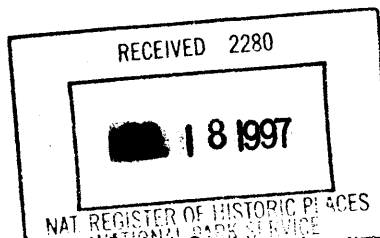


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Umatilla Lodge No. 40 A.F. & A. M.  
other names/site number Umatilla Masonic Lodge Hall (preferred title for listing)

2. Location

street & number 200 S Dupont Street N/A not for publication  
city or town Echo N/A vicinity  
state Oregon code OR county Umatilla code 059 zip code 97826

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)  
[Signature] July 1, 1997  
Signature of certifying official/Title Deputy SHPO Date  
Oregon State Historic Preservation Office  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:  
 entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper [Signature] Date of Action 8/25/97

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

- building(s), district, site, structure, object

Contributing Noncontributing
1 buildings
sites
structures
objects
1 Total

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

City of Echo and The Meadows Historic Resources

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Social: fraternal meeting hall
Commerce/Trade: restaurant/saloon, specialty stores

Social: fraternal meeting hall, community meeting hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate (vernacular, Western False Front)

foundation concrete, walls wood: weatherboard, roof metal, other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**SUMMARY**

The Umatilla Lodge #40 A.F. & A.M., a two-story, fraternal building, was constructed in ca. 1868 in the Italianate False Front style. The building is one of the oldest buildings in Umatilla County and was moved from Umatilla City to its present location in Echo in 1901. The building is in good conditions with minor exterior alterations. The lodge hall is an excellent example of the False Front style. A high front parapet is embellished with decorative Italianate brackets. The building is clad with shiplap siding finished with cornerboards. The original storefront is intact with the exception of the boards over the storefront windows and an aluminum front door. Some windows on the first and second floors have been also been boarded up. The building is currently used as a meeting hall.

**SETTING**

The Masonic Lodge #40 is located on Lot 5 of Block 2 of the Original Townsite to Echo City. The building is situated on a flat lot in downtown Echo on the corner of South Dupont (to the east) and Bridge streets (to the south). A gravel parking lot is located directly to the north. Recycling containers are located on the north side of the parking area. A driveway, wire fence and row of trees are west of the building. The City Park, with a wooden gazebo, is located across South Dupont Street to the east. Sidewalks abut the building on the east and south elevations. Residential dwellings are south of Bridge Street and the downtown district is to the north.

**PLAN**

The two-story building, measuring 24 ft x 60 ft, is rectangular in plan with a 8 ft x 10 ft rear addition. The upper floor was originally used (and currently) as a meeting hall for the Masons and the lower floor used as commercial space. The second story is divided into the main hall and two auxiliary rooms. The lower floor, originally commercial, was remodeled in the 1960s for use as a community hall. A kitchen was added at that time. A small one story addition has been added to the rear (west) elevation of the building which houses a restroom. Stairs to the basement are located along the south wall of the first floor.

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**EXTERIOR**

The Masonic Lodge has a gable roof covered with metal corrugated roofing surmounted with a brick chimney topped with a metal cap. The building is clad with shiplap siding which is finished with cornerboards. The building has a concrete foundation.

**East Elevation**

A false front parapet on the east (front) facade is embellished with Italianate brackets and a projecting cornice. Paired windows on the second story of the front facade have been boarded up. A "Masonic Temple" sign is located between the two pairs of windows. The storefront is composed of a paneled bulkhead, recessed entrance doors, a transom above the door and large display windows which have been boarded over. The majority of the storefront is intact with the exception of the boarded up windows.

**North Elevation**

An exterior open, wooden staircase, which leads to the second floor hall, is on the north facade of the lodge. A five panel door is located at the top of the stairs. There are three windows on the first floor on the north elevation; one of the windows is a multi-pane window and the other two has been boarded up (one with plywood and the other shiplap siding).

**West Elevation**

All three of the windows and one door on the west elevation have been boarded up. A faint line in the paint and a cut in the cornerboard indicates the location of an exterior staircase that once led to the second floor hall. This staircase was relocated to the north side.

