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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 by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For function, 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 Adams Odd Fellows Hall

other names/site number Adams City Hall and Fire Station

2. Location

street & number 190 Main Street N/A not for publication

city or town Adams N/A vicinity

state Oregon code OR county Umatilla code 059 zip code 97810

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.)
James Hannah June 27, 1994
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:)

for Signature of the Keeper Entered in the Date of Action
Myra M. Fapsley National Register 8/5/94

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Table with columns: Contributing, Noncontributing, buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total. Values: 1, 0, 0, 0, 1.

Name of related multiple property listing

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Social: fraternal organization
Trade: specialty stores, barber shop
Recreation: billiards room

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Government: city hall, fire station

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick
walls brick
roof asphalt, built-up
other

Narrative Description

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

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7. Narrative Description

The building that is being submitted for nomination is located on the southwest corner of Main and Wade street. It is Italianate and until 1962 was known as the I.O.O.F. building. It is now known as the City of Adams Fire Station and City Hall.

It is a two story brick masonry building made of locally manufactured brick and is rectangular in plan. The frontage on Main Street is 26 feet. It is 52 feet 4 inches running east to west and is 32 feet 4 inches in height.

The original front (east) had three bays divided vertically by beveled brick pilasters rising continuously from foundation to parapet. The lower facade consisted of three major openings under segmental arches, the two outer bays being shop windows with brick bulkheads, the central bay being an entrance. In the 1960's when the city became owners, one bay window became the door and the other window and door were altered for an overhead door for the fire truck. The three round arches are still visible. The upper story has three elongated window openings with segmental arch heads which are fitted with double-hung sash. The rear (west) portion of the building has one upper segmental arch head and one segmental arch door both which are fitted with double-hung sash. The outer stairway from the second story has been removed for safety reasons. The lower portion also has a segmental arch door with a fitted double-hung sash. The lower segmental window was filled in with brick when that part of the building became the restroom. The north side (Wade St.) has a segmental arch window with a double-hung sash. The south side also has a window without the double-hung sash. The parapet is distinguished by an inset panel of brick and a corbeled cornice.

The upper story was built for an I.O.O.F. meeting room which is still intact. The lower interior has been altered through the years for different businesses.

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.)

- 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.
- 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.
- B** removed from its original location.
- 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)

Architecture

Social History

Period of Significance

1886-1936

Significant Dates

1886

1898

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:

Adams Odd Fellows Hall
Name of Property

Umatilla County, Oregon
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property less than one (0.21)

Adams, Oregon: 1:24000

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone	Easting				Northing									

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 Gilberta Lieuallen, Recorder
organization City of Adams date December 1, 1993
street & number 190 Main Street telephone 503/566-3841 (Home)
city or town Adams state OR zip code 97810

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 City of Adams
street & number 190 Main Street/P.O. Box 20 telephone (No City telephone)
city or town Adams state OR zip code 97810

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SHPO SUMMARY

The Adams Odd Fellows Hall, a two-story building of brick masonry construction in the Italianate style, was completed and opened for use in 1886. It is one of the oldest fraternal lodge buildings of permanent construction in Umatilla County, Oregon. [The prominent Masonic Temple in the South Main Street Commercial Historic District in Pendleton is a year later in construction.] It stands near the southwest corner of Main and Wade streets in a town strategically situated on Wildhorse Creek along the historic route of travel between Pendleton, the Umatilla County seat, and Walla Walla, Washington. Adams is one of a cluster of small agricultural trading centers on the rolling Columbia High Plateau country north of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The cluster includes Helix, Athena and Weston.

The town of Adams was platted in 1883 by the Adams Real Estate Association. P. A. Worthington, secretary of the Association, was a founder member of local Lodge #74 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. With 12 charter members, the lodge was organized virtually in conjunction with the platting. Among the first improvements at the townsite was a frame building which housed the Odd Fellows lodge. When it burned along with two other properties in a fire of 1885, the building's proprietor, L. M. Simpson, contracted for brick from a local manufactory operated by A. D. Sills. The Adams brick yard was short lived but provided the material for three buildings of permanent construction. Until the schoolhouse was erected in 1918, there were no other buildings of comparable construction in the town.

