

ASHLAND CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY
SURVEY FORM
COUNTY: JACKSON

IDENTIFICATION:

Ashland
Hist. Name I.O.O.F. Building Date of Construction: 1879
Common Name: I.O.O.F. Building Original Use: Fraternal/Commercial
Address: 49-59 North Main Present Use: Commercial
Ashland, Oregon Architect: _____
Owner: Lithia Enterprises Builder: Jacob, Fox and Guerin
P.O. Box 1107 Style: Eclectic; Italianate elements
Ashland, Oregon Bldg. _____ Struc. _____ Dist. _____ Obj. _____
T/R/S: 39S 1E 9 Ranking: Primary
Map No: 9BB Tax Lot: 9200
Addition: Original Town
Block: 1 Lot: 2 Quad: Ashland

THEME:

Statewide Inventory of Historic Properties Theme: 8h
 Archaeology Industry Mining
 Agriculture Military Social/Education
 Commerce Politics/Government Transportation
 Exploration and Settlement Religion Other

DESCRIPTION:

Plan Type/Shape: Squarish ca. 60'x60' No. of Stories: Two
Foundation Material: Stone, Brick Basement (Y/N): _____
Roof Form and Material: Flat, roll roofing, parapet
Wall Construction: Brick (locally quarried) Structural Frame: Masonry
Primary Window Type: Plate; four-over-four double hung
Exterior Surfacing Materials: Brick, common bond pattern
Decorative Features: Brick coping; cornice metal finials, semi-circular
arched windows with hood molds; brick corbelling
Other: Two small concrete block additions on rear; "I.O.O.F. 1879"
on center of parapet
Condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor Moved (Date) _____
Exterior Alterations/Additions (Dated) Brick stuccoed over on lower facade
arches partially filled; glass spandrels removed
Noteworthy Landscape Features: _____
Associated Structures: _____
Known Archaeological Features: _____

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SETTING:

The Ashland I.O.O.F. Building is located on the west side of Ashland's Plaza at the north end of the row of commercial structures. A building which once joined it on the north elevation was demolished to make room for an extension to Lithia Park.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Ashland I.O.O.F. Building was begun in late 1879 and completed in 1880. A disastrous fire which started in a blacksmith shop on March 4, 1879 destroyed most of the buildings on the west side of the area known as the plaza. In July 1879 Ashland I.O.O.F. members met to plan erection of a new structure. The local newspaper reported: "The building will be 61 feet front by 60 feet deep. The lower story to be divided into two stores and the post office. The upper story will contain a Lodge room, two ante-rooms and three large offices." By September of that year the foundation of the new building was complete and ready for brickwork. On May 28, 1880 the same newspaper noted that: "Three handsome offices in the front of the I.O.O.F. building are now for rent." The Ashland firm of Jacob, Fox and Guerin served as contractors.

The building has remained in fraternal and commercial use since 1880. In 1976 the Ashland I.O.O.F. lodge joined the Jacksonville lodge and gave up its occupancy. With a central position in the community and good architectural condition the I.O.O.F. Building contributes vitally to Ashland. Historically, the structure expresses the period of fraternal organizational development in the late 19th century, and remains the oldest brick building retaining its original appearance in Ashland. The resource is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

SOURCES CONSULTED:

National Register Nomination, Ashland I.O.O.F. Building, 1976.

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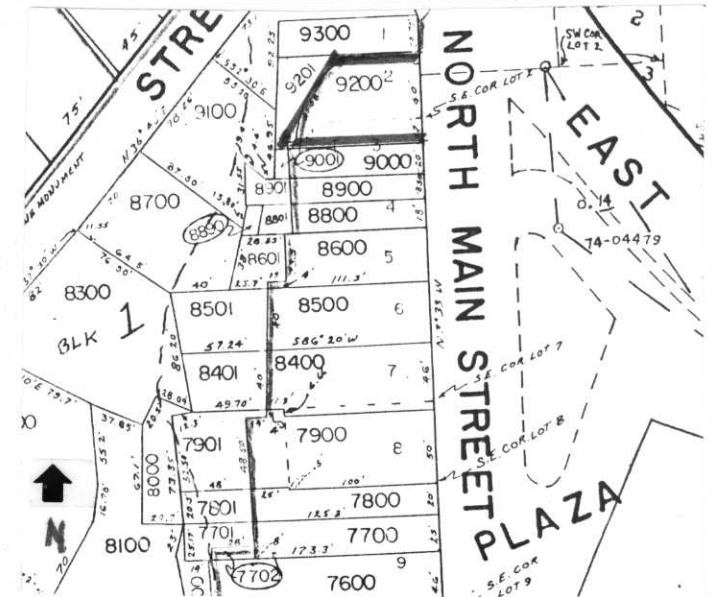
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Quadrangle: Ashland (1953)



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Graphic and Photo Sources:
Jackson County Assessor Map

City of Ashland Topographic Map;

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County Jackson

Theme 9-E

Name
 (Common) I.O.O.F. Hall
 (Historic) (same)

Address North Main (The Plaza)
Ashland, Oregon

Present Owner _____

Address _____

Original Use Lodge Hall; Commercial

Date of Construction 1879

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

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The Ashland Lodge Number 45 of the I.O.O.F. was organized July 23, 1873. The charter members were D.S.K. Buick, Morris Baum, William Taylor, Jacob Slagle, J.W. Cunningham, and W.W. Kentor. This building was erected at a cost of \$6,000.

This building appeared in an illustration in 1889 in the West Shore magazine.

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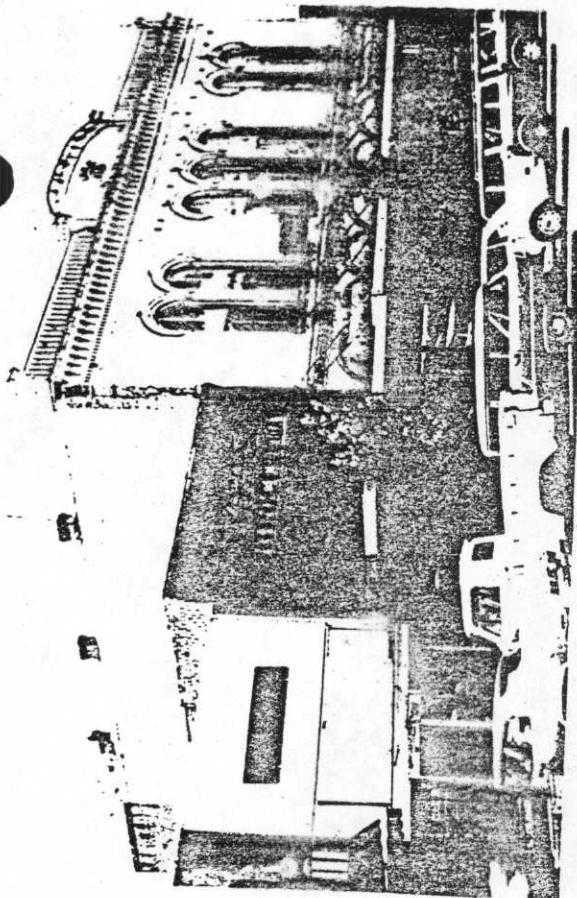
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