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1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Baker Historic District

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

orig path along Main St from Madison to
The central commercial district

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CITY, TOWN

Baker

VICINITY OF

2nd

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Oregon

CODE

41

COUNTY

Baker

CODE

001 ✓

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Various, see attached inventory (Item 7)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baker County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

3rd and Court Streets

CITY, TOWN

Baker

STATE

Oregon 97814

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE

1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Oregon State Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

Salem

STATE

Oregon 97310

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
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Baker, Oregon is a city of 10,000 population in eastern Oregon. The city is at the south end of the Powder River Valley at an elevation of 3,232 feet. To the south and west, the land rises to between 5,000 and 9,000 feet. The mountains to the west--the Elkhorn Range--are usually snow-capped ten months of the year. To the north, the valley opens for approximately 25 miles, and to the east are rolling hills which rise to the mountains known as the Eagles, which range from 8-10,000' in elevation. The Eagles are snow-capped year round.

The original city plat is laid out on a grid pattern with numbered streets running north-south and named streets running east-west. The exceptions to this are the center street--Main Street--which is north-south, and streets east of Main Street, running north-south, which are also named.

The Baker Historic District is located in the center of the city. Main Street is the central axis of the district, with the eastern boundary being the east side of Resort Street, which is one block east of Main Street, and the western boundary being the alley west of First Street, which is one block west of Main Street. Generally, the district is bounded by Church Street on the north and by the south side of Auburn Street to the south. Including the main parcel and five small satellites, the district encompasses approximately 41.863 acres.

The city blocks are 200 feet square, with the exception of the blocks between Main and Resort Streets which are 100 x 200 feet.

Buildings within the district are primarily two-story masonry commercial buildings built between 1870 and 1920, and the majority of them date from the period of 1890 to 1915. Generally, these buildings have a 25x50' frontage and extend the depth of the lot they occupy, usually 100 feet. Most of these buildings have their ground floor elevations altered in accordance with fashions of the 1940s and 1950s. Many second-story elevations are intact or only covered with a plastic veneer. Rear elevations (on alleys or on Resort Street) tend to be in original condition.

There are several residences in the district. Some are outside the contiguous boundary of the district but are of primary significance and are in close proximity to the downtown district, so they are included. The styles include Classic Revival, Carpenter Gothic, Italianate, Second Empire Baroque, Queen Anne and Colonial Revival. Other residences not so easily classified, but typical of the turn-of-the-century, are included also.

Public buildings included are the city hall, county courthouse, the former US Post Office, and former city library. Former or current lodges or social clubs are also included. The Roman Catholic Cathedral of the Eastern Oregon Diocese and a handsome Episcopal church fall within the boundaries. These institutional buildings tend to be of a larger scale than the typical city patterns and provide counterpoint and nodes of visual interest.

Other than scale, size and style, a special element providing a strong continuity within the district is the use of a locally quarried stone as a building material. Known as volcanic tuff, the rock was quarried 12 miles south of the city near Pleasant Valley, Oregon (the material is still available). It would appear that the stone was first used in foundations and in ornament. The latter use provided a relief to brick masonry generally used. In the 1890s, a few buildings were entirely constructed of the material, but it wasn't until 1901 that the material was widely used. Following 1900, the City Hall, County Courthouse, the Carnegie Library, the Cathedral, an Oddfellows Lodge and several commercial buildings were built substantially of volcanic tuff. The stone is generally used as rusticated rock-faced ashlar, in regular courses. The stone, soft when quarried,

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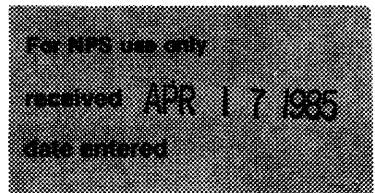
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hardens with exposure. Use of the material today is infrequent.

The following inventory is an itemization of the properties within the historic district. The common name, if one exists, is followed in parentheses by the historic name, if available and appropriate. Many of the descriptions and remarks are taken verbatim from material in the Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings, compiled by Stephen Dow Beckham in 1976. Such sections are noted in the bibliography.

Intrusions are contained in the district boundaries either because they occupy the sites of prior historic buildings, or they are in/avoidable^{un} proximity to buildings of primary or secondary significance. Typical intrusions are gasoline stations and recently-constructed commercial buildings and banking structures. Of 134 properties surveyed within district boundaries (including the satellites), 64 are classified as primary structures, 14 are secondary, 25 are compatible, 19 are intrusionary, and 12 are vacant lots.

