

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY  
HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310



County Wasco

Theme 6-A

Name  
(Common) Balch (Charles) Hotel

(Historic) Balch (Charles) Hotel

Address 210 Main Street

Dufur, Oregon

Present Owner \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

Original Use hotel

Date of Construction 1907

Physical

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historical significance:

The Balch Hotel is a three story brick building with rectangular shape. The windows are one-over-one double hung sash set in segmental arches with brick voussiors. The voussiors on the first and second story of the west (front) elevation project from the face of the building. The front porch and balcony of the second floor are supported by square wood columns.

Charles L. Balch was born in Wisconsin on April 21, 1860, a son of John A. and Caroline (Stevenson) Balch. Educated in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Balch emigrated overland to Oregon in 1883 and settled in Wasco County. After farming, he became a druggist in Dufur and a partner with A. J. Dufur in stock raising. Balch married in 1889 to Lois Dufur, a daughter of Andrew J. Dufur. Balch's sister, Elizabeth E., married A. K. Dufur.

Continue back if necessary

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 8 July 1976 Sources Consulted:

Oregon State Historic Preservation Office

Friedman, Ralph. "Let's Go", Oregon Journal, May 18, 1973.

Please enclose map Township 1 <sup>N</sup> <sub>S</sub> Range 13 <sup>E</sup> <sub>W</sub> Section 25 (over)

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

HIST. NAME: Balch Hotel DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1907  
COMMON NAME: Dufur Hotel ORIGINAL USE: Hotel  
ADDRESS: 40 South Main Dufur, Oregon  
OWNER: H. L. Green Co., Inc. PRESENT USE: unoccupied, was residence  
111 S. W. Fifth Ave. Ptld, OR ARCH./BLDR.: Charles P. Balch  
T/R/S: T1S, R13E, Sec25 1/2 Sec C 1/16B STYLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAP NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ TAX LOT: 76.00 (BLDG.) STRUC. DIST. SITE OBJ. (CIRCLE)  
ADDITION: 2nd Addition, town of Dufur THEME: \_\_\_\_\_  
BLOCK: \_\_\_\_\_ LOT: \_\_\_\_\_ QUAD: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: rectangular NO. OF STORIES: three  
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: stone BASEMENT (Y/N): Y  
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: flat, slightly sloped  
WALL CONSTRUCTION: brick STRUCTURAL FRAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: double hung  
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: brick  
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Decorative brickwork on front face  
OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONDITION: EXCELLENT  GOOD  FAIR  DETERIORATED  MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): one-story metal & wood lean-to  
on north side (1950)

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: storage shed, tool shed, 4 stall garage

KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES: \_\_\_\_\_

SETTING: At the south end of the town of Dufur, Oregon, on Main street. In  
the second addition to the town which is has a population of about 500 people.  
Wheat fields across the street provide an unobstructed view of Mt. Hood and  
lovely view of Dufur valley, all rural farmland. City water, sewer, & lights.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates,  
events, persons, contexts), USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY: The Balch hotel  
is one of four remaining brick structures from early commercial enterprise in  
Dufur. The Balch is the only three story and only hotel in town. It was built  
in 1907 by Charles P. Balch. Mr. Balch probably designed the hotel himself as  
there is no record of an architect. The bricks used were made on Mr. Balch's  
ranch which adjoined the townsite. The hotel was built on the site of the  
old Fifteen Mile house which was a stopping place for pioneers on the Barlow  
Trail. A railroad was built in 1906 to Dufur from The Dalles, Oregon and the  
hotel was the connection to the stage line south from there. During the heyday  
period of the hotel's existence, travelers from all over the United States  
stayed there, as shown in the original ledgers which are still in the hotel.  
During the years between 1913 to 1946 the hotel was a community social center  
and children of the local ranchers often boarded there during the winter months  
so they could go to school in town.

SOURCES: William H. McNeal, History of Wasco County Oregon, in The Dalles Oregon  
Library, interviews with Mr. Frank Ingels, Jr., Mr. Steven Hill

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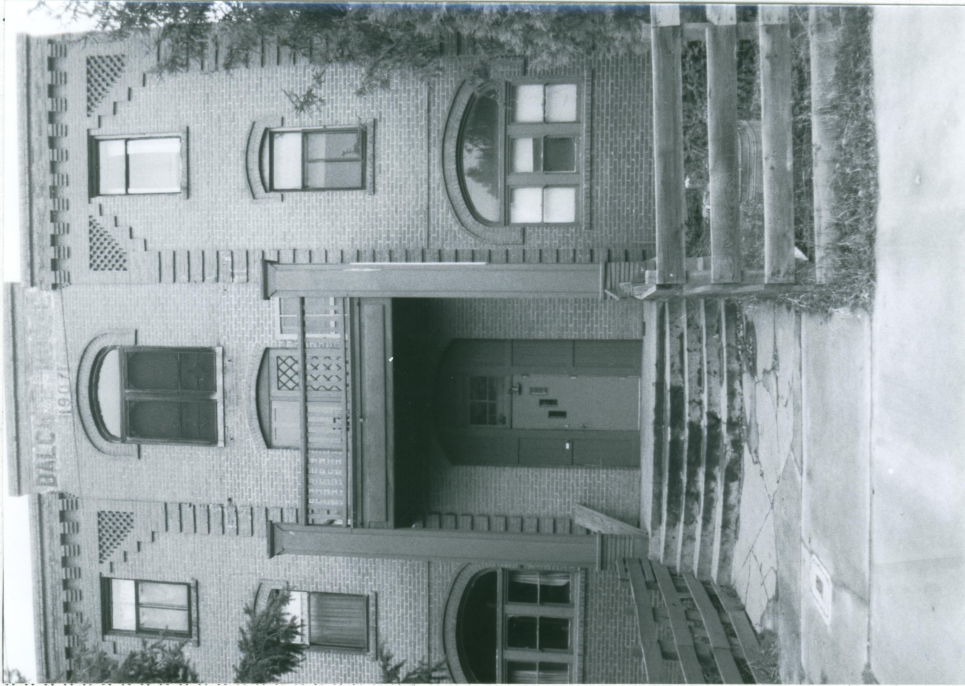
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HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM - TWO