The small, one story addition (8' x 10') on the west end was built to house a bathroom. The addition has a gable roof covered with asphalt shingles, exposed brackets, and vertical board siding. A window is on the north elevation of the addition.

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**South Elevation**

The south elevation is a solid wall with the exception of a entrance door (with transom) covered with a shed roof and two windows which have been boarded up. A cellar door is located on the ground surface along the south elevation. The door to the cellar is metal with a concrete surround.

**INTERIOR**

**First Floor**

The first floor has been used for a variety of purposes, most recently as a community hall and senior center. The room is a large open room supported by two posts. The first floor retains the original high ceilings. Original vertical wainscoting covers the lower portions of the walls; the walls above are plastered. The floors are covered with linoleum tiles.

The enclosed stairway to the basement is along the south wall. A small closet, built in the 1980s, was built along the west face of the enclosed stairway. A chimney abuts the closet on the west. The kitchen area and two bathrooms are located in the west portion of the first floor (built the 1960s). The bathrooms retain the original sinks; the men's bathroom (in southwest corner) has a corner sink made of marble. The stairway to the second floor is located along the west elevation, behind the kitchen. Carpet covers the stairs and wood paneling covers the lower portion of the stair hall.

**Second Floor**

The second floor is divided into three rooms; the main lodge hall, a preparation room, and a receiving room. The receiving room is at the top of the stairs. The room has two doors; one on the east leads to the main hall and the other on the north wall leads to a preparation room. The walls of the receiving room are covered with wood paneling.

The rectangular main hall has high plaster ceilings and plaster walls. "Orbit" style lights (1960s) line the ceiling. A door to the outside stairway is on the north wall and an elevated staging area is on the eastern end of the room. A chimney is located along the

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south wall. The hall is carpeted. Chairs line the perimeter of the room on the north, west, and south elevations. Furniture and ceremonial articles used in the Masonic meetings are dispersed throughout the room.

**Basement**

The basement is divided into two main spaces. A large open space encompassing three fourth of the basement and a smaller room at the west end. The larger room has two rows, extending east-west, of eight posts that support the building. The furnace and the chimney are located at the foot of the stairs in the main room. A door to the smaller room is in the southwest corner of the main room. The smaller room measures approximately 10 ft (east-west) by 24 ft. (north-south). The door to the exterior is located on the south wall of the room. The two rooms have concrete slab floors.

**MAJOR ALTERATIONS**

The majority of windows boarded-up; addition of kitchen to the first floor (1960s); aluminum front door and transom; shed roof over south side entrance door.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- [x] A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
[] B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
[x] C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
[] D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- [] A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
[x] B removed from its original location. Historic relocation from Umatilla to Echo
[] C a birthplace or grave.
[] D a cemetery.
[] E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
[] F a commemorative property.
[] G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Social History

Commerce

Architecture

Period of Significance

1901-1946

Significant Dates

(informational only - N/A)
(1864) - date of construction at Umatilla
1901 - date of relocation to Echo

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- [] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
[] previously listed in the National Register
[] previously determined eligible by the National Register
[] designated a National Historic Landmark
[] recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
[] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- [] State Historic Preservation Office
[] Other State agency
[] Federal agency
[] Local government
[] University
[] Other

Name of repository:

Umatilla Masonic Lodge Hall

Name of Property

Umatilla County, Oregon

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.11 acres (50 x 100 feet)

Echo, Oregon 1:24000

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sally Donovan/Marianne Kadas

organization Marianne Kadas Consulting date December 15, 1996

street & number 3602 SE Alder Street telephone 503/238-9859

city or town Portland state OR zip code 97214

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Masonic Lodge (Umatilla Lodge No. 40 A. F. & A. M.)

street & number PO Box 95 telephone N/A

city or town Echo state OR zip code 97826

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE UMATILLA MASONIC LODGE HALL

The Umatilla Masonic Lodge Hall is significant under Criterion A for its association with the development of transportation in the Echo and Meadows area. This development followed the completion of the Union Pacific railroad line through Echo in 1884 and allowed for the movement of cattle, sheep, grain, and other agricultural products to markets in many parts of the United States. Rail transportation continued to be a major source of business and income in Echo through the 1940s when new highway construction and improvements in barge traffic on the Columbia River signaled major changes in transportation patterns and the eclipse of the railroad.

