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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic N. P. Smith Pioneer Hardware Store
and/or common Smith Building

2. Location

street & number 935-937 NW Wall Street N/A not for publication
city, town Bend N/A vicinity of
state Oregon code 41 county Deschutes code 017

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Ms. Marjorie Smith
street & number 935 NW Wall Street
city, town Bend N/A vicinity of state Oregon 97701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Deschutes County Court House
street & number 1164 NW Bond Street
city, town Bend state Oregon 97701

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Deschutes County Historical Society Inventory
title Deschutes County Landmarks Commission has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1976 federal state county local
depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office Salem, Oregon 97310
Deschutes County Historical Society
Deschutes County Landmarks Commission Files Bend, Oregon 97701
city, town Bend, Oregon 97701 state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The N. P. Smith Hardware Building is a two-story, 20 x 75 foot wood frame structure built in 1909. It is the only remaining wood frame commercial structure in the core area of Bend. Although the original storefront has been altered, the building retains a high degree of interior and exterior integrity.

Occupying the north one-quarter of Lot 10, Block 3 of Township 17S, Range 12E, W.M., Bend, Dechutes County, Oregon, the Smith Hardware Building is located near the center of the block on the west side of Wall Street in downtown Bend, Oregon. This is the heart of Bend's original business district. The building fronts on Wall Street with the rear facing an alley that is now called Brooks Street, which runs between Wall Street and the Deschutes River. The building is a two-story rectangular wood frame structure 20 x 75 feet with a 20 x 70 foot single-story warehouse adjoining it on the rear facing the alley. These buildings occupy a single 25 x 150 foot lot. The buildings are now abutted on the north and south sides by more recently built brick business buildings. The store, apartment on the second floor and the warehouse are built of lumber milled in one of Bend's first sawmills. These first sawmills were built to supply lumber to build the town.

Historically, the exterior of the structure was finished with 6 inch horizontal lap siding, trimmed at building corners with 1 x 6 inch vertical boards, and capped with a 6 inch wood cornice extending 20 inches from the building face. The building front included two separate 39 x 68 inch window openings on the second story, with 6 inch frames, and one-over-one double-hung "lamb's-tongue" sashes with 24 x 28 inch panes. The ground floor storefront included recessed double doors flanked by two 66 x 72 inch window openings with four 32 x 35 inch panes each. An open stairway extended up the south wall of the building to the second story landing and entrances. The south wall of the second story included a contiguous pair of 39 x 68 inch double-hung windows, a double-inset three panel door with embossed window, a small kitchen window, a double-inset four panel door, and an open porch. The structure has a flat roof which slopes to the rear of the building.

The second story of the building housed an apartment which included a living room, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, and an open porch. The ceiling and wall were finished with 2 inch v-line tongue-and-groove paneling, and the floors with 1 x 4 inch tongue-and-groove flooring. Interior woodwork included 8 inch baseboards, 4 inch door and window framing, kitchen cabinets and bedroom closet built with v-line tongue-and-groove moulding, and two 4 inch square wood columns set on 18 inch platforms separating the dining from living room. Hardware included brass door knobs, locks, and hinges and window locking pins. Several doors included embossed glass, and were outfitted with an overhead transom for ventilation. Light fixtures were suspended by dropcords, and included decorative glass shades.

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The ground story of the building housed a hardware store. The ceiling and walls were finished with 2 inch v-line tongue-and-groove paneling, and the floors with 1 x 4 inch tongue-and-groove flooring. Interior woodwork included wood shelves built along the length of one wall, and a wood counter topped with glass display cases. Hardware included brass door knobs, hinges, and locks. Light fixtures were suspended by dropcords, and included glass shades.

Since the building's construction in 1909, the following modifications have been made to the structure:

The original 6 inch lap siding on the building exterior has been covered with insulation and 12 x ½ inch plywood lap siding on the front wall, and insulated 6 inch aluminum lap siding on the south wall. The wood cornice has either been removed and replaced by, or covered with, a molded stucco cornice. The two second story windows have been modified to 42 x 66 inch openings, with 1 inch frames, and a recessed double-hung casement with 27 x 35 inch panes. The ground floor storefront has been modified to include a recessed single plate-glass door, flanked by two 60 x 72 inch window openings with single plate-glass panes. On the second story south wall, the open porch was enclosed c. 1915 with two 32 x 33 inch windows containing six 10 x 124 inch panes each, and seven 33 x 63 inch windows containing twelve 10 x 14 inch panes each. The west portion of the open porch was enclosed with three 33 x 63 inch windows containing twelve 10 x 14 inch panes each.

Enclosure of the second story open porch added a bedroom, family room, bathroom, and storage to the existing apartment. The tongue-and-groove ceiling and walls have been covered with wallpaper in the bedrooms, and plasterboard in the remaining rooms. The tongue-and-groove flooring has been carpeted in all rooms except the kitchen and bathroom, which have been tiled. All other elements of the second story interior are as originally constructed.

The ground story of the building currently houses a shoe store. The original tongue-and-groove ceiling has been concealed by a suspended ceiling of 16 x 30 inch acoustical tile. The tongue-and-groove walls have been covered with 16 x 30 inch acoustical tile above existing shelves, and 6 x 8 inch tile behind them. The original wood shelves and display cases have been removed and replaced by wood shelves along the length of both walls. The original light fixtures have been replaced by fluorescent fixtures suspended from the original dropcords (which are concealed by the acoustical ceiling.) The tongue-and-groove flooring has been recently covered with carpeting.

