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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Jacksonville Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Jacksonville

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Medford

4th

STATE

Oregon

CODE  
41

COUNTY

Jackson

CODE

029

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES: RESTRICTED  
 YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

**PRESENT USE**

AGRICULTURE  MUSEUM  
 COMMERCIAL  PARK  
 EDUCATIONAL  PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 ENTERTAINMENT  RELIGIOUS  
 GOVERNMENT  SCIENTIFIC  
 INDUSTRIAL  TRANSPORTATION  
 MILITARY  OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Various private owners, Southern Oregon Historical Society, Inc.,  
City of Jacksonville

STREET & NUMBER

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Jacksonville

VICINITY OF Medford

STATE

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Jackson County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Main and Oakdale

CITY, TOWN

Medford

STATE

Oregon

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE

1971

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington,

STATE

D. C.

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Jacksonville Historic District is the State's most extensive and complete example of a late 19th century inland commercial and mining community. Jacksonville is nearly unique in that its fabric, its scale and spatial relationships have survived. Commercial and public structures, churches, dwellings, door yards, fields, wooded areas and a cemetery which comprise the historic district are as yet reasonably unencroached upon. Each unit requires preservation as an integral part of an extraordinary living resource.

Still standing are buildings comprehending the entire range of architectural styles utilized in Oregon between 1853 and 1884. Its buildings include a hotel, drug store, bank, town hall, and a court house, plus stores, saloons, lodge halls, residences and churches. These structures are built in the Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, and Italian Villa styles that were popular on the Pacific Coast in the last half of the 19th century. In the former Jackson County Courthouse, the Southern Oregon Historical Society maintains an extensive museum illustrating the history of the community and the region. The Beekman Bank, built in 1856, is also open to visitors. This bank is a unique example of a frontier bank, with all of its original equipment preserved in tact.

The core of the Jacksonville Historic District is composed of the following buildings:

1. Rogue River Electric Co. -- 1905
2. Orth Building -- 1872
3. Brunner Building -- 1855
4. City Hall -- 1874
5. Plymale House -- 1865
6. Love House -- 1854
7. Kahler's Law Office -- 1875
8. Fisher Bros. Gen. Merchandise -- 1856
9. Beekman Bank -- 1856
10. U.S. Hotel -- 1880
11. H. Judge Harness -- 1858
12. Ryan and Morgan General Store -- 1863
13. Masonic Hall -- 1875
14. Martin and Zigler Blacksmith Shop -- 1859
15. Miller Gunsmith Shop -- 1858
16. Glenn Drum Hotel -- 1858
17. Anderson & Glenn Gen. Merchandise -- 1856
18. Kubli Building -- 1884
19. Redmen's Hall -- 1884
20. Ben Drew Commission -- 1856
21. Table Rock Billard Saloon--1859
22. J.W. McCully Building--1855
23. B.F. Dowell Law Office--1857
24. J.F. Miller House--1880
25. Orth House--1880
26. Catholic Rectory--1861
27. Dr. J.W. McCully House--1869

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES: 1853-1884, BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Founded as a mining town in 1852, becoming a county seat in 1853, Jacksonville, as the center of commerce and transportation, and the most important community in southern Oregon from 1852 to 1884. While not outstanding in historical importance under such individual theme headings such as Mining Frontier, Commerce, or Transportation, Jacksonville possessed considerable significance in each. This fact, together with its magnificent surviving collection of unaltered commercial and residential buildings, make it an outstanding example of a mid-19th century town.

Either in late December 1851, or early January 1852, two California prospectors, James Cluggage and John R. Pool, discovered placer gold at Rich Gulch on Jackson Creek in the Rogue River Valley. Here in the summer of 1852, the city of Jacksonville sprang into existence as a tent city with a population of 500. On January 8, 1853, when it became the county seat of Jackson County, Jacksonville had from 150 to 200 frame structures and a population of 900. Its first brick buildings were erected in 1853 and the town at once emerged as the principal financial and trading center of the mining country. The Placers in southwestern Oregon yielded about \$1,000,000 a year in 1852 and 1853, and reached \$1,250,000 annually in 1856. In the 1870's hydraulic mining processes were utilized to rework the placers and quartz veins were also developed.

In 1873 a fire destroyed much of the business section, but the town was at once rebuilt. However, by the late 1870's decline was noticeable, and after the railroad by-passed the town four miles to the east in 1884, Jacksonville became a dormant town. The final blow was struck in 1927, when the county seat was removed to Medford.

Today Jacksonville is one of the best preserved 19th century mining and commercial towns in the far West. Still standing and generally in excellent condition are about 60 buildings that reflect the entire range of architecture utilized in the West in the Fifties, Sixties, Seventies, and Eighties. Most of these buildings are still being used for their original purposes.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hubert H. Bancroft, History of Oregon, 1888.  
 William J. Trimble, The Mining Advance into the Inland Empire (1914).  
 Muriel S. Wolle, The Bonanza Trail, (1955)

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 326 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	10	501950	4685500	B	10	503550	4685500
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	10	503550	4683050	D	10	501950	4683050
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cecil McKithan, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey Division, National Park Service

DATE

9/12/77

STREET & NUMBER

1100 L Street, N.W.

TELEPHONE

523-5464

CITY OR TOWN

Washington

STATE

D. C.

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), 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.