Following the familiar pattern of fraternal lodge hall development in the West, the local Odd Fellows occupied a prominent, centrally located building supported by mixed commercial use on the ground story. In 1894, after title to the building had reverted for a time to the Adams Real Estate Association, the IOOF re-acquired the building and maintained it through rental income from ground story tenants. The original businesses had been a barber shop and billiards parlor. The ground story later housed a grocery store and soda fountain.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows was prominent among the fraternal orders established in the new republic of the United States as an outgrowth of 18th century Enlightenment ideals of fraternalism and patriotism. The IOOF was established in America

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at Baltimore in 1819. The three links symbolizing the bonds of Odd Fellowship customarily are displayed on facades of lodge buildings, although not at Adams, apparently. The Odd Fellows were among the first men's fraternal organizations to establish degrees for women. The Daughters of Rebekah was founded in 1851. By 1905, and possibly earlier, Adams had organized an auxiliary lodge which was indicative of the peak of strength for fraternal orders generally around the turn of the century. A high point for Lodge #74 occurred during April, 1898 when it was host to other lodges in the area for ceremonies observing the 79th anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America.

As was consistent with national trends, the lodge's membership dwindled in the 1930s when the farming community, hard-hit by economic depression, lost population. The period of significance for the town's primary social outlet is drawn, therefore, to 1936, the end of the order's first 50 years in the building. The current population of Adams, even today, is under 300. Lodge #74 eventually merged with the Weston Odd Fellows, in 1959.

In 1962, the lodge building was sold to the City of Adams and shortly thereafter underwent conversion in its ground story to a fire engine house and city hall.

The building faces east onto Main Street, occupying the southerly portion of the tax lot which includes a vacant corner parcel. The building footprint is 26 x 52 feet. A concrete slab was poured in the front 28 feet of the ground story to accommodate the engine house in the 1963 remodel.

As originally designed, the building front had a three-part organization typical of Italianate buildings based on classical symmetry. The two stories and three structural bays were demarcated by string courses and pilaster strips. The parapet was articulated modestly as an unadorned frieze with simple, denticulated corbeled cornice. Tall second story window openings are segmental-arched, fitted with double-hung, two-over-two sash. The original iron-clad shutters and strap hardware are in place. There are two window bays in the second story rear elevation. Side elevations are blind at the second story. The original storefront arcade of three regular round-arched openings was removed below the springing line and rebricked to fill in space surrounding a roll-up door for the engine bay and an entrance of standard millwork for

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the city office. The ground story's rear section is taken up by a conference room with wood floor and the original straight-flight enclosed stairway on the south wall.

The second story clear span space is the lodge room, historic setting of ceremonies aimed at strengthening bonds and encouraging moral improvement. This space is distinguished by a ceremonial dias, or raised platform which extends along north, south and east walls. Fragments of historic wall covering and platform carpeting remain. Although the partitions have been removed, a section of the upstairs at the west end was subdivided, historically, as separate kitchen and regalia spaces.

The Adams Odd Fellows Hall meets National Register Criterion C as one of very few historic brick buildings in the town and one which displays its essential stylistic character despite alteration of the ground story building front. The building is locally significant also under Criterion A in the area of social history as the home of the premier social institution, one which was linked to the very founding of the town.

The City of Adams has under consideration plans to partially restore the ground story front by reinstalling a salvaged original window bay assembly in the north bay, which is currently used for the entrance.

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8. Statement of Significance

The original town of Adams was platted in May 1883 by a group of enterprising men. P.A. Worthington was secretary of the "Adams Real Estate Association" which sold the lots. The men who were involved with the Adams Real Estate Association had several of the buildings constructed within town and then sold them as business flourished or they enticed men to build. Cora Worthington, presumedly the wife of P.A. Worthington, had Lot 7 Block 7 which she got for \$1.00. It was upon this property that L.M. Simpson built a two story wooden building. On July 31, 1885 three buildings burned in Adams. One of those burned was the L.M. Simpson building. The first floor housed Mrs. Smith's millinery shop and the second floor was the I.O.O.F. meeting room.

