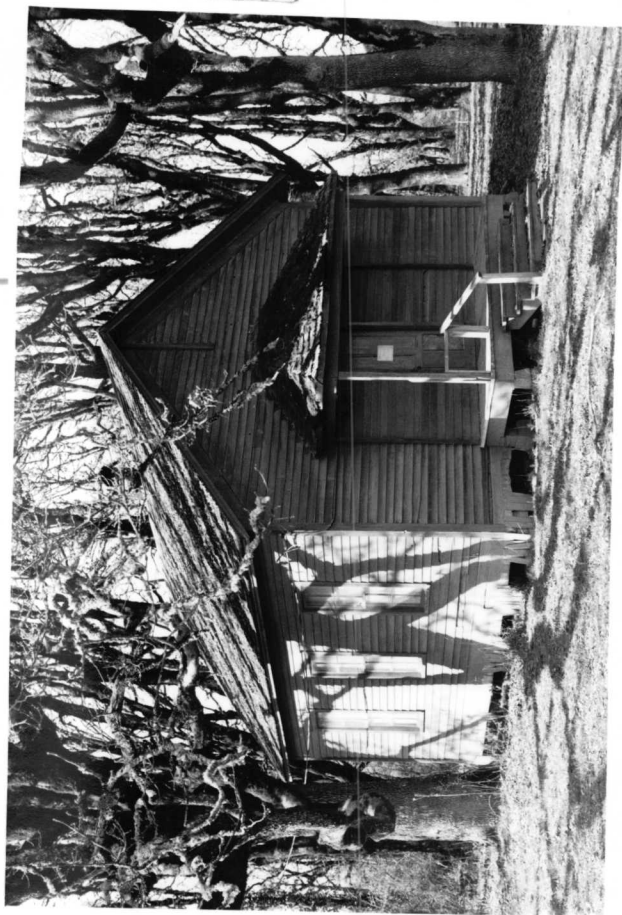


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 HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS
 State Historic Preservation Office
 Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310



County Polk
 Theme 9-B, 10-A
 Name
 (Common) Ballston School
 (Historic) (same)
 Address Ballston Park
Ballston, Ore.
 Present Owner Polk County
 (Address) Dallas, Ore.
 Original Use School
 Date of Construction 1855

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

This simple, one room school was built in 1855 and was moved to its present site in 1873. It was erected originally on the Isaac Ball Donation Land Claim. It now stands in a 1.5 acre park given to Polk County by Cassie (Sears) Sechrist, granddaughter of Isaac Ball. Mrs. Sechrist owns the school's record books. The building was last used as a school in the 1880's. More recently it has been a Boy Scout meeting ah1, and Sew and Social Club, and Ballston community activites.

The building has a gable roof and one brick chimney. There are three window bays of four-over-four windows on the north and south elevations. The east (front) elevation has a single entry door and a simple porch.

Continue back if necessary

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 15 Mar. 1976 Sources Consulted:

For Oregon State Historic Preservation Office Sechrist, Cassie (Sears). Interview with Stephen Dow Beckham, 14 March 1976, Ballston, Ore.

Please enclose map Township 6 ^N_S Range 5 ^E_W Section 8 (over)