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Addendum

The Baker Historic District encompasses the old central business district of the county seat of Baker County, Oregon, and includes four civic buildings, five fraternal buildings, three religious structures, and certain distinguished residences on the periphery which related temporally and by historical associations to commercial buildings in the town core.

Of 134 separate tax lots within the district boundaries, 13 are vacant lots and 84 (approximately 62%) are occupied by commercial buildings. Sixty-seven properties, representing 55% of the standing resources, were built between the late 1880s and c. 1915. This group, in addition to six buildings dating from the 1870s, makes up the district's built environment having primary significance. Residences, church and civic buildings; fraternal and commercial buildings in this category reflect Baker's confident growth and development following the initial period of gold excitement when the coming of the trans-continental railroad was attended by diversification of trade and industry. With exceptions among the residences, the majority of which are of wood frame construction, typical buildings of the primary category are constructed of masonry, either tuffaceous rock or brick, the latter occasionally stuccoed. These common building materials, along with two and three-story roofline heights and unifying Italianate stylistic characteristics such as classical cornices, belt courses and strip pilasters, contribute to the particular sense of place conveyed by Baker Historic District.

In the category of secondary significance are buildings reflecting a later and shorter-lived surge of development between the end of the First World War and the height of the Great Depression. Generally, these buildings continue the traditional building patterns of the business district, but certain of their characteristics may be distinctively "up to date." For example, while divergent in scale, the nine-story, reinforced concrete Baker Hotel is stuccoed and vertically articulated in a manner which relates visually to the stuccoed street facades of the Geiser Grand Hotel, Baker's largest hotel of the 19th century. Compatible buildings in the Baker Historic District are, for the most part, of two types: historic buildings which have been reversibly altered, and buildings post-dating 1930 which continue the traditional building patterns of the district. The period following the Second World War is reflected in the district in storefront modernizations of the 1950s and incompatible new construction of the 1960s and '70s.

Category break-down (revised 6-84)

Primary properties	61	1870s	6
Secondary	13	1880s	10
Compatible	26	1890s	17
Vacant	13	1900s	23
Intrusive	18	1910s	17
Commercial	84	1920s	14
Residential	25	1930s	9
Fraternal	5	1940s	5
Civic	4	1950s	11
Religious	3	1960s	6
		1970s	2

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1. 2100 Main
16CB 2500

Current Owner: Maxwell, Devine and Elmquist
344 Pomona Ave.
Coronado, CA 92118

Significance: Intrusion

Date: early 1950's

Description: Single story, reinforced concrete. Plaster surface with the exception of reflective tiles used around display windows on the front elevation. Slightly recessed entrance. Fixed awning.

Remarks: Grocery store converted into office space.

2. 2150 Main
16CB 2600

Current owner: Mary D. Kirchoff, et al
address unavailable

Significance: Primary

Date: ca. 1910

Description: Two story volcanic tuff construction. Originally consisted of two bays, each with a separate entrance. North and south bearing walls still have random ashlar visible. Front and rear facades were both regular rock-faced ashlar but front facade has been modified to a contemporary commercial facade with fixed awning and plaster infill at the second story. Pilasters and cornice of rock-faced ashlar still visible on the front elevation. Rear elevation is intact with 6 over 1 double hung sash at the second story.

Remarks: Original tenants were Ryder Bros. Stationery (north bay) and The Morning Democrat (south bay).

3. The Merc, 2170 Main
16CB 2700 and 16CB 2800

Current Owners:	16CB 2700	16CB 2800
	A. Ritchie	Maxwell, Devine and Elmquist
	Box 516	344 Pomona Ave.
	Walla Walla, WA 99362	Coronado, CA 92118

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3. (continued)

Significance: Intrusion

Date: mid-1950's

Description: Single story with mezzanine, cinder block construction. Flat roof. Front elevation consists of 3 bays with recessed entrances between bays. Contemporary display windows. Fixed awning.

4. The Bakery, 2190 Main
16CB 2900

Current owner: John Bootsma
2337 2nd St.
Baker

Significance: Compatible

Date: 1930's with recent alterations

Description: Single story, masonry construction. Flat roof. Color of brick is reddish-tan. Common bond. Building front has been altered from original commercial facades of the 30's. Barn siding has been applied to two of the three bays of the building. A false mansard roof with shakes is above with a gabled dormer over the entrance. Half of the north and rear facade retain the original appearance.

5. 1786 Broadway
16CB 3000

Current owner: Kenneth Appling
1786 Broadway
Baker

Significance: Intrusion

Date: ca. 1940 with additions in the 1950's

Description: Frame construction. The building is composed of a two story gabled house with dormer on the south side and a single story gabled structure (perhaps originally an outbuilding) joined by the addition of later construction. There is a mixed use of both siding material and window styles.