One of the businesses in Adams in 1885 was the brick yard. The East Oregonian newspaper stated on October 27, 1885 that "Work will now begin upon Simpson's two-story brick." The East Oregon newspaper of December 14, 1885 says that "The Adams brick yard had turned out 400,000 bricks this season and could sell another hundred thousand if they could be burned." The East Oregonian newspaper stated on August 29, 1886 that "Mr. Wheeler has moved into his new barber shop. It is a respectable building, 24 X 50, with an upper story. The front room will be used for barbering, the rear room will contain a billiard parlor. The second story will be finished for an Odd Fellows Hall." The Sanborn map of 1893 shows the building as I.O.O.F.

The brick yard operated by A.D. Sills did not stay in Adams very long. There were three brick buildings built in the City of Adams during the years of 1885 and 1887 with the I.O.O.F. building as being one of them.

In January of 1890, L.M. Simpson and Co. failed at Adams and the property reverted back to the Adams Real Estate Association.

There were several newspaper articles mentioning the I.O.O.F. lodge in Adams and the many functions that they hosted.

In February 1894, Adams Real Estate Association sold to Adams Lodge #74 I.O.O.F. Lot 7 in Block 7. Through out the years, the lodge continued to meet in the meeting room on the second story of the building and rented out the lower portion to various enterprises. In addition to the barber shop and billiards room, there was a grocery store and a fountain. (The bar from that fountain is now part of the Let'er Buck room at the Pendleton Round-Up.)

At some date, the I.O.O.F. disbanded and merged with the Weston I.O.O.F. (At this time they donated the old pump organ to the

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Adams Community Church and it is still being used today). In 1962 the Weston I.O.O.F. sold the building to the City of Adams for \$1.00.

The City of Adams had acquired a used fire truck and remodeled the lower floor. There is now a fire bay and a meeting room for the council. The upper story is used for storage. The City of Adams is the present owner.

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8. Statement of Significance (Continuation)

P. A. Worthington was one of the founding men of the town of Adams. Not only was he the secretary of the Adams Real Estate Association but he was also one of the original twelve charter members of the fraternal organization of the I.O.O.F. in Adams.

Fraternal organizations were a very necessary part of any town. Along with the churches of the town, they provided a social gathering place. They also served another function such as a group of people who took care of their own (rather like an insurance policy). Adams never had a cemetery, but the founding men came from towns close by which did. The people who died in the Adams area were (and still are) buried in Athena, Helix, Weston, and Pendleton which already had cemeteries in existence.

When people became old, there were I.O.O.F. retirement homes where members could go to live. There were instances where members could borrow money from the organization when the need was great. At the time when travel was limited, the fraternal organizations were relied upon greatly for entertainment and it is because of the fraternal organizations in the town of Adams that the town survived.

In April of 1898, the Adams Odd Fellows hosted the 79th anniversary of the Odd Fellowship. "The small but hospitable town on the banks of the Wild Horse 'did itself proud' in entertaining the visitors, who came from Pendleton, Weston, Athena, Helix and other neighboring places. Adams had been beautifully decorated for the occasion in evergreen and with the national colors. Arches of evergreen appeared above the street, and the town was in gala attire throughout." (E.O. April 27, 1898)

The greatest significance is that the building is made from the bricks which were made in Adams. The materials for the construction of the bricks were from the local area. Of the four brick buildings in town, three of them were built with brick from the A.D. Sills brick yard and they are still in use today. The fourth brick building is the old school which was built in 1918. There is not much left from the original town but the brick buildings are still in use.

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9. Bibliography

1. Original minute book of I.O.O.F. Holder of the book is the Adams Community Church, Adams, Oregon. March 10, 1894 pg. 118.
2. History of Adams, Volume I 1883-1893. A collection of East Oregonian articles. Publisher: Inland Printing, Walla Walla, Washington in 1993.
3. History of Adams, Volume II 1894-1903. A collection of East Oregonian articles. Publisher: Inland Printing, Walla Walla, Washington in 1993.
4. Umatilla County Court House records in Pendleton, Oregon.
5. Unpublished notes from Donald Lieuallen. (His grandmother Laura Ferguson Lieuallen grew up outside of Adams and watched it being built. She married the first mayor of Adams, Thomas A. Lieuallen. This family has lived in the Adams area and is still there.) Donald Lieuallen lives at 125 Blaine Street, Adams, Oregon.
6. Sanborn maps 1893, 1896, 1900, 1910 OSU

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is located in NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 34 East, Willamette Meridian, in Adams, Umatilla County, Oregon. It is legally described as Lots 7 and 8 of Block 7, Original Town of Adams, and is otherwise identified as Tax Lot 1300 at said location.

