

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY
OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
State Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310

Significance Primary No. 45
County Jackson
Theme "Table Rock Billiard Saloon"
Name Irish Marian's Antiques
(Common) The Posy Patch & Stained Glass
(Historic) Table Rock Bakery
Address 155, 165 South Oregon Street
Jacksonville, Oregon 97530
Present Owner Thurston, R. Lamont/Martin B.
Address P.O. Box 179
Jacksonville, Oregon 97530
Original Use Commercial
Date of Construction 1860

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Table Rock Bakery is a one story, rectangular brick (painted white) edifice constructed in 1860. The architect and builder are unknown. The building is an example of the commercial Italianate style that is so pervasive in Jacksonville's business district.

The main facade fronting on South Oregon Street rests on a stone sill and is six bays wide: each arcaded opening is spanned by semicircular keystone arches springing from the capitals of the dividing piers. The tympanum of each arched opening contains transom lights divided radially into six lights. Below the transom bar, each opening encases a double leaf door with one-over-one lights above a single wooden panel. Originally each bay may have been a doorway; however, at present only the second and fifth openings from the south west corner function as such. The flanking "doors" now serve as display windows and are sealed shut.

The roof is basically flat sloping to the north and is hidden behind a parapet. The entablature consists of a slightly projecting frieze band, a dentil course composed of pairs of headers laid on edge, capped by three projecting courses of brick. A horizontal band several courses high is painted with the words "TABLE ROCK BILLIARD

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Recorded by Gail E.H. Evans Date November 1979

Photographed by Gail E.H. Evans

Sources consulted (continue on back if necessary):

Please refer to footnotes

Please enclose map. Township 37 S 2 W Section 32, Block 7, part of lots 1, 2, 5 & 6.

SALOON". Running along the top of the parapet is a brick balustrade motif.

Table Rock Bakery is located mid-block on the east side of South Oregon Street. Its north and south walls are shared by two, two story brick structures. A cement sidewalk extends from the sandstone sill above the foundation to the street curb. The rear (east) bays have been altered by the introduction of modern doors and infilling of the original doorways. A cement loading ramp extends across the rear of the building.

The building was originally not adorned with the brick balustrade atop the front (west) parapet; however, it was added by the early 1880's. A board and batten type wood canopy supported by iron brackets stretched across the walkway from above the arcaded openings. Out-buildings, including a small bake house and oven, at one time were located in the rear of the building. Soon after construction the building was painted a light color. By the early 1880's the sign "TABLE ROCK BILLIARD SALOON" was painted below the parapet.

The Table Rock Billiard Saloon is at present divided in half by an east-west partition and is occupied by an antique shop and a gift shop. The building is maintained in good condition.

The present one story arched-arcaded brick facade was erected in 1860¹ adjoining the two story brick McCully Building on the south. The Table Rock Bakery, which originally occupied a false-fronted, clapboarded building on the same site,² was one of Jacksonville's earliest bakeries. This pioneering enterprise may well have adopted the name "Table Rock" from the infant mining town of Jacksonville, when for a brief period the community was known as "Table Rock." For many years the partnership of John Wintjen and Herman von Helms owned and operated one of the town's most successful bakeries, confectioneries, and later saloons.

Both Wintjen and Helms hailed from Germany and arrived in Jacksonville around 1856. Their success in business is evident by the large two story residence constructed for Herman Helms and his family of nine in 1878.³ John Wintjen, who apparently never married, had retired by 1880 and was living in the Helms' house on South Oregon Street.⁴

As early as the mid 1850's, the Table Rock Bakery was located in a smaller wood frame structure⁵ fronting on Oregon and adjoining a cigar and tobacco shop on the north. Co-partners C.H. Miller, John Wintjen, and William Hesse not only sold baked goods in the building⁶ but also provided space for a butcher shop, groceries and supplies.⁶ In 1857 the business was commonly referred to as Hesse's "Table Rock Bakery"⁷ but within a year's time Hesse had sold his share of the shop to Herman von Helms⁸ which marked the beginning of more than two decades of a fruitful co-ownership of what would eventually be known as the "Table Rock Billiard Saloon."⁹

Business must have been sufficiently profitable for the partners so that by 1860 Wintjen and Helms were making moves to raze their old wood frame building and construct a larger house of business in brick. To accomplish this they purchased a strip of land including the cigar and tobacco stand immediately north of their property from John Long and Charles Lücke.¹⁰ Soon after they began erecting a one story brick edifice of the present day dimensions. By late November the local media reported that "Helms brick building [was] nearing completion."¹¹

When finished, Wintjen and Helms resumed their business in the south portion of their new brick building, and M.A. Brentano

(who also owned commercial property on the west side of South Oregon) installed his cigar, tobacco and grocery store¹² in the north portion of the building "adjoining the Table Rock Bakery." Brentano's "old Stand," as it was advertised, continued alongside Wintjen and Helms in the Table Rock building for many years.¹³

In the spring of 1874 the dreaded alarm for fire was sounded, and town residents rushing to the scene of the conflagration were "guided by the burning buildings which lighted up the town in all directions."¹⁴ The aged frame building adjacent and to the north of the Table Rock Billiard Saloon was the first to succumb to the flames, and the Helms and Wintjen brick structure was instrumental in preventing the flames from spreading to flammable wood structures in the southern portions of the block.¹⁵

