

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



County Baker
 Theme _____
 Name
 (Common) Maxwell Ranch
 (Historic) James O. Maxwell Farmhouse
 Address Rt.2, Box 82
Haines, OR 97833
 Present Owner Gerald Maxwell
 Address Rt.1, Box 80, Haines, OR 97833
 Original Use Farmhouse
 Date of Construction 1900

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The house, its associated outbuildings, and the two barns form a complex of considerable architectural and historic interest. The house, built in 1900, is a large two-story Queen Anne dwelling with Colonial Revival accents, in good unrestored condition and externally unchanged. Balloon frame construction is finished with matched horizontal siding. The two-story porch on the south elevation is noteworthy. There is an attached building at the rear that combines cellar and bunkhouse; two other associated buildings adjacent to this structure are the wash house and smokehouse. The original log barn, built in 1880, is still used as a granary and is in good condition. The large barn, built in 1896, is a massive gambrel-roofed timber framed structure with vertical board-and-batten siding. These buildings are all essentially unaltered and well maintained. James O. Maxwell was a native of Missouri who came to Baker County in 1879 and purchased 320 acres of railroad land. An unusually efficient manager, he had built his holdings to 800 acres by 1902 and owned one of the most prosperous farms in the county. He and his wife Nancy were leading citizens of the Haines area. Maxwell purchased, and donated to the community, the land on which the Haines cemetery is located, contributed largely toward construction of the local Baptist Church, and managed, with other farmers of the area, a cooperative general store in Haines. In later years he was one of the major benefactors of Linfield College. He died in 1917. The farm has remained in the family through a direct line of descent and was honored with a Century Farm award in 1981.

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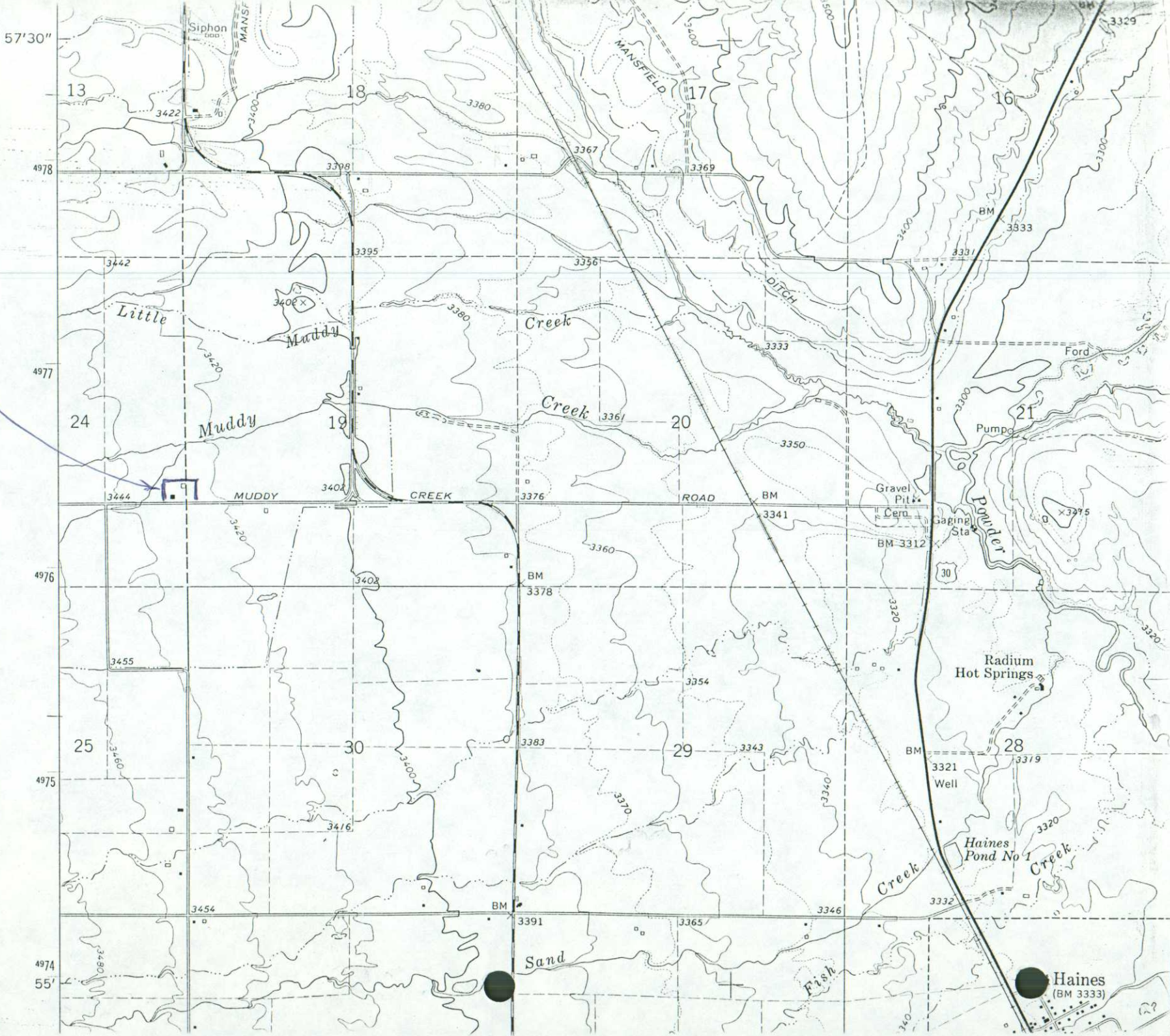
Illustrated History of Baker, Grant, Harney and Malheur Counties (1902); Eastern Oregon Directory, 1899-1900; R.L. Polk & Co. Baker City, Sumpter, Huntington, Haines...Directory, 1893, 1903, 1905, 1908-09.

Please enclose map. Township 7 ^N _S ³⁸ ₃₉ ^E W Section R.38 E., S.24 and R.39, S.19

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HAINES QUADRANGLE

MAXWELL FARMHOUSE
& ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS



57'30"
4978
4977
4976
4975
4974
55'

Haines
(BM 3333)