

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM  
COUNTY: WASCO COUNTY

HIST. NAME: Imperial Stock Ranch  
COMMON NAME: Hinton/Ward Ranch/  
Carver Ranch  
ADDRESS: 3 ml. E. on Hinton Rd from Bakeoven  
CITY: Near Shaniko, Oregon 97037  
OWNER: Daniel Carver  
HCR 71, Box 40, Maupin, Oregon 97037  
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1900-1915  
ORIGINAL USE: Domestic: single dwelling/Ranch  
PRESENT USE: Domestic: vacant/Ranch  
ARCHITECT: Unknown  
BUILDER: Unknown  
THEME: Agriculture/Stock raising

T/R/S: T5S R16E S26 TAX LOT: 2900 STYLE: Craftsman/Classic Box  
QUAD: Shaniko ZONE: A-1 (80) RESOURCE TYPE: Residence/Ag Outbuildings  
RANK: National Register of Historic Places

X BLDG X STRUC DIST SITE X OBJ

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular NO. OF STORIES: 2  
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Stone BASEMENT: Yes  
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Hip/composition shingles  
WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood STRUCTURAL FRAME: Balloon frame  
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: 1/1 double hung wood sash windows  
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Shiplap

CONDITION: x GOOD FAIR POOR MOVED (DATE)

DECORATIVE FEATURES:

Corbelled chimney, narrow friezeboard, second floor shingled siding flares slightly over the first story shiplap siding; turned balcony and porch posts; classical columns support the upper balcony deck; beltcourse separates the first and second stories; brick piers support the porch deck; wide watertable with cap.

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS:

The house was completely restore and rehabilitated in 1992-93.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Mature poplar trees surround the house. Orchards are north of the house.

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES:

The Imperial Stock ranch consists of many outbuildings associated with its historic use as a sheep ranch. The buildings, structures, objects, and landscape features in the complex that are contributing resources (aside from the house) recorded in the National Register nomination are the Guest House (c. 1905), the well (c. 1900), the ice house (c. 1900), the smoke house (c. 1900), the garage (c. 1912), the cook house (1940), bunk house (c. 1940), barn (prior to c. 1912), the breaking corral (c. 1900), shearing plant and drying shed (c. 1915), orchards (planted prior to c. 1910), Hinton automobile, Jin pole, blacksmith forge and implements, and meat wheel and slaughterhouse slab. See National Register nomination for complete description of associated features.

SETTING:

The ranch is in a rural area of Wasco County. This portion of Wasco County has supported the agricultural activities of the Imperial Stock Ranch for over 120 years. The landscape around the ranch is characterized as semi-arid desert and broken canyon lands. The ranch is in a sub-irrigated valley along Hinton Creek which runs south to north. Poplar trees, orchards, and alfalfa around the ranch buildings add contrast to the sage and bunchgrasses covered hills. The outbuildings are located north of the Hinton House as is the orchard.

SOURCES: Wasco County Historical Inventory Form, 1982 (Clarence Hunt, recorder) and National Register Nomination by Jeanne Carver and Dan Grant, 1993.

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CONTINUATION SHEET 1: Imperial Stock Ranch

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(Excerpts from the National Register Nomination for the Imperial Stock Ranch)

The Imperial Stock Ranch Headquarters Complex is a complete and functioning example of the operational center of the large stock ranch empires of the West in the early 1900s. Richard Roland Hinton founded the ranch in the 1870s and was one of the earliest settlers to homestead in the area. He built the ranch into the largest individual land and stock holdings in the county by the turn of the century. As the empire continued to grow, the Imperial Stock Ranch eventually became the largest individual owned ranch holdings in Oregon. The ranch was nominated under National Register criterion A for its association with the early stock raising industry in Wasco County. The ranch was also nominated under criterion B for its association with R.R. Hinton, an early settler and entrepreneur of Wasco County.

See the National Register Nomination for complete history of ranch.

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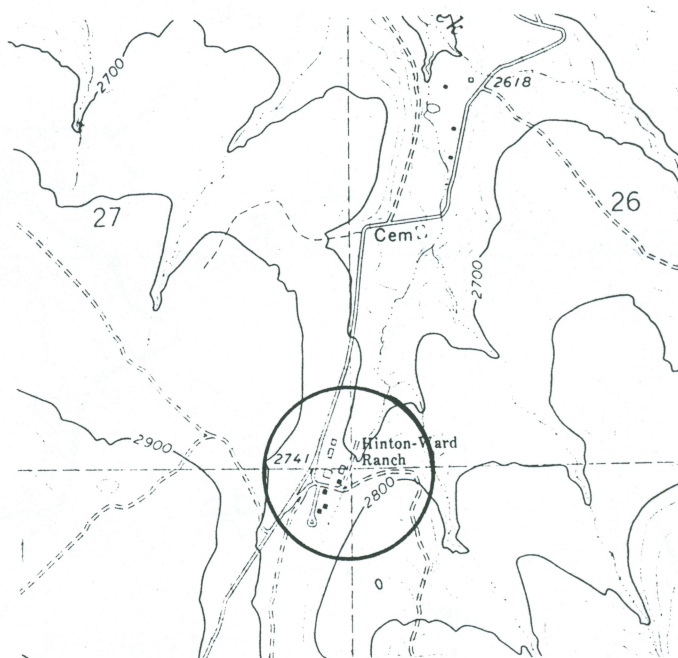
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ADDRESS: Hinton Road near Bakeoven

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T5S R16E S26 Tax Lot 2900



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