

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Oregon	
COUNTY: Klamath	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	OCT 2 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Baldwin Hotel

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
31 Main Street **Oregon Second Congressional District**

CITY OR TOWN:
Klamath Falls **Representative Al Ullman**

STATE Oregon	CODE 97601	COUNTY: Klamath	CODE 035
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Vera & Mart Jones (owners notified of nomination 11-7-72)

STREET AND NUMBER:
31 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Klamath Falls** STATE: **Oregon** CODE: **97601** COUNTY: **41**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Klamath Falls STATE: **Oregon** CODE: **97601** COUNTY: **41**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

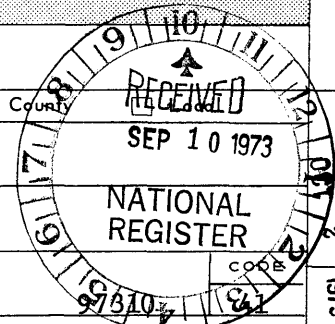
TITLE OF SURVEY:
Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: **1970** Federal State County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Parks and Recreation Section

STREET AND NUMBER:
Oregon State Highway Building

CITY OR TOWN: **Salem** STATE: **Oregon**



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Baldwin Hotel, located in the original section of Klamath Falls, is situated on bedrock against a slight hill and faces SE toward Lake Ewauna linking upper Klamath Lake and Klamath River. Constructed in 1905 at the behest of Senator George Baldwin, the hotel remains essentially unaltered today.

The Baldwin Hotel is a large, four-story brick building in which the facade is organized into four bays on either side of a wide central bay. Openings of the central bay are coupled, double-hung sash windows with segmental brick arch heads. Other window openings also have segmental brick arch heads. The cornice appears to be tin. There is a course of simple decorative brick work beneath the cornice. Brick flues with corbeled caps are intact. The building is slightly rectangular, measuring ca. 72' by 100'. The ground story is lighted by bay windows. Ground story walls are concrete and masonry 26" to 28" thick. The remaining exterior walls are brick, 14" thick. For added support, steel beams brought to the building site around Cape Horn were utilized. There are stone or cast concrete belt courses extending across each of the three major sections of the facade at the lintel level. The sections are defined vertically by slight projections of brick work at the corner and the wide central bay. The interior is finished with varnished wood paneling. A central interior stairway has clerestory lighting. The hotel's 60 rooms are furnished in period styles. Among furnishings are 32 hollow western brass beds, 36 wood burning stoves which are still operative, ironstone toilet tanks, and a table upon which President Theodore Roosevelt's agreement establishing Crater Lake National Park is purported to have been signed. Many of the antiques have been added since 1905, but the building itself shows few signs of alterations.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1905

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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Recreation</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Baldwin Hotel, named for its original owner, State Senator George T. Baldwin, was constructed between 1900-1905 in Linkville (now Klamath Falls), a town Senator Baldwin believed would become the center of activity for Southern Oregon.

George T. Baldwin, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, came to Ashland, Oregon, as a boy of 16, and moved to Linkville in the neighboring county in 1875. Hauling goods 180 miles from the uncompleted Southern Pacific railway at Redding, he built up one of the largest retail hardware businesses in Southern Oregon. He was instrumental in establishing transportation between the isolated Klamath Country and the outside world by promoting a rail line to Klamath Falls.

In 1878 Baldwin and others built the Linkville Water Ditch, an irrigation project later developed into the Ankeny Canal, which was acquired by the U.S. Reclamation Service as the main artery for the great Klamath Project.

Baldwin, described as "one of the leading upbuilders of Southern Oregon," pioneered many other commercial and civic enterprises, including power and real estate projects. He served as city councilman, County Judge and State Senator (1917-1919) before the end of his industrious career.

Due to Linkville's inland location, much of the material used in the construction had to travel great distances, being hauled from the coast by mule-drawn freight wagon. Steel beams used in the foundation were brought to Linkville via Cape Horn. The hotel was intended to be up-to-date and comfortable. Original features were individual warming stoves and hot and cold running water. The hotel served as a rest stop or terminus for a succession of transportation lines, including a stage coach company, an early boat passenger service, a freight line, and after 1909, a branch line railroad of the Southern Pacific System. At various times, the hotel housed offices of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geographic Society. The Baldwin Hotel proved to be the center of social activities for South Central Oregon during the early 1900's. Among the dignitaries to visit Linkville and sign the guest register were: John Muir of California; Zane Grey, the novelist; E.G. Harriman, the railroad baron; James Garfield, while serving as Secretary of the Interior; and three Presidents while in office: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft and Woodrow Wilson. Theodore Roosevelt vacationed several times in the Linkville area, gateway to Crater Lake.

The current owners are Vera and Mart Jones. Mrs. Jones' parents purchased the hotel upon Senator Baldwin's death in 1920. In May 1972, the Oregon Historical Society designated the hotel an Oregon State Historical Landmark.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Austerman, Kurt, "Klamath Falls Hotel Named Landmark," Oregonian, (May 20, 1972).
 Chapman, C.C. "Who's Who in the Senate", Oregon Voter, Vol. 16, No.1, (January 4, 1919), 12-13.
 Corning, Howard McKinley, Dictionary of Oregon History, (Portland: Binford & Mort, 1956), 136.
 Hillinger, Charles, "Antique Filled Hotel Keeps Pair on Alert," Los Angeles Times, (August 11, 1971), 5. (Continued)

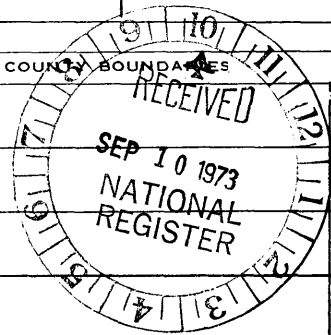
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	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	
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NE	0	'	"							
SE	0	'	"							
SW	0	'	"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.20

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paul Hartwig, Assistant Park Historian
 ORGANIZATION: Oregon State Highway Division DATE: August 1973
 STREET AND NUMBER: State Highway Building
 CITY OR TOWN: Salem STATE: Oregon CODE: 97310 41

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 George McCallum
 Title Director of Transportation
 Date Sept. 4, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date 10/2/73
 ATTEST:
Wm. Henry
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 9.28.73

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BALDWIN HOTEL

2. Location

The Baldwin Hotel is located in NE ¼ SW ¼ Section 32, T. 38 S., R 9 E., of the Willamette Meridian, Klamath County, Oregon. It occupies Lots 1 and 2 of Block 24, original town plat of Klamath Falls.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Preliminary Statewide Inventory Form submitted by Vera Moore Jones, Klamath Falls, August 24, 1971.

Portrait and Biographical Record of Western Oregon (Chicago: Chapman Publishing Company, 1904), 1023-1024.