Boundary Justification

The nominated area of 0.21 acres encompasses the entire tax lot presently associated with the historic building. There are no other improvements on the lot.

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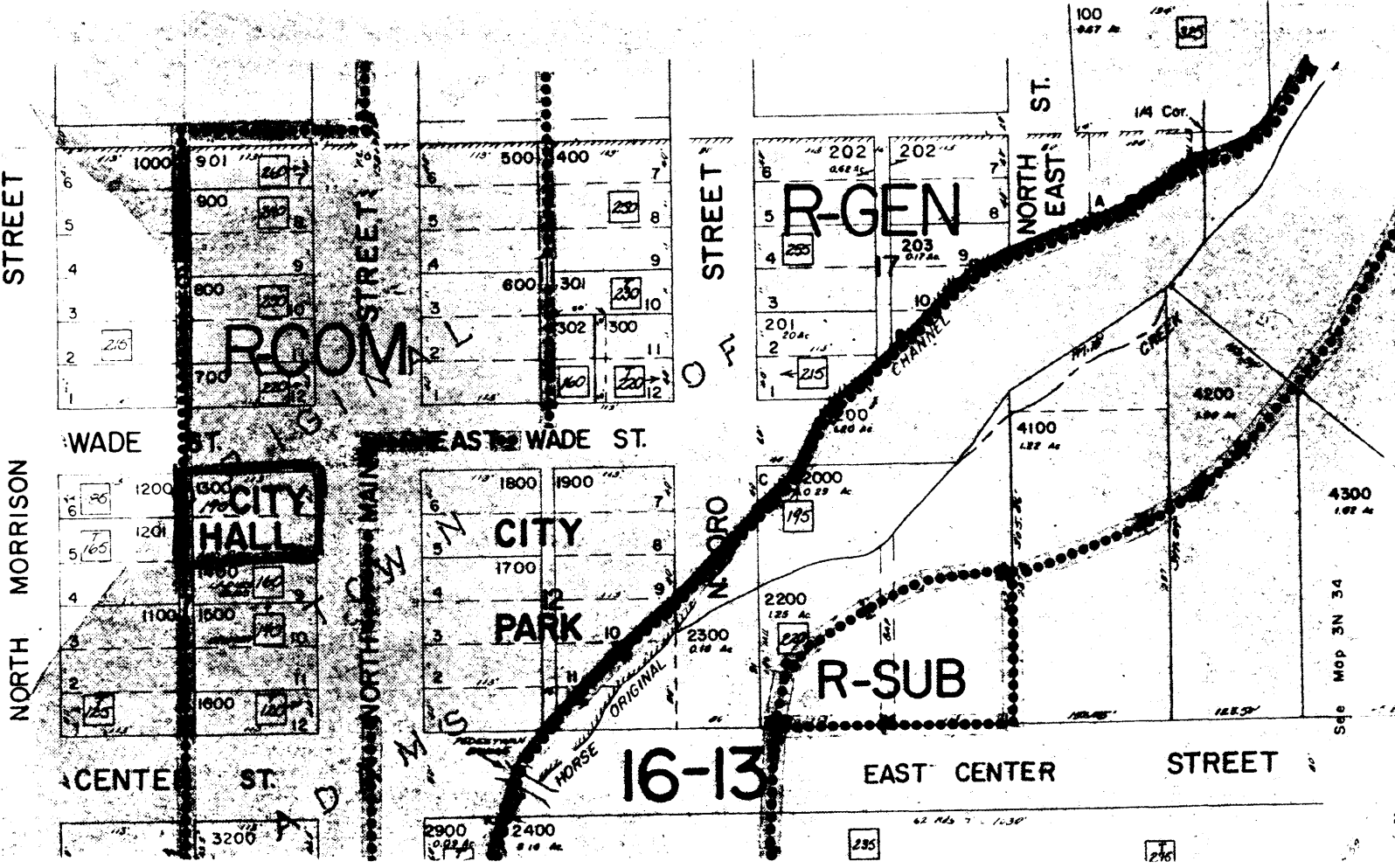
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See Map 3N 34 04AD