On September 1, 1983, the upper level exterior wall coverings were removed. The original narrow siding was found in excellent condition. The original corner boards, cornice and window sills were in place. Window frames and cornice mouldings had to be replaced. In addition, the original transom windows above the altered storefronts were exposed, although the store sign for the current tenant was reinstalled over them. Lastly, the facade was painted with the original wall and trim colors.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1909	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The N. P. Smith Hardware Building is significant to the city of Bend as the only remaining wood frame building dating from the earliest period of the city's development. It is additionally significant for its associations with the pioneer Smith family and with the development of the city of Bend. We feel it is eligible under criteria "a", "b" and "c".

The store and warehouse were constructed by Nicholas Paul Smith in June of 1909 for use as a hardware store and residence. Mr. A. M. Drake, the founder of Bend, came to this raw unsettled area in 1901 and was followed shortly by several men who helped survey and lay out the town. Mr. N. P. Smith, with his wife Cora Bell, was one of those men. He took up a timber claim northwest of Bend, and built a small house near what is now Drake Park. He worked as a surveyor and carpenter for A. M. Drake, and in 1903, established a hardware store on the east side of Wall Street. Merchandise of this nature was very much needed for the new town as the nearest railhead was in Shaniko, Oregon. From this point all supplies were hauled by teams and wagons over rutted rocky roads to Bend.

Mr. Smith was 34 years old when he arrived in Bend in 1902, and from that time was extremely active in business, civic and political affairs of the new community. In 1906, he was active in establishing a "Knights of Pythis" lodge, whose charter was granted in May 1907. He was an active member of the Volunteer Fire Department, and assisted in attracting the railroad to Bend. He served as Election Board Chairman for many years and was the local chairman of the National Democratic Party, helping to elect Woodrow Wilson as President. His store was used for civic meetings and was a meeting place for farmers and business men alike. He befriended many of the homesteaders, helping them financially to get over rough spots. He served as Bailiff for the County Court. He supervised the building of the first board sidewalks on Wall Street and his wife Cora Bell was reportedly the first lady to promenade those walks.

In June 1909, Mr. Smith completed the nominated property and moved his hardware store from across the street to this building, along with his family, to the apartment residence on the second floor. The original name of the store was the N. P. Smith Pioneer Hardware. This store served the needs of the influx of people to Bend and surrounding lands. The store stocked household items from stoves to butter churns, building materials and farm equipment as well as hunting and fishing supplies. The town founders had their eyes on the vast stands of virgin pine timber ready for harvest, and a labor force as well as transportation was needed. These people started the first irrigation projects, built sawmills, a water system, a water powered electric generating plant and a flour mill. When automobiles began to arrive, gasoline was dispensed from the store in five gallon cans and then from a pump installed on the curb in front of the store. All kinds of hardware were needed and this store under the proprietorship of Mr. Smith, filled this need.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bend Bulletin	July 4, 1912	Bend Bulletin	March 2, 1974
"	November 10, 1921	Central Chronicle	December 1, 1976
"	October 10, 1927	Bend Bulletin	March 22, 1976
"	May 24, 1947	"	May 13, 1977

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Bend, Oregon

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	0	6	3	5	1	5	0	4	8	7	9	6	6	5
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing			

C

Zone		Easting				Northing			

D

Zone		Easting				Northing			

E

Zone		Easting				Northing			

F

Zone		Easting				Northing			

G

Zone		Easting				Northing			

H

Zone		Easting				Northing			

Verbal boundary description and justification Northerly $\frac{1}{2}$ ($N\frac{1}{2}$) of Lot 10, Block 3 of Bend, more particularly described as follows: beginning at a point on Wall Street 25 feet north-easterly from the southwesterly corner of said lot, hence northwesterly thru the center of said lot to a point in the rear line of said lot 25 feet northeasterly from the northwesterly

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state None code county code

state None code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marjorie Smith

organization _____ date October, 1981

street & number 935 NW Wall Street telephone 382-2568

city or town Bend state Oregon 97701

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

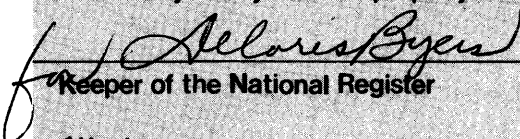
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National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

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date Mar 21 84

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


Keeper of the National Register

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date 4/5/84

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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The founding of Bend marked the beginning of industrialization for Central Oregon. Until this time the area held only scattered stock ranches. These first buildings were built of lumber milled in small mills that had recently been constructed. The often plain architecture of these buildings was typical of the times and reflect the bold determination of these people. The Smith Building has been spared and is in excellent condition, still doing the job that it was intended to do. The interior of the second story apartment reflects the modest comforts of the business families of the time. It is modest, humble and comfortable. It has been the home of Marjorie Smith since her birth. She was the first child born in Bend's first hospital. The original furnishings are still being used in the apartment.

Mr. Smith closed the hardware store in 1929 or 1930. Since then it has housed several business enterprises. Currently it houses the "Bend Shoe Clinic", a shoe store and repair shop that has been there for about fifteen years.

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corner of said lot; hence northeasterly along the northeasterly boundary of said lot to the northeasterly corner thereof; hence southwesterly to the corner of said lot; and hence southwesterly to the point of beginning. The nominated area is described also as Tax Lot 6800, Deschutes County Assessor's map reference 17 12 32BD.