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6. The Lockwood House (Shinn-Wisdom House), 2116 Resort
16CB 3500

Current owner: Wilma Lockwood Mickelson
2116 Resort
Baker

Significance: Primary

Date: 1876; 1898

Description: Two story, frame construction. The rear section, a one story building, was erected in 1876 by James Shinn. The front part of the house, two story, is Italianate and has a hip roof, shiplap siding, boxed eaves with decorative brackets, and matching two story window bays on the front elevation. These bays are joined by a porch with an open balcony. The center entry door has a transom. The building's front section has twin fireplace chimneys and mostly 1 over 1 double hung sash windows.

Remarks: This house was bought from the Shinn-Wisdom heirs in 1917 by William Beggs. It is presently owned by Beggs' granddaughter, Wilma Lockwood Mickelson. James Shinn, the builder of the back part of the house in 1876, settled in Baker County in 1862. In 1870 he was elected county sherrif and served until 1874. From 1882 to '86 he was Baker County Judge. Shinn died in 1889.

7. The Ison (Luther B.) House (same), 1790 Washington Ave.
16CC 3300

Current owner: Carl Peterson
1790 Washington Ave.
Baker

Significance: Primary

Date: 1887

Description: Two story masonry construction in the Queen Anne Style. The building, which stands on a large lot, bears the date "1887" on a stone above the windows on the south (front) elevation under the roof gable. The structure has a hip on gable roof with boxed eaves and decorative brackets. A round tower rises from the second story and has a cone roof. The windows are mostly 1 over 1 double hung sash. The windows have stone lugsills and voussoirs. The main entry and major window bay on the front elevation have flush stone labels with keystones. A porch is located on the south elevation and extends along part of the west elevation; it has a balcony above. The building has a stone foundation and basement.

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Remarks: Luther B. Ison was born in Garrard County, Kentucky, on October 19, 1841. He was a son of Strother and Judity Ison. Ison graduated from Central College in Fayette, Missouri. In 1866 he joined his parents in Baker County, Oregon. Ison was a teacher and eventually the superintendent of schools for the county. In 1870 he was elected the County Clerk. In 1876 he was admitted to the bar and was elected District Attorney. In 1882 he was elected to the state legislature and in 1886 he was made a judge. Ison married Josephine Cates in 1870 and they had three children. Ison died on December 28, 1889.

The house is being restored by the present owner. The exterior was sandblasted in 1976.

8. 2022 Resort St.
16CC 3600

Current owner: Nellie Coyle
c/o Mary Johnson
2022 Resort St.
Baker

Significance: Secondary

Date: ca. 1910

Description: Two story frame construction. The home has an L-shaped plan with a gambrel roof over each wing. The entrance is at the juncture of the wings and is covered by a small porch. The eaves are boxed. Round windows are set in ornamental frames at the second story level of each wing.

9. 2030 Resort St.
16CC 3700

Current owner: John H. and Myrtle Ray
2030 Resort St.
Baker

Significance: Compatible

Date: 1915-20

Description: Single story, frame construction. Square plan with hipped roof. Front elevation has a gabled dormer over a projecting bay on the south side of the elevation and a small pediment over the entry which is recessed on the north side of the elevation. Clapboard siding.

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10. The McCord House (same), 2040 Resort Street
16CC 3800

Current Owner: Carl W. and Ethel L. Olson
1819 N. 85th
Seattle, Wa. 98103

Significance: Primary

Date: 1872

Description: The S.B. McCord house is one and one-half story, wood frame building which faces west on Resort Street. The building has a gable roof, shiplap siding, and one-over-one, double hung sash windows. The original porch or verandah has been removed but the outline of it remains on the front elevation of the house. The house has several one story attachments on the east elevation. A simple porch is located on the south elevation. The rear portion of the house has two-over-two, double hung sash windows. The exterior is shiplap siding.

Remarks: Some local residents of Baker believe this house is the oldest structure in town. Other residences on East Washington or the one at 1810 Resort may, however, be older. Certainly the architecture of the front section of this house does not indicate its qualification for the designation as the oldest residence in Baker when compared to other nearby buildings. S.B. McCord was born in Mecer County, Pennsylvania, on July 22, 1842. He was the son of Perry McCord. McCord emigrated to Oregon in 1864 to join his father and became a miner in Baker County. S.B. McCord opened a store in Pocahtontas, Oregon, and later did so in Wingville. His brother located in Baker in 1865 and in 1868 S.B. McCord joined him. The two men sold hardware. McCord married in 1871 to Angie Speelman. S.B. McCord served four terms as mayor of Baker, being the town's first mayor. He also served several terms as county treasurer.