Aerial Photo

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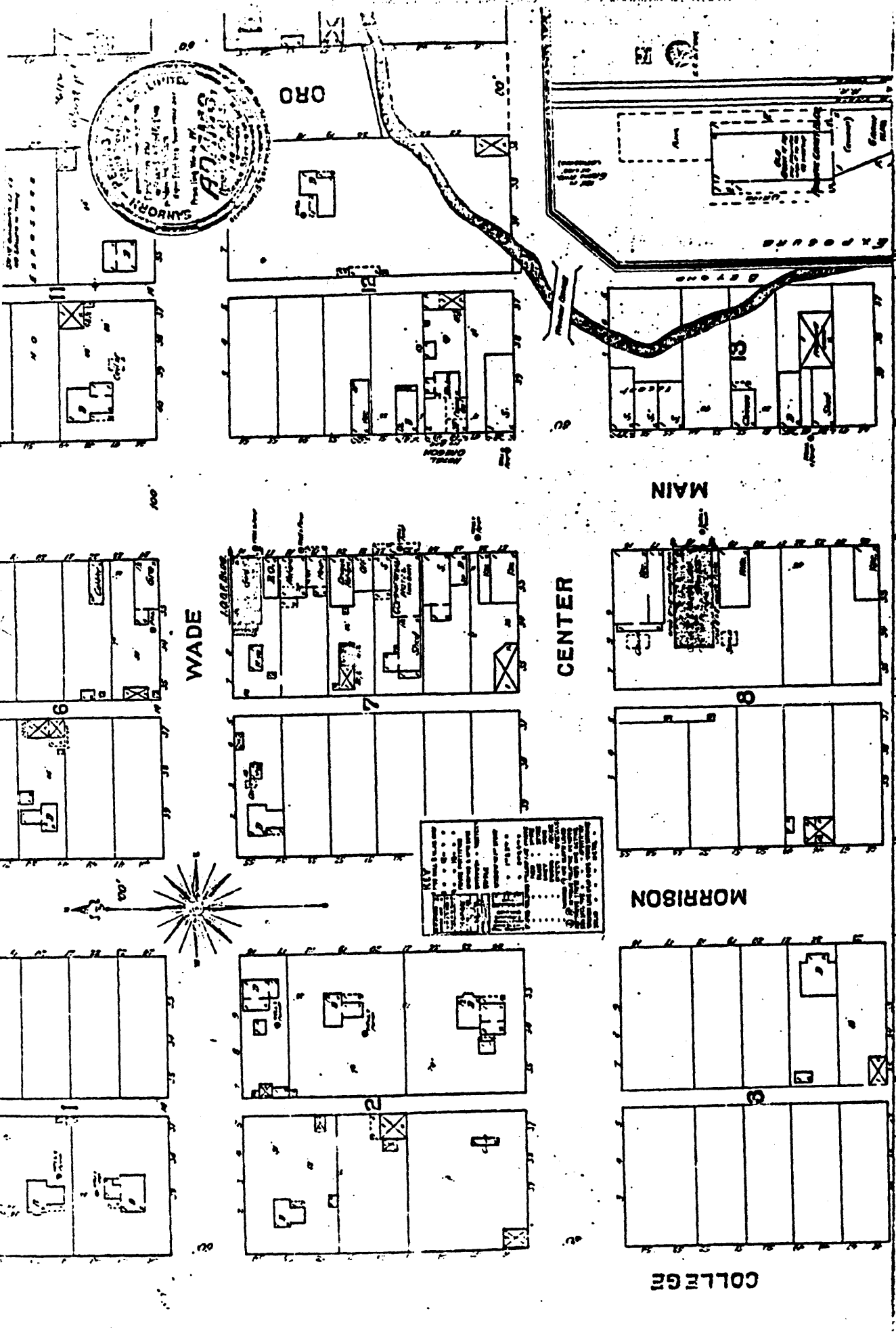
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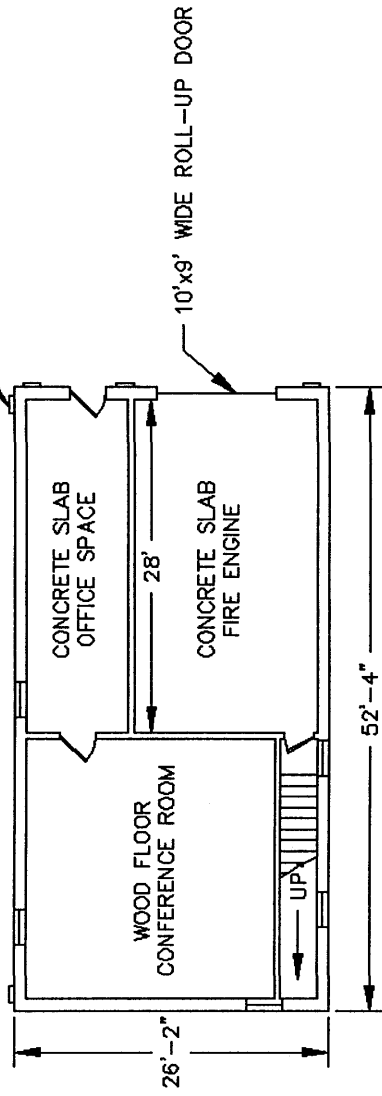
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.....	Gas
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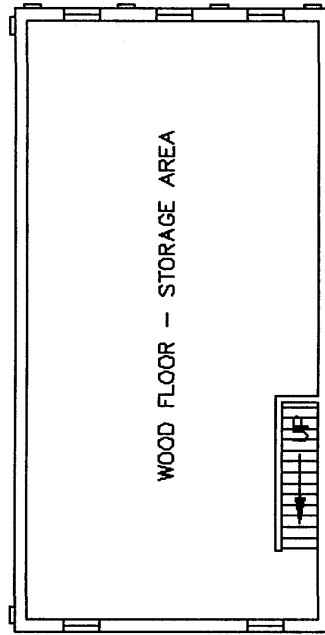