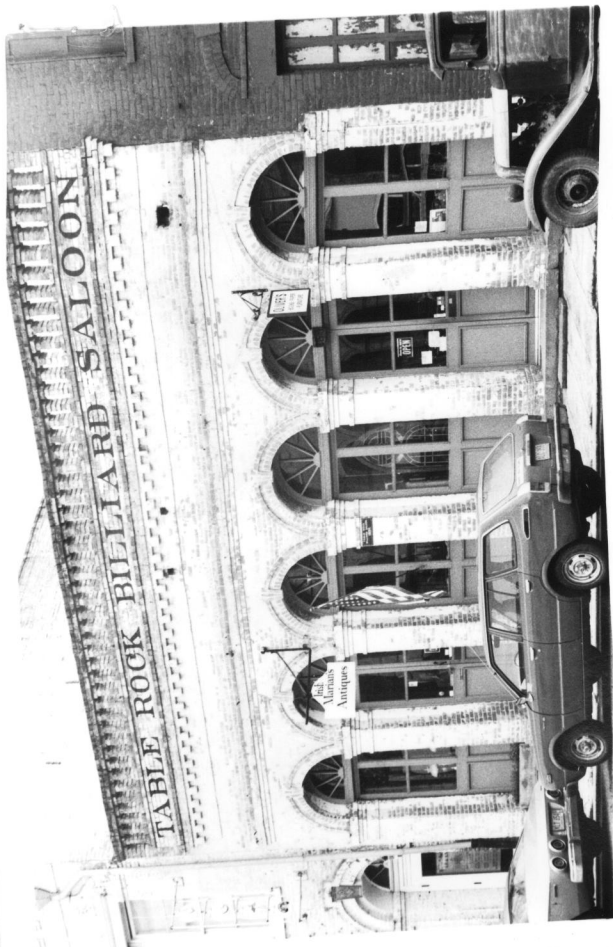
In the mid 1880's a cobbler shop replaced Max Brentano's 'stand' in the building. The Table Rock Billiard Saloon and the cobbler's store co-existed until after the turn of the century. In 1914 Herman Helms' son, Ed Helms, closed the doors of the saloon for the last time. In paying tribute to the vintage saloon it was written that "For many years the place was the social and political headquarters in Southern Oregon; court decisions were made there, it was the scene of trials, and business deals were transacted there."¹⁶

In 1960 the building was gutted by fire leaving only the facade intact, but by the early 1970's the owner had rehabilitated the interior.

FOOTNOTES

1. The Oregon Sentinel, November 24, 1860. (Marshall Lango)
2. Photographic Collection. (Southern Oregon Historical Society)
3. Kuchel and Dressel, "Jacksonville, Jackson County Oregon, Oregon T.erritory," 1856.
4. The Oregon Sentinel, June 26, 1878; August 28, 1878.
5. Jackson County Census, 1880.
6. Kuchel and Dressel, "Jacksonville, Jackson County Oregon, Oregon T.erritory," 1856.
7. Jackson County Deeds, May 5, 1857. (Christopher Owens)
8. Jacksonville Herald, October 10, 1857. (Christopher Owens)
9. Jackson County Deeds, September 6, 1858. (Christopher Owens)
10. Photographic Collection. (Southern Oregon Historical Society)
11. Jackson County Deeds, August 30, 1860. (Christopher Owens)
12. The Oregon Sentinel, November 24, 1860. (Marshall Lango)
13. Ibid., June 1, 1861. (Marshall Lango)
14. The Oregon Intelligencer, January 23, 1864. (Christopher Owens)
15. Ibid., January 23, 1864. (Christopher Owens)
16. Photographic Collection. (Southern Oregon Historical Society)
17. The Oregon Sentinel, April 18, 1874.
18. Jacksonville, Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1884, 1888 (corrected to 1890), 1892, 1898.
19. Unnamed newspaper, Scrapbook #53, p. 178, Oregon Historical Society. (HABS-Ross/Owens)

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County Jackson
 Theme 6-D, 10-A
 Name (Common) Table Rock Billiard Saloon
 (Historic) (same)
 Address 155, 165 South Oregon St.
Jacksonville, Oregon
 Present Owner _____
 Address _____
 Original Use Commercial
 Date of Construction 1859

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Table Rock Billiard Saloon is a one story, brick building which stands on the east side of South Oregon Street between the Masonic Lodge Hall (1875) and the McCully Building (1855). This structure once adjoined the Eldorado Saloon on its north; that building burned in 1874 and was replaced the following year by the Masonic Lodge Hall. The Table Rock Billiard Saloon has six bays with arches on its west (front) elevation. Each bay contains double doors with glass window panes and a fanlight in the upper part of the bay. This building is largely a reconstruction, for the interior of this structure burned in 1960. The building has a brick facade at the roof level and bears the inscription "Table Rock Billiard Saloon" painted on it.

This saloon was owned by Herman Helms and M. Wintgen of Jacksonville.

For more information on the architecture and history of this structure see the forthcoming publication:

Ross, Marion D. and Christopher Owens. "An Area Study of Jacksonville, Oregon: The Commercial District and the Churches and Courthouse."

For a photograph of this building see pictures #10, 16 in the HABS files taken 2-5 August (over) continue on back if necessary

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 27 Aug. 1976

For Oregon State Historic Preservation Office

Sources Consulted:
Historic Jacksonville Oregon. n.p.: U.S. National Bank, [1976].

Please enclose map Township 37 ^N _S 2 ^E _W Section 32

see p. 106 in 1976 Jacksonville survey p. 106

1971 by Jack E. Boucher. This collection is on file in the Southern Oregon
Historical Museum, Jacksonville, Oregon.

Table Roll
105 a.c.
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