Landmark Designated: Nov. 3, 1966  
 date

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Boundary Certified: [Signature]  
 DATE 12/19/77  
 date

TITLE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

12/19/77

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Other significant buildings consist of:

1. Butcher Shop -- 1854
2. Judge Hanna House -- 1870
3. Herman Helms House -- 1878
4. Kubli House -- 1860
5. Booker House -- 1880
6. Eagle Brewery Saloon -- 1856
7. Judge Colvig House -- 1875
8. Cameron House -- 1870
9. Gold Marker -- 1851
10. Ulrich House -- 1872
11. Moore House -- 1878
12. Fehely House -- 1868
13. Mark Applegate House -- 1895
14. Judge Touvelle House -- 1916
15. Orange Jacobs House -- 1870
16. Chris Keegan House -- 1880
17. Rogue River Valley Railway Depot--1891
18. Bella Union Saloon -- 1856
19. Kennedy's Tin Shop -- 1861
20. Sach's Brothers Dry Goods--1861
21. Neuber's Cardroom -- 1865
22. Sutton's Drug Store -- 1856
23. Jeremiah Nunian House -- 1890
24. B.F. Dowell House -- 1859
25. Obenchain House -- 1866
26. Methodist-Episcopal Church -- 1854
27. Catholic Academy School -- 1860
28. Davidson House -- 1870
29. St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church--1858
30. Jackson County Courthouse -- 1883
31. Karewski House -- 1856
32. Turner House -- 1867
33. Dr. Will Jackson House -- 1868
34. Minerva Armstrong House -- 1856
35. First Presbyterian Church -- 1881
36. DeRoboam House -- 1880
37. Pioneer Village
38. John Bilger House -- 1863
39. Harbaugh House -- 1860
40. Owen Keegan House -- 1865
41. Cardwell House -- 1860
42. Reuter House -- 1865
43. Kahler House -- 1893
44. Wilson House -- 1885
45. Gwinn House -- 1885
46. Magruder House -- 1871
47. Max Mueller House -- 1888
48. Beekman House -- 1881
49. Thomas G. Reames House -- 1868

Other Significant Sites:

1. Jacksonville Cemetery -- 1860
2. Britt Park -- 1852

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Parcel 1 - ca. 300 acres

Beginning at the west quarter corner of section 32, T. 37 S., R. 2 W., of the Willamette Meridian, in Jackson County, Oregon, thence north along the section line approximately 3100 feet to the south boundary of the Jacksonville Cemetery approximately 300 feet from the southwest corner of said cemetery, thence around the west and north sides of said cemetery to its northeast corner, thence southeasterly approximately 500 feet to the intersection of Woodbury Street and Gold Mine Drive, thence northeasterly along the center line of Woodbury Street and Woodbury Street extended to a point due west of and approximately 350 feet from the northwesterly corner of that parcel of land annexed to the City of Jacksonville by Ordinance No. 100, dated May 22, 1967, thence east to a point which is 200 feet from the center line (when measured at right angles to said center line) of the Old Stage Road, thence southwesterly along a line parallel to and 200 feet from Old Stage Road approximately 620 feet to the north line of Donation Land Coaim 37, thence east along the north line of said DLC 37, and along the north line of Donation Land Claim 90 approximately 1550 feet to the center of 5th Street (Jacksonville Highway No. 272), thence southwesterly along said highway approximately 1200 feet to the center line of "G" Street, thence southeasterly along the center line of "G" Street and a projection in a straight line of said center line approximately 900 feet to a point on the north line of said section 32, which point is approximately 1500 feet west of the northeast corner of said section, thence southwesterly along the property line that divides lot 4 of Block 3 of Mrs. Cardwell's Addition approximately 400 feet to the center of Daisy Creek, thence upstream along Daisy Creek approximately 100 feet to the point where the center line of 9th Street, if extended, would intersect Daisy Creek, thence southwesterly along 9th Street, and 9th Street extended, approximately 1100 feet to the center line of California Street, thence northwesterly along the center line of California Street approximately 480 feet to a point approximately 70 feet northwesterly from the center line of 8th Street, thence southwesterly along the southeasterly boundary of the corner lot on the southeasterly corner of 7th and California Street approximately 230 feet to the southeasterly corner of said lot, thence northwesterly along the southwesterly boundary line of said lot, and said lot line extended, approximately 240 feet to the westerly right of way line of 7th Street, thence southwesterly along said westerly right of way line approximately 120 feet to the north-south center line of section 32 at a point approximately 1100 feet north of the center of said section 32, thence south to the center of said section 32, thence west to the west quarter corner of said section 32 which is the point of beginning.

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Parcel 2 - ca. 24.2 acres

A parcel of land 400 feet in width, being 200 feet on each side of South 3rd Street, from the east-west center line of section 32, T 37 S., R 2 W., of the Willamette Meridian, to the south line of said section 32.

Parcel 3 - ca. 2.0 acres

A section of land, 2 acres, more or less, containing three lots fronting on California Street identified hereinafter as the westerly lot, the center lot and the easterly lot of this section. Beginning at a point in the center line of California Street, said point being the intersection of California with Ninth Street extended, proceeding in a southwesterly direction 30', more or less, to the California Street lot line of the easterly lot, thence east along the California Street lot line 65', more or less, to the northeast corner of said easterly lot, thence, in a southwesterly direction along the easterly line of said easterly lot 150', more or less, to a point, the southeast corner of said easterly lot, thence in a westerly direction along the southerly line of said easterly lot 150', more or less, to the southwest corner of the said easterly lot; proceeding thence in a westerly direction along the south line of the center lot 150', more or less, to a point in the line dividing the center and easterly lots, proceeding thence in a southerly direction along the line dividing the center and easterly lots 25', more or less, to a point, the southeast corner of the said westerly lot; proceeding thence along the south line of the said westerly lot 100', more or less, to a point, the southwest corner of the said westerly lot; continuing thence in a northeasterly direction along the west line of said westerly lot 250', more or less, to a point in the center line of California Street; continuing thence in a southeasterly direction along the center line of California Street 375', more or less, to a point in the center line, the point of beginning.