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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 1/16" = 1'



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



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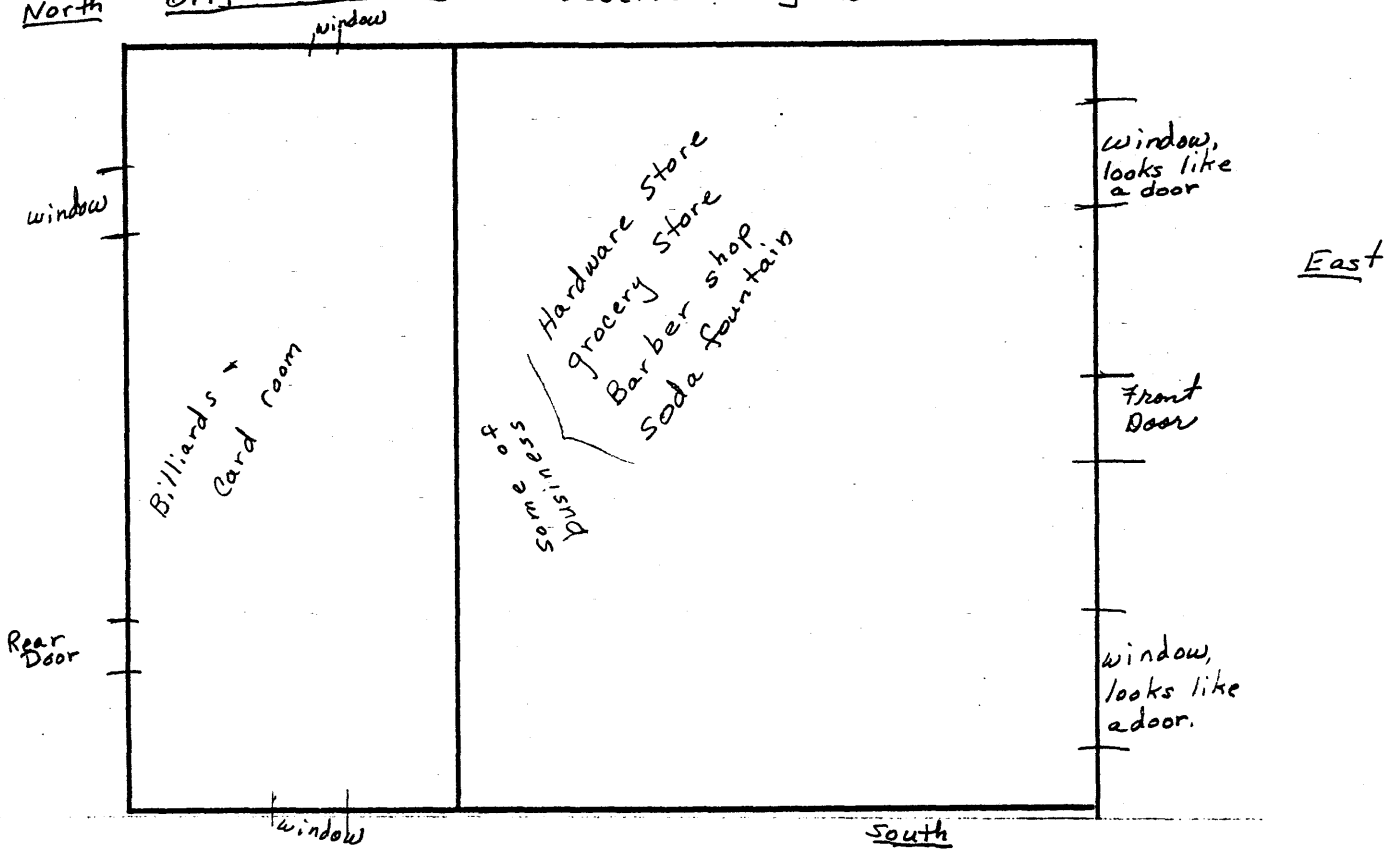
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MAIN ST. AND WADE ST.
ADAMS, OR

