

BENTON COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY II
1984 - 1985

COUNTY AREA: Summit

RESOURCE #: 364

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PROP. CLASS: 211

ORIGINAL USE: Store

SIZE: .40 acre

PRESENT USE: Residence

PROPERTY ADDRESS: Summit Star Rt., box 70 B, Blodgett, Oregon 97326
T 11S R 7W S 6DD 1/4 SE
TAX LOT: 901 (Block 1, Lots 1,2)

COMMON NAME: The Summit Store

HISTORIC NAME: See historical background

PRESENT OWNER: David M. Robinson and Charles P. Hill

OWNER'S ADDRESS: Summit Star Rt., Box 70 B, Blodgett, Oregon 97326

ORIGINAL OWNER: W.C. and Katie Post (?)

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

THEME: Commerce; service and distribution of goods/
Culture; 19th Century architecture

PERIOD/ DATE: Railroad Era/ c. 1890

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNATION/ TYPE: Vernacular Commercial Building

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Plan type/shape: Rectangular with entry centrally located on the gable end. Flat roofed porch with balcony on main facade

No. of Stories: Two stories with one story wings on the side elevations

Foundation material: Cement block

Basement (y/n): No

Roof form & materials: Medium-pitched gable roof with overhanging eaves; clad with composition shingles; wings on the side have a shed roof and false front

Wall construction: Wood

Structural frame: Wood

Primary window type: Four over four double hung, sash windows with cornice-style heads. Store front has two large windows, each with six panes

Primary exterior surfacing materials: Wood shingles, cornerboards, frieze and rake boards

Outstanding decorative features: Storefront has probable original entry doors and windows with transom above door

Exterior alterations/additions (dated): Original horizontal siding on main volume has been clad with rectangular shingles. Original foundation comprized of stones. Originally two story porch with roof on main facade; current porch is not original. Side wings did not

originally have false front. Porch originally extended in front of wings.

Condition: Good (Excellent, Good, Fair, Deteriorated, Moved-Date)

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND IMMEDIATE SETTING

The Summit Store is located in the town of Summit, on the northeast corner of Highway 180 and First Streets. The store fronts west, facing the highway and the railroad tracks which are located adjacent to the highway.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES

None noted.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE

The Summit Store is significant as the only remaining example of a 19th Century general merchandise store building in western Benton County. Other store buildings, such as those in Alsea, Blodgett, and King's Valley, were all built in the first quarter of the 20th Century after earlier stores were lost to fire. The stores location and association, next to the Oregon and Pacific Railroad tracks and on the original route of the Corvallis-Yaquina Wagon Road, is intact. Although the building's exterior walls are covered by wood shingles, much of the original building design and materials remain.

The historical background of this building is uncertain. It appears that the building was first owned by W.C. and Katie Post, who platted the town of Summit in 1885. The store building was built in about 1890. Whether or not the Posts actually operated a store in this location is in question. We do know that in the early 1890's James Buchanan bought this store. James Buchanan also owned a store in Wren, and later owned a store in Airle. In 1896, the store was sold to L.M. Matoon who operated the store until 1902 when it was sold to Titus Ranny. M.E. Underhill ran the People's Store here in the early years of the century, although deed records do not indicate that he owned the building. H.L. Bush and later his daughter and son-in-law, Harry and Lessie Williams, owned the store building from 1910 to 1923. In 1923 the store was sold to Edgar Plunkett. The Plunkett family had the store the longest. Alma and Victor Plunkett, Edgar's son and daughter-in-law operated and owned the store until the late 1940's.

Until recently, the building has always served as a general merchandise store selling dry goods, groceries, feed, and gasoline.

SOURCES CONSULTED

Benton County Deed Registry.

Benton County Tax Rolls.

Plunkett, Alma. Interview, Nov. 15, 1984.

Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley, Chapman Publishing Co., Chicago, 1903.