The Umatilla Masonic Lodge Hall is also significant under Criterion C as an excellent example of an Italianate False Front style building. The building is one of the oldest in Umatilla County dating from the late 1860s. The building was moved in 1901 to its present site. The hall displays distinctive stylistic elements such as its high front parapet embellished with Italianate brackets, shiplap siding, and window details. The building retains its original storefront configuration and materials and has had minor alterations. The upper portion of the building is still used for lodge meetings.

The city of Echo and its surrounding area, specifically The Meadows immediately west of Echo, developed as a transportation hub and river crossing dating from prehistory. Its use by Native Americans began its role as an important transportation route before the opening of the Oregon Trail in the 1830s. Agriculture brought early settlers to the Echo area taking advantage of the luxuriant native grasses and later irrigated crops. With the coming of the railroad in 1884, the town prospered as a major shipping point for farm products such as cattle, sheep, grain, alfalfa hay, and other agricultural resources. With the decline of railroad transportation in the 1940s, sixty years later, the city of Echo faced a diminishing population and closure of some businesses. This illustration of the growth and decline cycle was typical of what happened in many small towns as the railroad brought prosperity for a few years, then with its departure the town settled back into a quieter existence.

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The Umatilla Lodge #40 AF & AM was organized on March 23, 1867 in Umatilla City and was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Oregon on June 25, 1867. It was the fifth Masonic lodge created east of the Cascades and was the parent lodge of all other lodges in Morrow and Umatilla counties. The Lodge first met at the Squires and Scrivenor Hall, electing the following officers: Amos E. Rodgers, Jesse David, Peter Rothenbusch, H.C. Paige, J.H. Fish, R.K. Lansdale, and Thomas Pearson. Umatilla City was a bustling port at that time and in one year the lodge gained 200 new members.

Umatilla City's population began to decrease in the 1870s, due to many factors, among them the removal of the county seat to Pendleton in 1868, competition from other port cities on the Columbia River, and the construction of the railroad in the 1880s. By 1900 the population of Umatilla City was only 200. The last regular communication of the Umatilla Lodge was held in their hall in Umatilla on May 25, 1901, at which time the Umatilla City lodge voted to consolidate with Echo Lodge #94, moving the building to Echo, but retaining the Umatilla name. The two-story woodframe building, which had cost \$480 to construct, was dismantled and moved by rail to Echo in 1901 and reassembled at its present site for a cost of \$1,618.27. Election of new officers was held and at the June 17, 1901 meeting the members voted to change the name to Umatilla Lodge No. 40 of Echo. Umatilla Lodge No. 40 and Stanfield Lodge No. 173 consolidated on February 5, 1964. The associative and intrinsic architectural value of this, one of the oldest fraternal buildings in the state of Oregon, built by the Masonic mother lodge of Umatilla County, mitigates the historic relocation to Echo. Criteria Exception B is met. The original carpet in the lodge hall has been replaced; it was made in Europe with a design incorporating Masonic symbols and shipped to Oregon around Cape Horn. One piece is on display at the lodge hall and other pieces were sent to other lodges as historical momentos. The building is structurally well preserved.

Since its move to Echo, the lodge has continued to use the upper level for lodge activities. The street level space has housed a harness shop, a hardware store, a restaurant, a saloon, and a barber shop in the historic period; it is now used as a community meeting room with the addition of a kitchen and dining room. Many Masonic Lodges made a major contribution to their community by establishing a cemetery. This was the case in Echo. The former Masonic cemetery in Echo is now a community cemetery and well-cared for.

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**UMATILLA MASONIC LODGE HALL (1868, 1901)**

(City of Echo/The Meadows Historic Resources MPS)

200 S Dupont Street

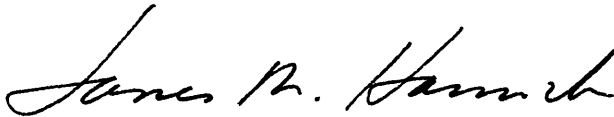
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**NRIS NO. 97000906**

Listing date: 8-28-97

The purpose of this continuation sheet is to correct a typographical error under Significant Dates in Section 8 of the form. The date of the building's construction at Umatilla was given for information purposes only in this case since the building was not brought to Echo until 1901. The date was incorrectly typed as 1864. The correct date, consistent with the narrative of Section 8, is 1868.

