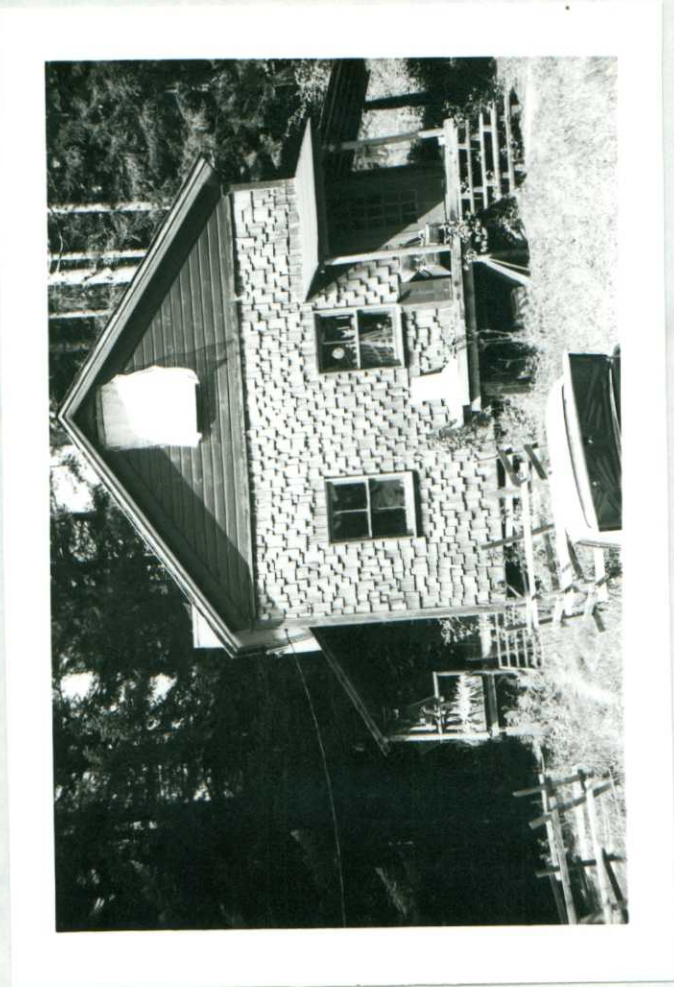


BENTON COUNTY CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY 1983



INVENTORY NUMBER 368

AREA: Summit-Blodgett

T 11S R 7W SECTION 8

TAX LOT # _____

Address: _____

Schoolhouse Rd.

Owner: _____

Historic Name: Summit School

Theme: Institutional/Education

Construction Date: ca. 1900

Type/Use: Residence

Style: Vernacular

Recorded by: R. Clark

Date: May 11, 1983

Rating: 2

Condition/ 7

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

Roll W # 27 south side

Story 1 1/2 Frame wood

Roof gable Eaves overhang, closed Frieze wide

Basic shape rectangle Additions _____

Interior Chimney _____ Exterior Chimney _____

Dormers no Bays no

Siding shingles over shiplap Cornerboards medium with capitals

Typical Windows 2 over 2 doublehung

Porch Roof shed Posts simple Placement 1/4 front

Foundation piers Other Structures _____

Notable Elements _____

Alterations all 3 shed porches, shingles, probably new windows

Comments/Historic Significance This was the 2nd of 3 Summit schools; was used as a playshed after 1930 building was built. Documented in "When School Bells Rang" by Marlene McDonald.

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INVENTORY NUMBER 367

AREA: Summit-Blodgett

T 11S R 7W SECTION 8

TAX LOT # _____

Address: Schoolhouse Rd.

