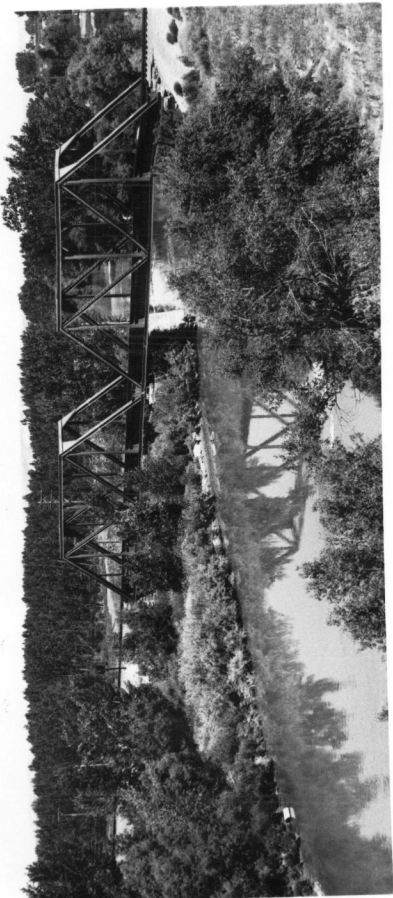


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County Malheur
 Theme 6-A
 Name (Common) Union Pacific Railroad
 (Historic) Oregon Short Line Railroad
 Address Huntington-Ontario, Oregon
 Present Owner Union Pacific Railroad
 Address Portland, Oregon
 Original Use Railroad
 Date of Construction 1884-85

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Oregon Short Line Railroad constructed a spur line from Huntington to Ontario, Oregon, in 1884-85, bringing rail service into Malheur County. This line had originally been constructed from Granger, Wyoming, to Huntington, Oregon, between 1881 and 1884. It then reached for 418 miles. The line reached Nyssa, Oregon, in December, 1883, and rail service was extended to Ontario on January 1, 1884. The railroad was a major factor in the development of the town of Ontario.

The impact of the Oregon Short Line in Malheur County was assessed by historian Jacob Ray Gregg who wrote: "Ontario, in the spring of 1885, became the largest stock-shipping center in the Northwest. The Ontario stock yards served by a long sidetrack east of the main track, were first located about a quarter of a mile south of the depot. Stock was brought in for shipment from Malheur, Harney and Grant counties. Some stock was driven in from as far away as Lake county to be shipped to eastern markets."

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Sources Consulted:

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