Recorded by: Mary Kathryn Weber
Kathy Schutt

Date: Nov. 5, 1984

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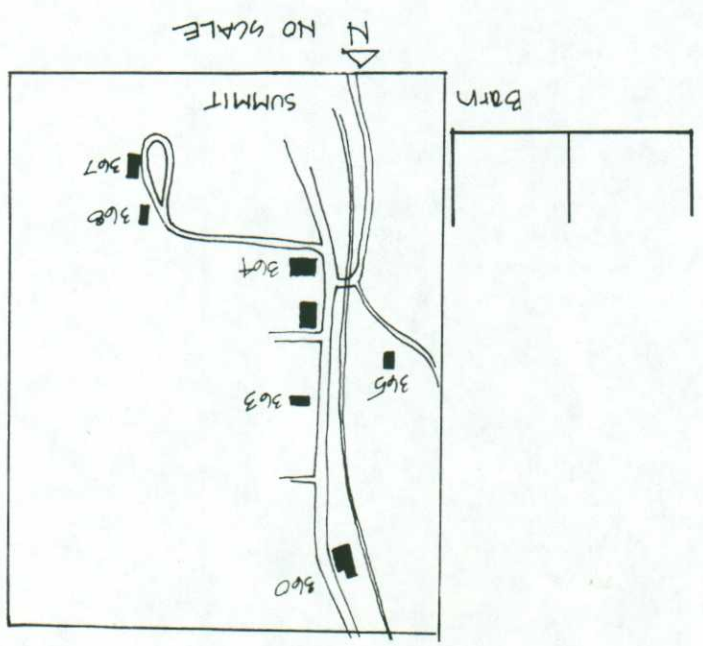
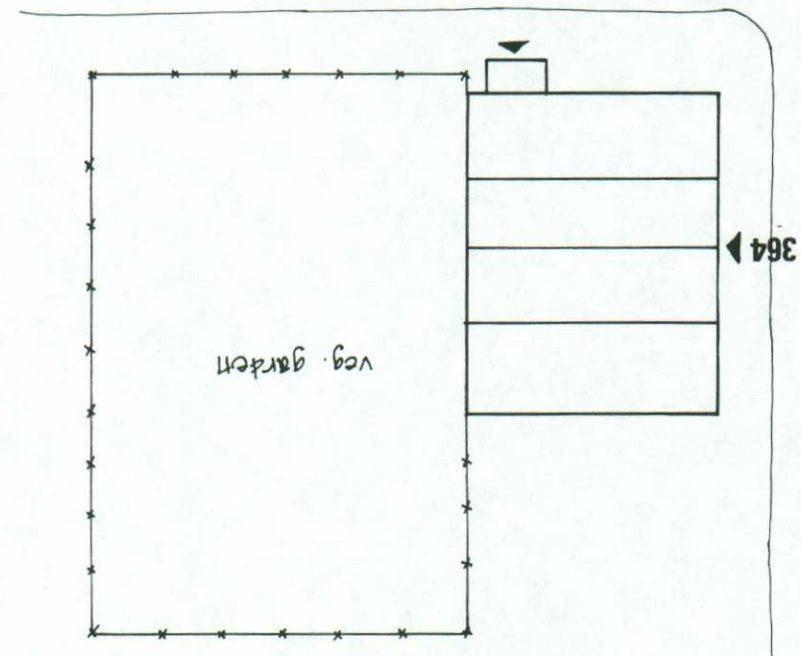
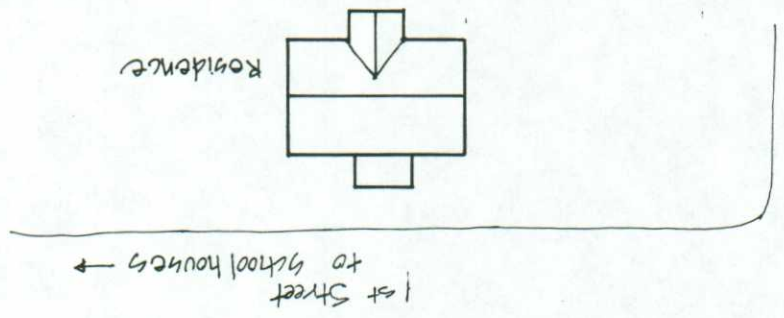


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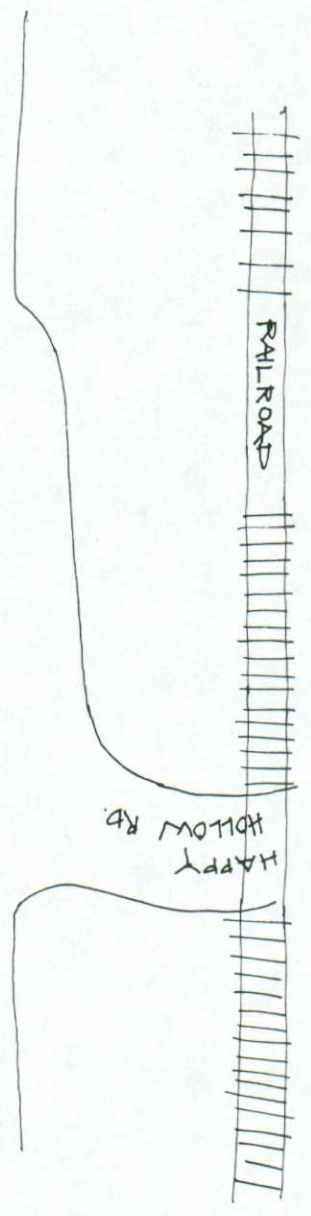
View to east



MARYS PEAK QUADRANGLE



EDDYVILLE - BLODGETT HIGHWAY (180)



BENTON COUNTY CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY 1983



INVENTORY NUMBER 364

AREA: Summit-Blodgett

T 11S R 7W SECTION 6DD

TAX LOT # _____

Address: Hwy. 180
downtown Summit

Owner: Summit Store -

Historic Name: Matoon General Store

Theme: Commercial/History

Construction Date: ca. 1880

Type/Use: Residence

Style: Vernacular

Recorded by: R. Clark

Date: May 11, 1983

Rating: 2

Condition/ 8

Excel (10), Fair (5), deteriorated (1)

 Roll W # 22 west side
 Story 2 Frame wood
 Roof gable Eaves overhang, closed Frieze medium
 Basic shape rectangle Additions 2 one story wings
 Interior Chimney brick Exterior Chimney _____
 Dormers no Bays no
 Siding shingles over shiplap Cornerboards medium
 Typical Windows 4 over 4 doublehung
 Porch Roof flat Posts simple Placement 1/3 center front with balcony
 Foundation _____ Other Structures _____
 Notable Elements store front window under porch
 Alterations shingles, wing openings, porch & deck
 Comments/Historic Significance The store was a general merchandise store. Matoon owned it first then Underhills, then the Plunketts. The Plunketts were there the longest. Apartments upstairs. Recorded in Abbruzzese Survey as #13.

more info. in 1986 inventory