

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Oregon	
COUNTY: Malheur	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER MAY 19 1972	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Old Stone House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Stone House Hotel

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 283 ^{5.} South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Vale

STATE: Oregon CODE: 97918 COUNTY: Malheur CODE: 045

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments Historical-interpretive facility planned.
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Malheur County

STREET AND NUMBER: Malheur County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Vale STATE: Oregon CODE: 97918

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Malheur County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Vale STATE: Oregon CODE: 97918

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Parks and Recreation Section

STREET AND NUMBER: State Highway Building

CITY OR TOWN: Salem STATE: Oregon CODE: 97310

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7. DESCRIPTION

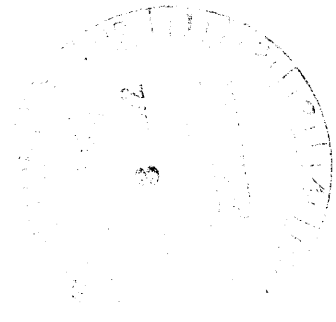
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Louis B. Rinehart's two-story Stone House Hotel, constructed of locally-quarried sandstone in 1872, epitomizes stone architecture dating from the early period of settlement in Eastern Oregon. Rectangular in plan, it measures approximately 26 by 40 feet. It has a shallow hipped roof with overhanging eaves. The caps of three interior brick flues have been modified. A covered outside stairway is intact on the north face.

The main facade, facing west, has the formal, tripartite organization typical of the one and two-story commercial buildings in Oregon's frontier towns built after 1860. As did many of the brick stores and banks in Southern Oregon gold towns such as Jacksonville and Waldo, for example, the Stone House has three larger openings on the ground story which are finished with round arch heads in imitation of the Italianate mode. Openings in the second story have flat arch heads. Window types are double-hung sash. Sills are wooden.

Originally, the main facade was served by a porch with deck to which access was given from a door in the second story center bay.



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OLD STONE HOUSE

2. Location

The Old Stone House is located in Sec. 29, T. 18 S.,
R. 45 E., of the Willamette Meridian, in Malheur County, Oregon.



SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1872

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<u>Town development</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The large, two-story stone building erected by Louis B. Rinehart in 1872 was opened for hotel use on New Year's Day, 1873. It was the first permanent structure and nucleus of the settlement which would be known as "Stone House" until it was officially designated Vale, the county seat of Malheur County, in 1887.

Beginning in 1883, and intermittently through the decade, "Stone House Hotel," as it was called, also served as a store and post office. In this period it was under the management of Henry C. Murray, Rinehart's brother-in-law, and a variety of associates and successors.

The Stone House is believed the oldest building standing in north Malheur County today. Among eventful years in its history was 1878, the time of the Bannock-Paiute uprising during which the Stone House was an area-wide refuge for settlers.

The historic Oregon Trail, most heavily used by emigrants between 1843 and 1859, established the route of travel through north Malheur County from Fort Boise on the east side of the Snake River in present-day Idaho northwesterly across alkali flats toward the Blue Mountains. Because the Stone House was sited on the course of this trail, near hot springs used by emigrants as a camping spot and a natural fording place on the Malheur River as well, the building naturally evolved as a way station when later stage and wagon roads between Boise and Eastern Oregon points intersected at this location.

Now commonly known as "The Old Stone House," the property is the subject of a current proposal by the City of Vale and Malheur County to the National Park Service to be designated a National Historic Site under the theme of the Oregon Trail. The proposal, adopted by the Vale City Council in August, 1970, presents the Old Stone House as an historical feature within a larger planned recreation and exposition development. Under this proposal, the building would house exhibits treating the history of the town and the broad historical implications of the Oregon Trail.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gregg, Jacob Ray, Pioneer Days in Malheur County (Los Angeles: Lorin L. Morrison, 1950), 108-109; 303-307.

"Proposed Oregon Trail National Historic Site Development, Vale, Oregon." Report approved by the Vale City Council August, 1970.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		43° 58' 51"	117° 14' 22"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: ca. 0.25 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Elisabeth Walton, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: Parks and Recreation Section DATE: March 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: Oregon State Highway Building

CITY OR TOWN: Salem STATE: Oregon CODE: 97310 41

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *Roger M. Baldwin*

Title Administrator of Highways

Date March 23, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert W. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/17/72

ATTEST:

J. Bradford Ford
Keeper of The National Register

Date May 12, 1972

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