A further correction is in order with respect to the presumed role of the Masonic order in establishing Echo's community cemetery. While it is true that the Masons were active in forming cemeteries in the West, as is claimed in the narrative statement of significance, Echo's cemetery antedates the consolidation of Masonic lodges at Echo by at least 14 years. In 1887, a private landholder deeded acreage to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for purposes of establishing the community cemetery at Echo.



Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 12 Sept, 1997

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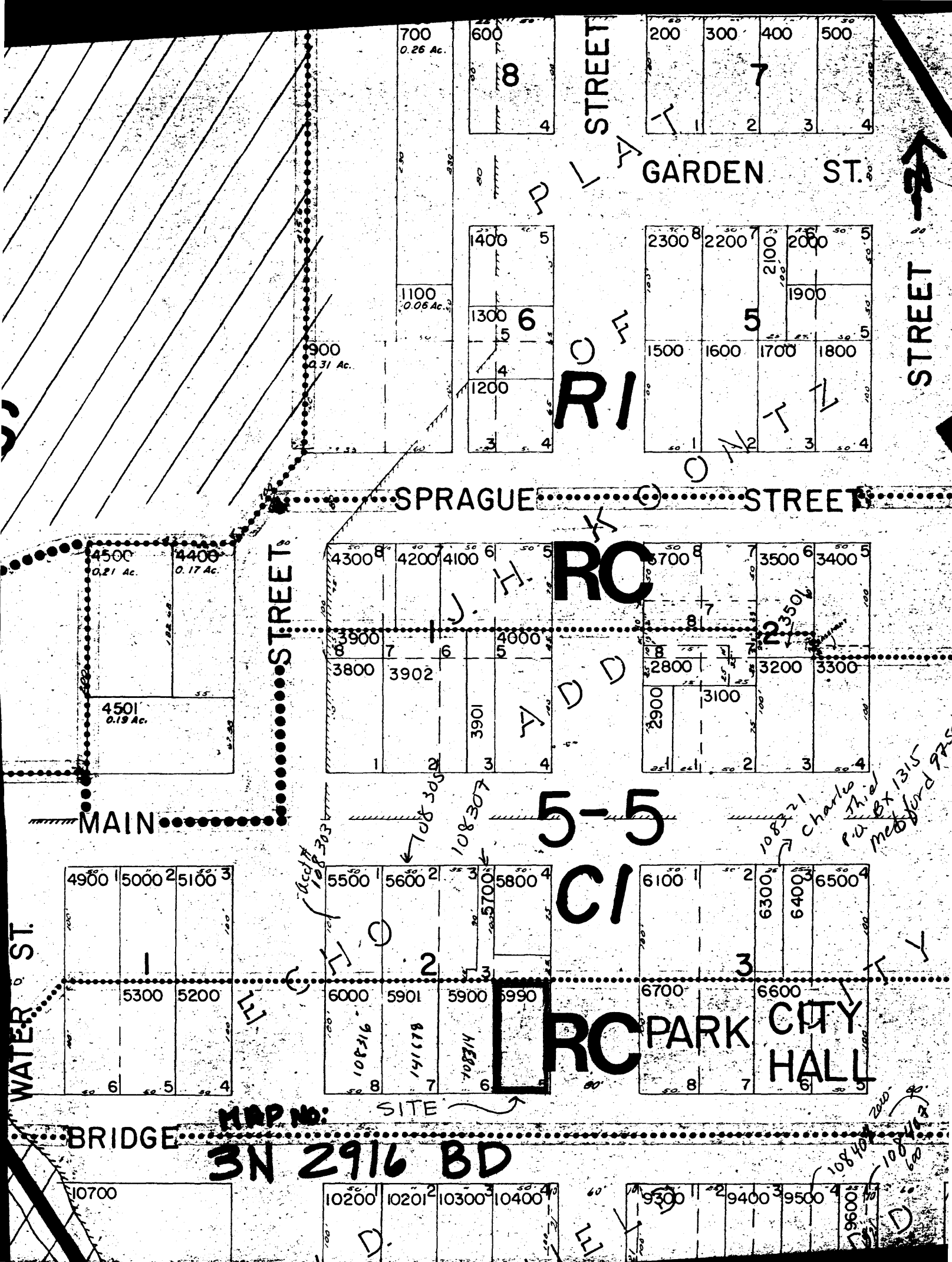
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### **VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The nominated area is in Section 16, T3N, R29E, Willamette Meridian and is legally described as Lot 5 of Block 2, the Original Townsite of Echo, Oregon. It is otherwise identified as Tax Lot 5990 at said location.