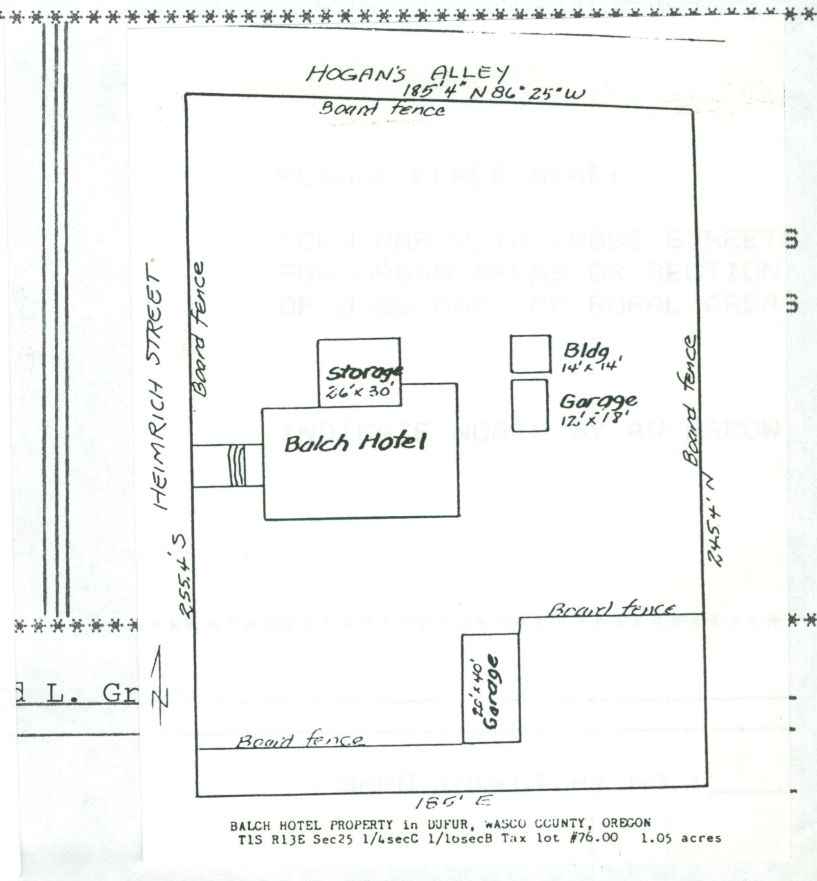
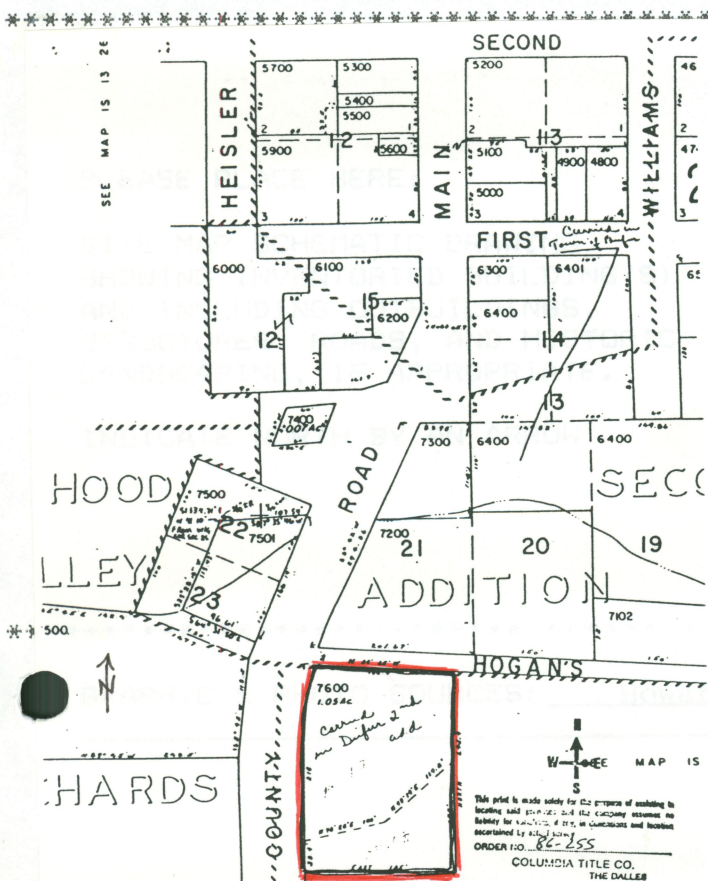
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T/R/S: T1S, R13E, Sec25, 1/4secC, 1/16secB  
MAP NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ TAX LOT: #76.00  
QUADRANGLE: \_\_\_\_\_



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BALCH HOTEL PROPERTY in DUFUR, WASCO COUNTY, OREGON  
T1S R13E Sec25 1/4secC 1/16secB Tax lot #76.00 1.05 acres