

JOSEPHINE COUNTY CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION:

T 33 R 5W S 19 SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Present Owner: Redwood Empire Products Credit Association  
 Account Number: 33-5-19, TL 1200 Address: 3482 Coyote Creek Rd  
 Address: Coyote Creek Rd Wolf Creek, OR  
Golden, Oregon Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Historic Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder: Josephine County  
 Common Name: Golden Historical Marker Original Owner: Historical Society  
 Category: District \_\_\_\_\_ Ensemble x Building(s) x Structure \_\_\_\_\_  
 Site \_\_\_\_\_ Object \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ranking: (See Individual Structures) Quadrangle: Glendale

Use: Present Historical Site Original \_\_\_\_\_

THEME:

\_\_\_\_ Archaeology \_\_\_\_\_ Industry x Mining  
 \_\_\_\_ Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_ Military \_\_\_\_\_ Social/Education  
 \_\_\_\_ Architecture \_\_\_\_\_ Politics/Government \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation  
 \_\_\_\_ Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Other  
 \_\_\_\_ Exploration/Settlement

DESCRIPTION:

Type: Historical Site Date Constructed \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual \_\_\_\_\_  
 Style: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plan: Rectangular shape  
 Roof: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Walls: Wooden sign hangs on heavy log support posts  
 Windows: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Doors: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Decorative Elements: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Foundation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alterations/Additions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition: Excellent x Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Resources: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded By: Kay Atwood Date: November 17, 1983  
 Negative # Roll: I-2 Slide # Roll: A

SITE:

Original Site       x       Moved                      Date                     

The Golden Historical Marker is located on the south side of Coyote Creek Road, east of the town of Wolf Creek, Oregon. The marker was placed by the Josephine County Historical Society to indicate the location of the nineteenth century community of Golden, Oregon. The remaining buildings of Golden lie directly across the road from the marker on the south side of Coyote Creek Road.

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SIGNIFICANCE: (Historical and/or Architectural importance, Dates, Events, Persons, Context)

The sign reads: "Established in 1890. This mining town was unique in western annals in that it had two churches and no saloons. The miners went to Placer on Grave Creek for "refreshments". Reverend William Ruble, leader of a group commonly known as "Cambellites" built the church in 1852. He was ordained and the church simultaneously dedicated by County judge Stephen Jewell. Shortly afterward it became the Free Methodist Church. Another group led by Rev. Mark Davis used the schoolhouse for their services. Both ministers worked local mining claims.

Placer activity on Coyote Creek began in the 1850's. Abandoning these claims during the Idaho gold rush of 1860, the men returned to find them being worked by about 500 Chinese for ten cents per day plus rice. The Chinese contractor yielded possession. A 2.5 mile pipeline supplied water for the giants (hydraulic nozzles) resulting in the recovery of 1.5 million dollars in the next few years.

The Josephine County School superintendent, Lincoln Savage, travelled by train from Grants Pass to Wolf Creek, rode his bicycle to Golden and continued to the Greenback mine by tramway to visit the schools. Wilma Gilkey and Edith Allen were among the early teachers. As late as 1906 there were still 36 children in this school."

Josephine County Historical Society

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SOURCES CONSULTED:

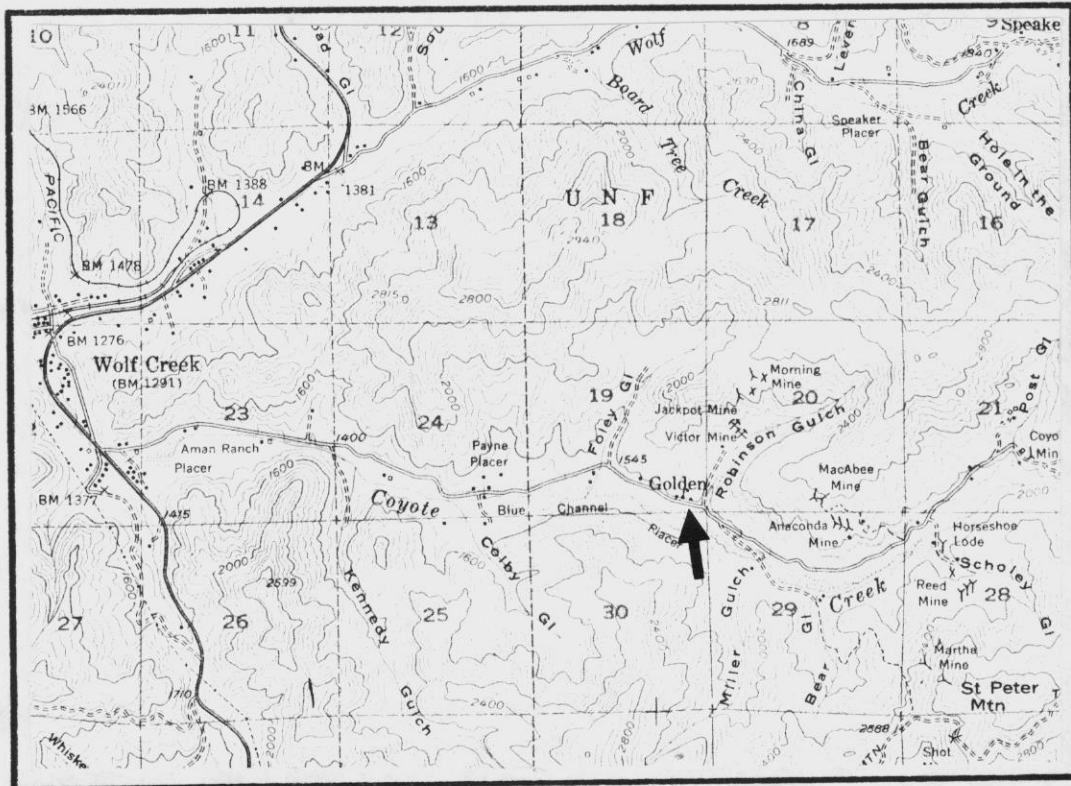
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NAME: Golden Historical Marker



VIEW: North elevation

DATE OF PHOTO: November 1983



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