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Street level

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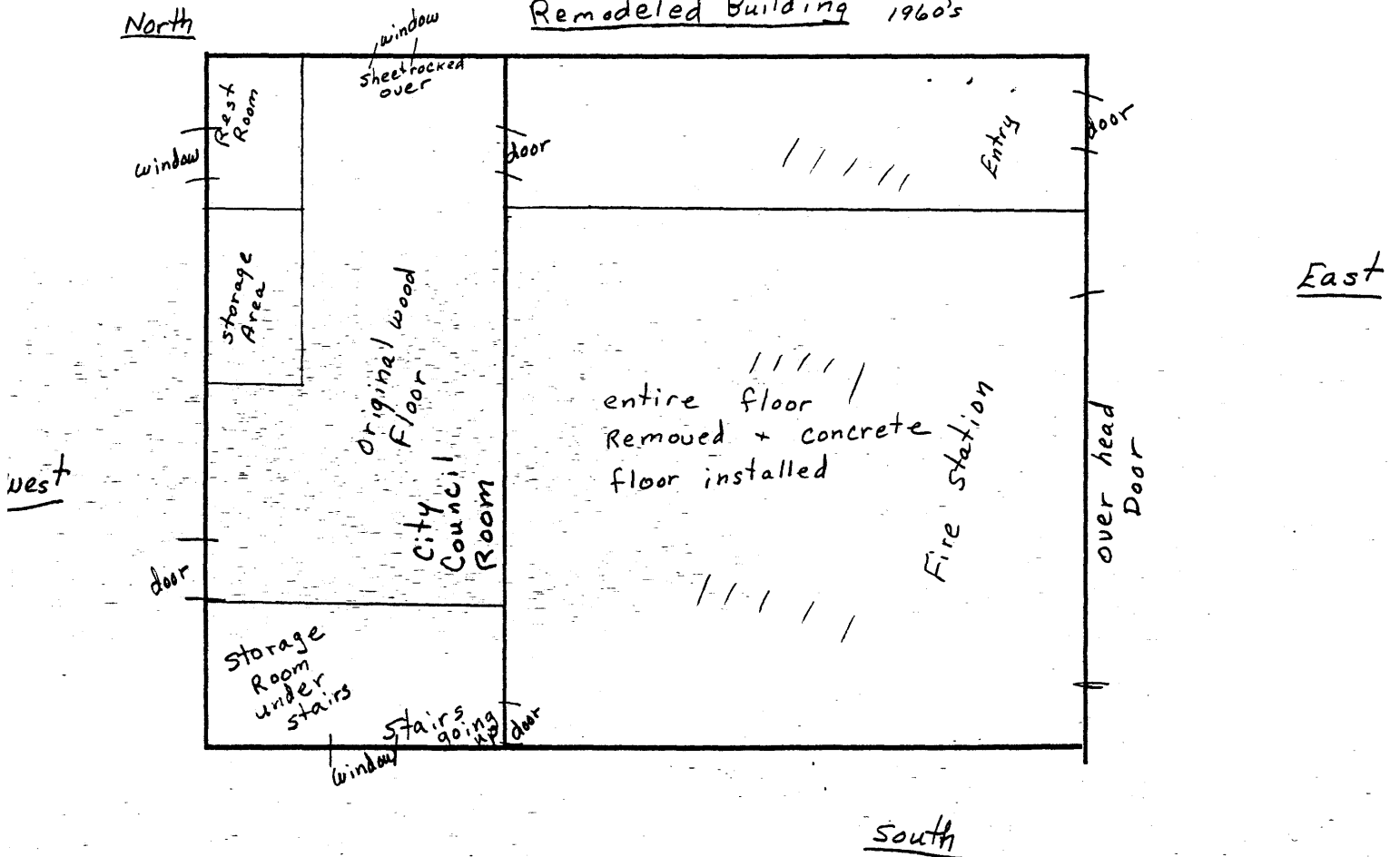
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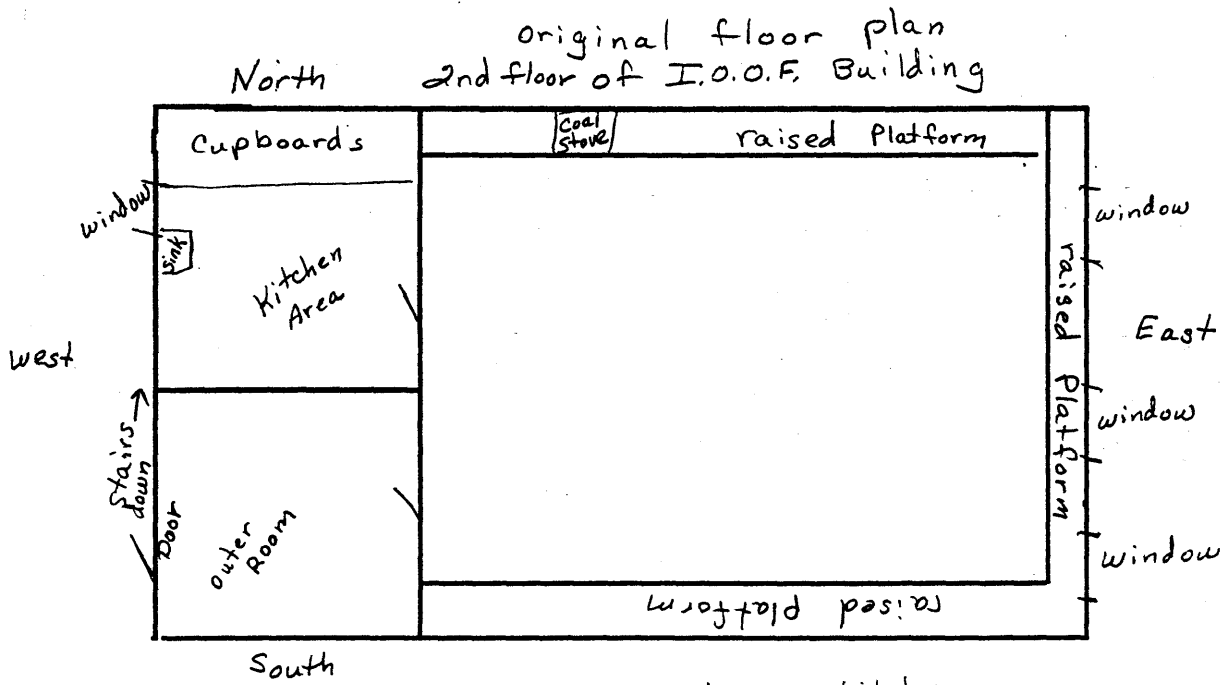


Adams Odd Fellows Hall, Umatilla County, Oregon. Floor plans of historic period and current condition as related to Gilberta Lieuallen by Robert Baker, March 1994.

North

Remodeled Building 1960's





the walls between kitchen, outer room & the main room have been taken out. The coal stove is gone. Everything else is still there.

Adams Odd Fellows Hall, Umatilla County, Oregon. Floor plans of historic period and current condition as related to Gilberta Lieuallen by Robert Baker, Lodge member, March 1994.