

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	122 S Main St Vale, Malheur County	historic name:	Vale IOOF Hall
assoc addresses:	135 S Main St	current/other names:	Vale I.O.O.F. Hall, Vale Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	
		twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	18S 45E 29
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	2.0
elig evaluation:	not eligible/non-contributing	total elig resources:	1
prim constr date:	c.1907	NR Status:	Delisted
	second date:	date indiv listed:	12/06/2016
primary orig use:	COMMERCIAL: General	orig use comments:	
second orig use:	Museum	prim style comments:	
primary style:	Commercial (Type)	sec style comments:	
secondary style:		siding comments:	
primary siding:	Brick:Other/Undefined	architect:	Herbert W. Bond
secondary siding:	Sandstone	builder:	Charles Begg: Stone Mason, James Harvey: Brick Mason
plan type:	2-Part Block		
comments/notes:			
HRR 5/27/2011, preliminary evaluation made, more information requested (IJ) Owner notified SHPO in early 2017 that the building is being demolished as a snow storm collapsed the roof completely destroying the building. TZ 11/21/2017 delisting process started. TZ			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Survey/Grouping Included In:	Vale Commercial Historic District	Type of Grouping	Potential Historic District
		Date Listed	
		Date Compiled	2000
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	12/06/2016	106 Project(s)	
ILS survey date:		SHPO Case	Date
RLS survey date:	05/27/2011		08/02/2000
		Agency Effect Eval	Adverse Effect
		Special Assess Project(s):	None
		Federal Tax Project(s):	None
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>The Vale Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Hall stands in downtown Vale, Oregon, a small community located in the rural and arid southeastern portion of the state. The building is a two-story, two-part commercial building, located at the southeast corner of the principal intersection in the downtown commercial core of the city. Facing west across Main Street South, the principal elevation features two ground floor storefronts flanking the cast-iron column-supported recessed entries for both the commercial spaces and the double-door, centered entry for the upstairs meeting hall. The running bond-laid brick-clad second floor is divided into four bays featuring one-over-one, double-hung wood sash windows placed singly and in pairs, each accented by a stone sills incorporated into a continuous belt, and flat-arch lintels with keystones. The façade is framed by pilasters clad in rusticated stone on the first floor (matching the materials most evident on the first floor, side elevation facing A Street), and red brick on the second. A centered cast-stone relief of the Odd Fellows' "triple link" symbol is placed below the prominent projecting flat cornice and brick parapet capped with rusticated sandstone. The main facade details are generally carried on the north side elevation, which faces A Street East, including stone at the first floor with brick above, stone belt at second floor sills, flat arch lintels, and cornice. The building has two small additions, including a single-story poured-concrete historic-period shed addition at the rear (east) of the building, and a single-story, flat-roofed building built separately circa 1910, and later (ca.1972) joined to the IOOF Hall on the interior. This adjacent building, now considered to be substantially connected on the interior, and therefore considered a part of the IOOF Hall, is clad in T1-11 plywood and multi-colored stone veneer on the south. The approximately 10,000 square foot interior is divided into 24 rooms across the full-height basement (2), first-floor commercial spaces (12), and the second-floor lodge hall (10). Interior finishes are utilitarian, and many were replaced or covered over time.</p>			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p>The Vale IOOF Hall is locally significant under Criterion A for its association with the social history of Vale, Oregon. Fraternal organizations were extremely important to the vitality and continued development of small towns across the United States as they provided social services before the enactment federal programs, such as Social Security. The Vale IOOF Hall is particularly significant not only due to its association with the Odd Fellows, but also because it served as the primary meeting place for community gatherings. These events included holiday parties, political meetings, dances, and other public events. The hall also served as a meeting place for other fraternal organizations, such as the Knights of Pythias and the Freemasons. The building remained an important social center within the city of Vale throughout the period of significance until 1937, when the building was sold. The building, following the sale, no longer served as the primary gathering place for local events and other social happenings. Although no longer used for lodge purposes, the Odd Fellows Hall is the only extant building built and operated historically by a fraternal organization in Vale.</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
Title Records	Census Records	Property Tax Records	Local Histories
✓ Sanborn Maps	Biographical Sources	✓ SHPO Files	Interviews
Obituaries	✓ Newspapers	State Archives	Historic Photographs
City Directories	Building Permits	State Library	
Local Library:		University Library:	
Historical Society:	Malheur County Historical Society	Other Respository:	
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