Owner: _____

Historic Name: Summit School

Theme: Institutional/Education

Construction Date: ca. 1930

Type/Use: Residence

Style: 20th century colonial

Recorded by: R. Clark

Date: May 11, 1983

Rating: 2

Condition/ 9

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

Roll W # 26 west side

Story 1 Frame wood

Roof hipped Eaves overhang, closed Frieze wide

Basic shape 2 rectangular wings Additions _____

Interior Chimney brick & cinder block, central Exterior Chimney _____

Dormers no Bays no

Siding shiplap Cornerboards medium

Typical Windows 6 over 6 doublehung with 3 light transom, grouped in 5's

Porch Roof gable Posts paired square pillars Placement 1/6, center

Foundation cement/basement Other Structures _____

Notable Elements round arch & eave return porch detail, 2 front doors

Alterations deck

Comments/Historic Significance Documented in "When School Bells Rang by Marlene McDonald-
-on the crest of a hill.

more info in 1986 inventory

BENTON COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY II
1984 - 1985

COUNTY AREA: Summit

RESOURCE #: 367

PHOTO #: W 26

PROP. CLASS: 401

ORIGINAL USE: Schoolhouse

SIZE: 2.50 acres

PRESENT USE: Residence

PROPERTY ADDRESS: Summit Star Route, Box 68, Blodgett, Oregon 97326
T 11S R 7W S 8 1/4 NW
TAX LOT: 600

COMMON NAME: None noted

HISTORIC NAME: Summit School

PRESENT OWNER: Donald P. Wagner

OWNER'S ADDRESS: Summit Star Route, Box 68, Blodgett, Oregon 97326

ORIGINAL OWNER: Summit School District

ARCHITECT: C.N. Freeman

BUILDER:

THEME: Culture; Education, 20th Century Architecture

PERIOD/ DATE: Mid 20th Century/ c.1930

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNATION/ TYPE: Schoolhouse with 20th Century Colonial elements

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Plan type/shape: T-shaped with entry centrally located on long axis of building

No. of Stories: One

Foundation material: Cement

Basement (y/n): Yes

Roof form & materials: Hip roof clad with composition shingles

Wall construction: Wood with plaster

Structural frame: Wood

Primary window type: Large six over six double hung sash windows, two groups of five on the main facade. Each of these windows has a transom sash divided vertically into three lights

Primary exterior surfacing materials: V-joint siding

Outstanding decorative features: Projecting "colonialized" entry porch on the main facade. Two entry doors with transom

Exterior alterations/additions (dated): Shed roof carport and entry on the north elevation. School originally had a colonial cupola on the roof. Numerous decks added to exterior

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

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND IMMEDIATE SETTING

The Summit School is situated on a hill above the town of Summit.

The school is located to the east of the highway and is accessed by what is now a private driveway off First Street. The school fronts south. The panoramic view to the east encompasses Marys Peak.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES

None noted.

Outbuildings

The Summit School shares a tax lot with another Summit School building. This building, believed to have been built in about 1900 on the same site as the more recent school, served as the Summit School until the newer building was completed. At that time the older building was moved slightly to the west and functioned as a playshed. Today, the building has been substantially altered and is used as a residence. (The building is recorded in Phase I of the survey as resource #368).

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE

This schoolhouse, the integrity of its location, design and materials intact, is western Benton County's best example of a schoolhouse employing 20th Century Colonial architecture. This style of architecture was common for schools built in the United States during the period between c.1925-1940.

Built in c.1930, the school reflects the consolidation of the Summit school district after the closure of many of the area's mills during the depression. With better transportation available, it was easier to transport children from the families still remaining in mill towns such as Fernridge and Devitt. Incorporating grades 1-8, the new school originally had three rooms. The school also had a lunch room and library. The auditorium also served as a community center. Enrollment between 50 and 75 pupils. In the mid 1950's, grades 7 and 8 were bused to Philomath. Grades 1-6 were taught in this building until 1969 when the school was closed completely. Students were bussed to Philomath and Blodgett. The building was vacant for several years until it was sold and used as a residence.

