

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY
HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS
State Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310



County Lane
Theme b-D
Name
(Common) Walden Store
(Historic) (same)
Address Mosby Creek Road
 Walden, Oregon
Present Owner Lewis Smith
(Address) Walden, Oregon
Original Use Store; Post office
Date of Construction c. 1900-05

Physical

Historical significance:

The Walden Store is a rectangular, wood frame building of one story which stands on Mosby Creek Road near Mosby Creek about a mile south of the creek's junction with Row River. The building, which was resited from a previous location about sixty years ago, has been doubled in size. Perhaps the addition was made in the 1920's. The left side of the building (east side when facing the structure) is the original section. It has its original flushboard interior. The exterior of the building is shingle. The gable roof is now composition shingles.

This building was served the logging-farming population of the Mosby Creek Valley for nearly seven decades. In 1902 George Hastings built a railroad spur to the hill behind the Walden Store to ship out logs to the Long and Bingham Sawmill in Cottage Grove. These holdings were bought out in 1906 by Brown Lumber Company. This site was named for a man named Walden who purchased the land from Bert Linbaugh. Walden later sold the location to Jim Linbaugh. The store is yet in use and serves the rural population of the Mosby Creek Valley. Le e Dugan was the longtime owner and operator of this store following World War II.

The old film "The Emperor of the North" was filmed in the Walden area.

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Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 27 May 1976 Sources Consulted:

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Smith, Mrs. Lewis. Interview with Stephen Dow Beckham, 20 May 1976, Walden, Oregon

Please enclose map Township 21 ^N_S Range 3 ^E_W Section 1

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Sources:

Castle, Mrs Harry. "Mosby Creek." Cottage Grove, Oregon: Golden Was the Past, 1850-1970. Cottage Grove, Ore.: The Sentinel Print Shop, 1970, 217; see also p. 177.

Mrs. Harry Castle wrote in 1970: "The first store on the creek was started by G. P. Chriss, who came from Idaho and bought a piece of ground from Jim Linbaugh of Walden in 1923 [residents in the area give an earlier date for the opening of the store.]. He ran the store for one year and sold to Nils Lewis of Divide. After Mr. Lewis' death his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dugan ran the store 'til Mr. Dugan's death, at which time Mrs. Dugan sold to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kavitz who still run the store."