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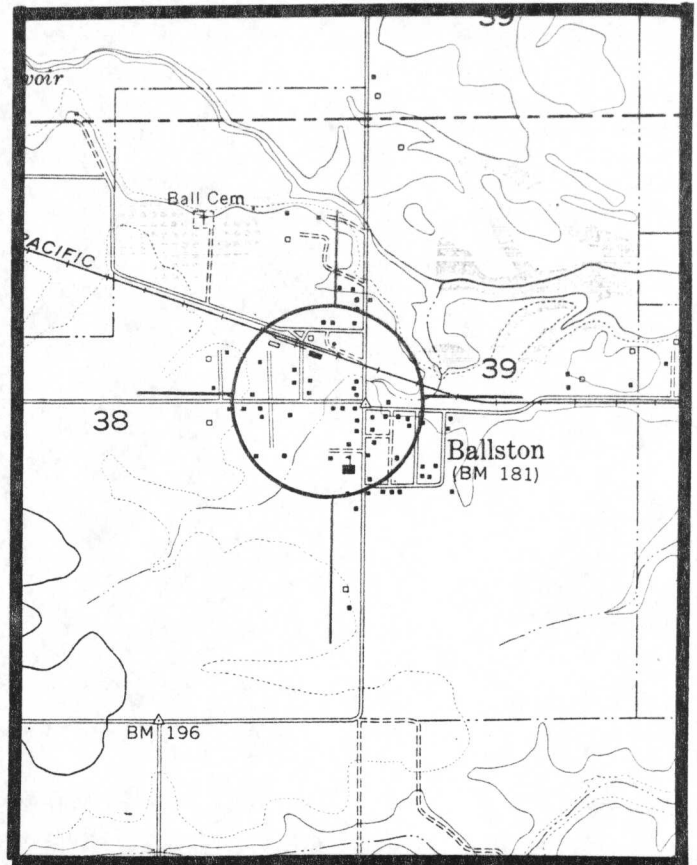
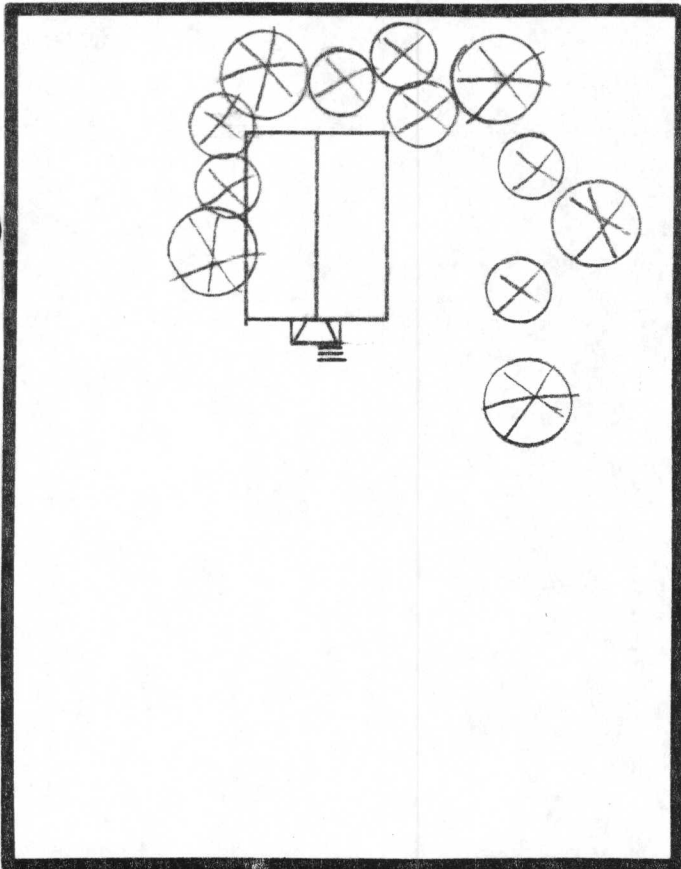
Historic Name: BALLSTON SCHOOL
 Common Name: BALLSTON SCHOOL
 Address: 14300 BLK. BALLSTON RD.
 City: SHERIDAN, OR 97378
 Owner: POLK COUNTY
 T/R/S/taxlot: 6/5/08AB/400
 Quadrangle: AMITY (7.5')

Date of Construction: 1855
 Original Use: SCHOOL
 Present Use: PARK
 Theme: CULTURE/EDUCATION

Architect: UNKNOWN
 Builder: UNKNOWN

Resource Type: Bldg. Structure District Site Object

Setting: THE BALLSTON SCHOOL WAS BUILT IN 1855 AND MOVED IN 1873 TO THE PRESENT SITE FROM LOCATION WITHIN THE ISAAC BALL DONATION LAND CLAIM. TODAY, THE BUILDING RESTS IN A COMMUNITY PARK ON BALLSTON ROAD WITHIN THE BALLSTON RURAL COMMUNITY CENTER WHERE THE BUILDING IS NOW USED FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. THE BUILDING IS SET AMONG MATURE OAK TREES IN A GRASSY AREA WITH PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND PICNIC TABLES.



Noteworthy Landscape Features: MATURE OAK TREES

Associated Structures: NONE.

Non-Contributing Features: OUTHOUSES, PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

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Name: BALLSTON SCHOOL
Address: 14300 BLK. BALLSTON RD, SHERIDAN, OR
Quadrangle: AMITY, OREGON (7.5')

T/R/S: 6/5/08AB
Taxlot: 400



Negative No.:

Slide No.:

Date of Construction: 1855
Plan Type/Shape: ASYMMETRICAL
Foundation Material: POST AND BEAM
Wall Construction: WOOD
Roof Form and Materials: GABLE W/WOOD SHINGLES
Primary Window Type: FOUR-OVER-FOUR W/PLAIN SURROUNDS
Exterior Surfacing Materials: LAP W/CORNERBOARDS AND RAKE BOARDS
Decorative Features: NONE
Other: SINGLE-BAY PORCH W/HIP ROOF, E. ELEV.; FOUR-PANELED DOOR; INTERIOR CHIMNEY

Style: VERNACULAR
No. Stories: 1
Basement (Y/N): NO
Structural Frame: UNKNOWN

Condition: Good Fair Poor Moved

Exterior Alterations/Additions (Dated): FRONT PORCH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN REBUILT (n.d.)

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Statement of Significance (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, person, contexts), use additional sheets if necessary:

The Ballston School is an excellent example of a late 19th century rural school house.

In Oregon during the 19th century and on into the early years of the 20th century, rural school buildings were typically one-room affairs, rectangular in plan, covered with a gable roof and oriented with end-wall facing the front.

From approximately 1910 through the historic period school buildings looked dramatically different. The changes in appear were due in part to the growing enrollment of school-age children in public schools, resulting in a need for multi-roomed buildings. Instead of an end-wall facing volume, schools were generally side-wall facing. Changes in architectural fashions also contributed to new forms.

The Ballston School is rectangular in plan and oriented with the end-wall as the primary elevation. Clad with simple lap siding and finished with corner and rake boards, the subject building is the quintessential rural one-room school house. Other common elements include the four-panel door and hipped porch cover.

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