overgrown Developed Obliterated by _____
(partially)

NEIGHBORING LAND USE: Commercial/Industrial Residential Blighted Undeveloped

SITE ENDANGERED BY _____ ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC: Yes No

On what basis Free Access (at present)

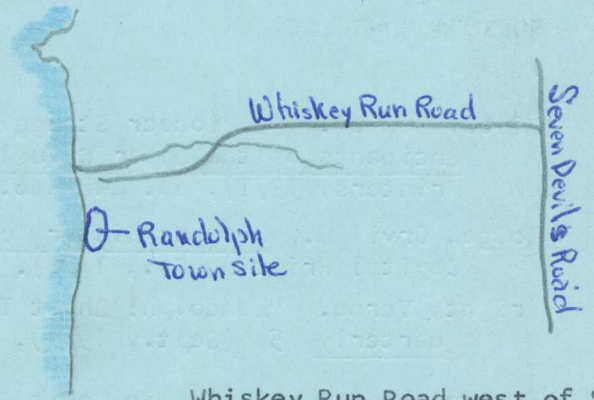
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4. DESCRIPTION

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5. LOCATION DIAGRAM (Refer to known points)

- Frame: Wood Iron Steel
 Wall cover: Rough-hewn timber
 Lap/Tongue-in-groove siding
 Brick/Stone masonry Concrete Glass
 Stories: Basement 1 2 3 Attic
 Roof: Gable Gambrel Hipped Mansard
 Dormers Cupola Tower Spire Dome
 Other _____
 Chimneys: 1 2 3 4 Stone Brick
 Interior trim:
 Paneling: Milled Carved
 Wainscot Baseboard Chair-rail
 Interior Walls: Boards Brick Plaster
 Ornament: Molded plaster Wood-carved
 Decorative painting _____
 Original: Fixtures Hardware Furniture
 Stairs: Central stair-hall Straight flight
 Geometric Dog-legged Double-return
 Enclosed Wood Iron
 Openings: Regular Irregular
 Attachments: Simple Porch Double Piazza
 One/Two-story portico Veranda(s)
 Side/Center ell Wing(s) Shed
 Outbuildings: Wood shed Bath/Cook house
 Smoke house Carriage house Barn
 Other _____
 Landscaping: Formal Forecourt Informal
 Date executed _____ By _____



Road or Highway Whiskey Run Road west of Seven Devil's Road

Street and No. _____

Township 27 (S) Range 14 (W) Section 30

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham

For OCCDC and State Parks Division

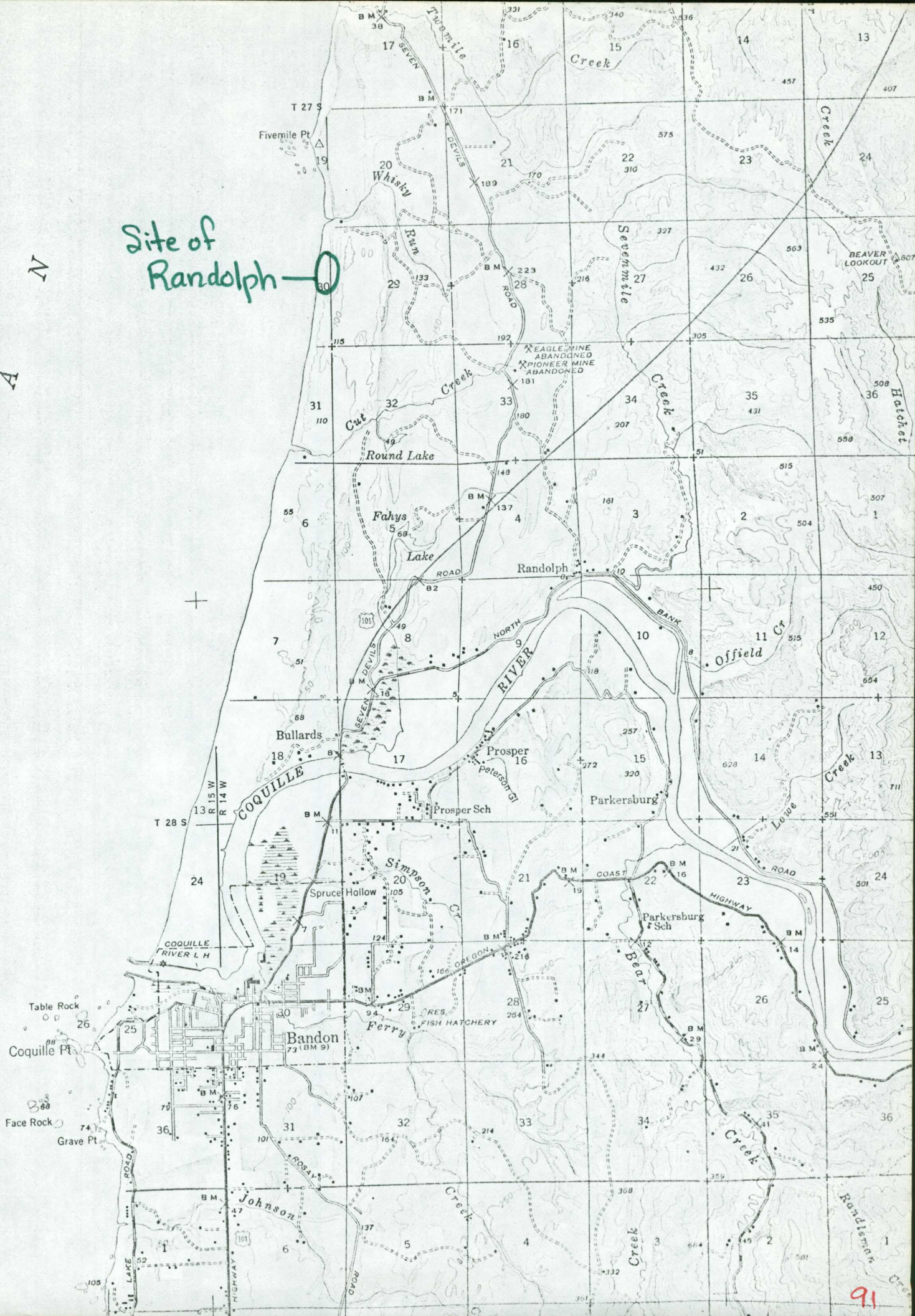
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Photo: Available _____

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Site of Randolph



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (Comment on original condition, alterations, and notable features)

None of the former buildings which occupied this site remain. Once there were several taverns, a bowling alley, a whipsaw sawmill, cabins, and stores. Part of the townsite has eroded away and dropped onto the beach.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Elaborate on the historical theme circled on front of form)

Randolph was a gold rush boom town that sprang up in 1853 with the discovery of gold on the beaches north of the mouth of the Coquille River. The nearby stream Whiskey Run provided water for working the beach sands. In 1853 the half-breed brothers John and Peter Groslius, sons of a French fur trapper who worked for the Hudsons Bay Company, discovered gold in the sands at this site. Within weeks after they took their first load of gold to Scottsburg on the Umpqua, thousands of miners began trekking into southern Oregon. The site was mined most intensively in the 1850's but continued to draw prospectors through the 1940's.

The nearby beach is popular with "rock hounds" who collect several different specimens there.

SOURCES CONSULTED (Existing surveys, publications, records)

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District-Site Boundaries _____

Approximate acreage of site _____

Location of current property title(s) _____

_____ County Assessor's Map No. _____ attached.