SOURCES CONSULTED

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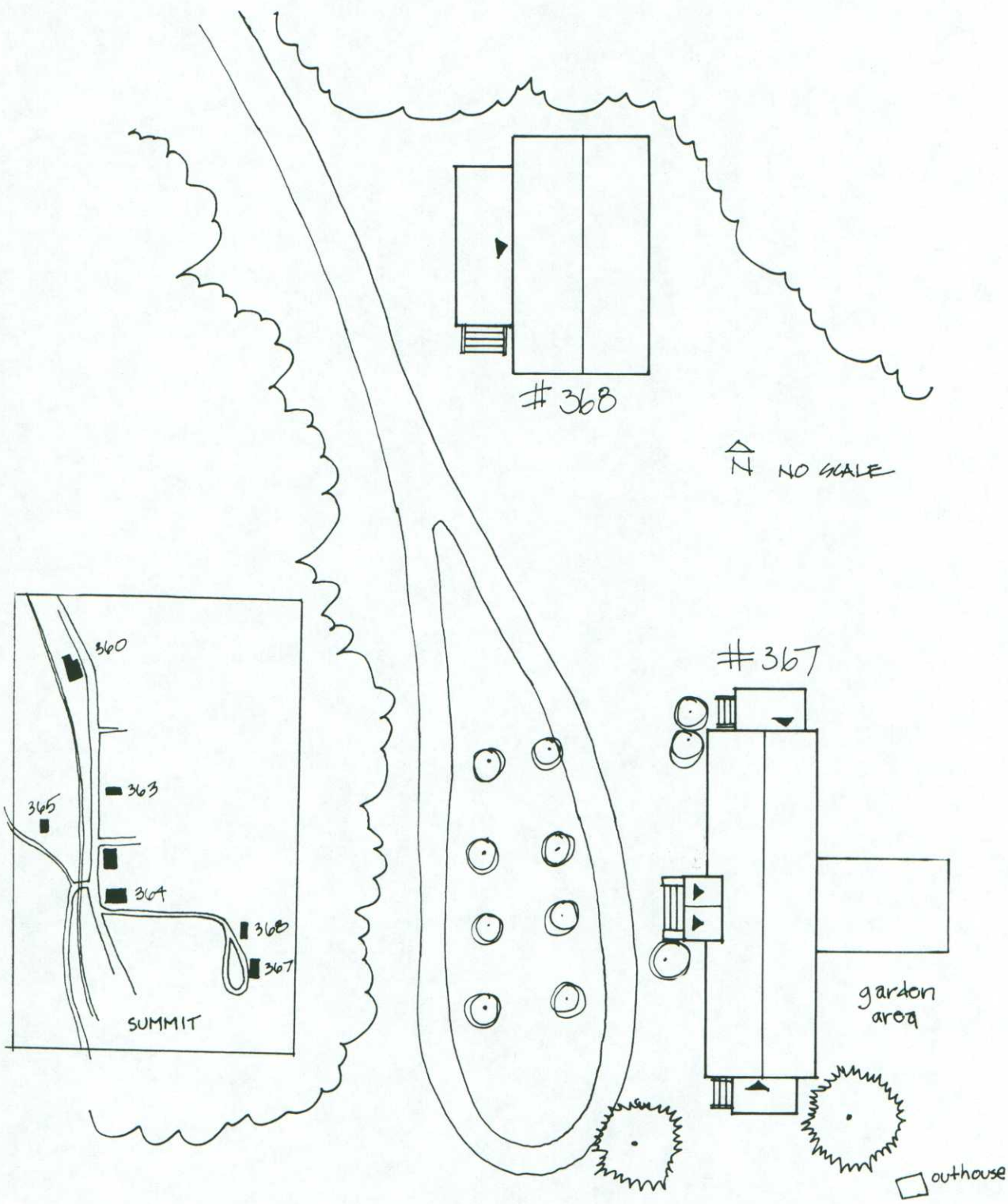




Photo No. W26

View to northeast



MARYS PEAK QUADRANGLE