### **BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

This lot (50 ft. x 100 ft.) defines the historic and current property boundary. The nominated area includes the Masonic Hall building and the adjacent parking area.



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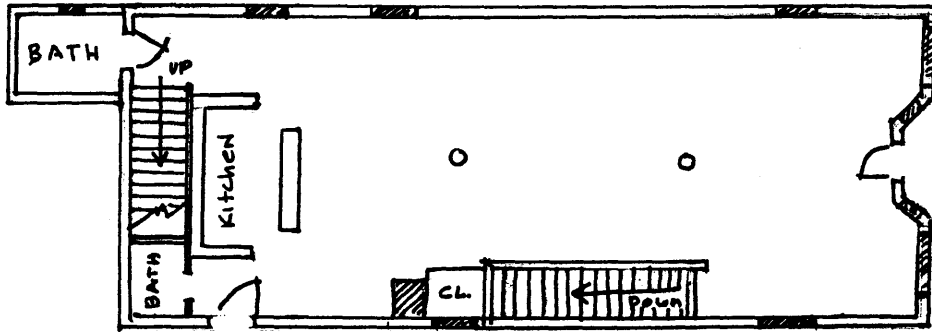
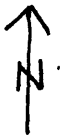
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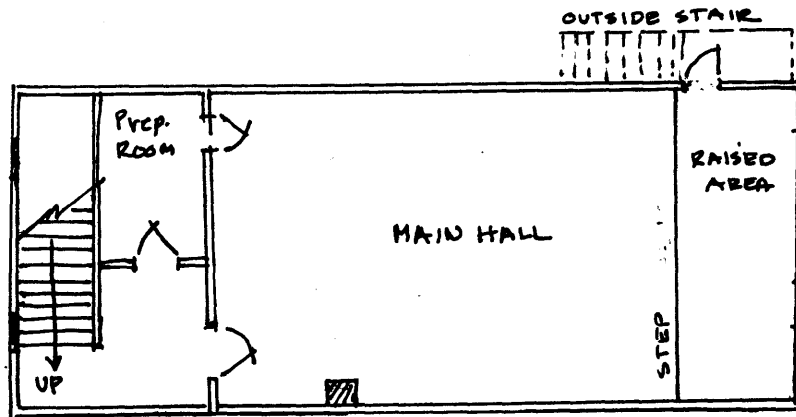
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FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR  
HALL

MASONIC HALL  
FLOOR PLAN

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**The following information is submitted for all photographs:**

Property:                    Masonic Building  
Address:                    20 S. Dupont Street  
                                  Echo, Umatilla Co., Oregon 97826  
Photographer:            Sally Donovan  
Date:                        May 1996  
Negatives:                Marianne Kadas  
                                  3602 SE Alder  
                                  Portland, OR. 97214

**Photographs:**

Photo #1:                Front (east) elevation; looking west from S. Dupont Street.  
Photo #2:                South elevation; looking northwest from Bridge and S. Dupont  
                                  street.  
Photo #3:                North elevation, looking southwest from S. Dupont Street.  
Photo #4:                Rear (west) elevation; looking southeast from parking lot..  
Photo #5:                Interior view of first floor; looking west.  
Photo #6:                Interior view of meeting hall; looking east.





MASONIC  
TEMPLE

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Echo.

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