

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

HIST. NAME: Obenchain Ranch
COMMON NAME:
ADDRESS: Camp 9 Road
CITY:
OWNER: B. and R. Simonsen
30731 Via La Cresta, Rch Palos Verde, CA 90274
T/R/S: T.35s. R.14e. S.29
MAP NO.: 35 14 TAX LOT: 2000
ADDDITION:
BLOCK: LOT: QUAD: Bly

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:
ORIGINAL USE: ranch
PRESENT USE: ranch
ARCHITECT:
BUILDER: Obenchain Family
THEME: agriculture/ranching
STYLE: vernacular

BLDG STRUC. DIST. SITE OBJ.

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: rectangle with projection
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: masonry
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: gable, shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION: frame
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: altered
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: plywood siding
DECORATIVE FEATURES: gable at entry
OTHER:
CONDITION: GOOD X FAIR POOR MOVED (DATE)

NO. OF STORIES: 1.5
BASEMENT: no

STRUCTURAL FRAME: wood

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): windows, siding

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: deciduous trees

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: water tank, barn, sheds

KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES: none

SETTING: meadow in forest

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts).

Madison Obenchain homesteaded the nucleus of the Obenchain Ranch on Meryl Creek north of Bly in the 1870s. His son Frank (1877-1962) operated the ranch from 1896 until 1962. During those years, the ranch grew as additional holdings were added.

The buildings on the Obenchain Ranch date back to the 1890-1910 period. The house has been modified, but the water tank and barn are largely original.

SOURCES: C.J. Shaver et al., An Illustrated History of Central Oregon (Spokane, Washington: Western Historical Publishing, 1905) p. 1013; R.A. Good, A History of Klamath County, Oregon (Klamath Falls, Oregon, 1945) p. 236 (Silas Henry Obenchain); History of Klamath County, Oregon, Klamath County Historical Society (Klamath Falls, Oregon: Klamath County Historical Society, 1984) p. 335.

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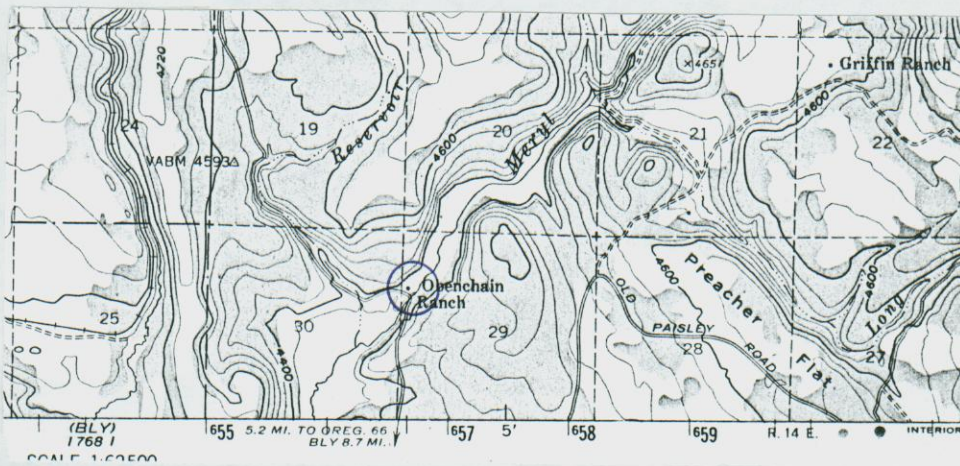
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