11. 2050 Resort Street
16CC 3800

Current Owner: Carl W. and Ethel L. Olson
1819 N. 85th
Seattle, Wa. 98103

Significance: Primary

Date: late 1870's

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Description: One story frame construction. Rectangular plan with gabled roof and false front of shiplap siding. Facade modified at a later date with the addition of display windows.

Remarks: Served as shop to McCord residence to the south.

12. U.S. National Bank, 2000 Main Street
16CC 4400

Current Owner: U.S. National Bank of Oregon
P.O. Box 3168
Portland, Oregon 97208

Significance: Intrusion

Date: Early 1960's

Description: One story reinforced concrete construction. Rectangular plan. Veneer of random stonework and pre-cast concrete panels. Glazing at clerestory level on north side and at ground level on south. Parking lot occupies north half of lot.

Remarks: Original site of Rust's Brewery and Opera House, to the south half and north half respectively.

13. Stockmen's (Stockmen's Cigar Store), 2024 Main Street
16CC 4500, 16CC 4600 and 16CC 4700

Current Owner: Everett and Ruby P. Boorse, 16CC 4500
2007 8th Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Henry and Annie Wong, 16CC 4600
3055 Grandview Drive
Baker, Oregon 97814

Walter Colton and Lewis Long, 16CC 4700
c/o Walter Colton
Slough Road
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

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Date: 1895-1900

Description: This building has three commercial sections on its first floor elevation; that first floor elevation has been altered. On the second story are three sections containing four one-over-one, double hung sash windows with brick labels. The building has a brick facade at the roof level with decorative chimneys. The structure is in good condition.

Remarks: The building has long housed what was known as the Stockmen's Cigar Store but its present occupants are a cafe and Cascade Natural Gas.

14. The Pollman Building (same), 2034 & 2036 Main Street
16CC 4800

Current Owner: Edna Pollman Nash
2405 Second Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1901

Description: The William Pollman Building which houses the Sears Store and the Oregon State Liquor Store faces west on Main Street at the southwest corner of Main and Broadway. This two story, brick structure has eleven bays of one-over-one, double hung sash windows with semi-elliptical stone voussoirs joined by bands of stone on the second story of the front elevation; similar bays are located on the north (side) elevation. The building has a small facade at the roof. The first floor of the front elevation has been altered.

Remarks: William Pollman was born in Quincy, Illinois, August 24, 1867, son of F.W. and Amelia Pollman. His parents were born in Germany. Pollman was educated in Kansas and studied in the Gem City Business College in Illinois and the normal school at Fort Scott. In 1889 he settled in Baker where he became a butcher. Pollman married Emma Geiser in 1896. Her father was the wealthy John Geiser who made a fortune in the mines of Baker County. By 1902 Pollman owned 1,200 acres, business holdings in Baker, and shares in the Gas and Electric Company.

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15. The Shangrila (unknown), 1900 Main Street
16CC 4900

Current Owners: Carl W. Cloud
2510 Auburn Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Compatible

Date: Original c. 1890-1895

Description: Originally three stories of masonry construction with cast iron columns composing 3 bays at ground level. The building was substantially altered in the late 1960's with the removal of the second floor and alteration of all of the front (west) and half of the south facade. Cast iron columns and sill plate are still intact. Infill between columns is randomly laid stone with precast concrete panels. Rear elevation, now only single story is still intact. Water table still visible at second story line.

Remarks: Original use commercial with lodging above. Arlington Hotel occupied the site prior to 1890.

16. The Royal Cafe (unknown), 1910-1912 Main Street
16CC 5000

Current Owner: Margaret Correll
P.O. Box 3168
Portland, Oregon 97208

Significance: Secondary

Date: ca. 1920

Description: Two story masonry construction. Brick is buff-colored. Two bays. Second story - two sets of two windows over each bay. Labels over each window set. Windows are double hung, one-over-one, narrow. A keystone over each window set. Ground floor-- entrance centered in each bay. Metal cornice with masonry parapet above..

Remarks: Second floor vacant. Originally lodging.

17. Baker Furniture Company, 1916 Main Street
16CC 5100

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Current Owner: Bert Neuberger
1397 Second Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: ca. 1890's

Description: The Baker Furniture Company occupies a large, two story, brick building which faces west on Main Street. This structure has two commercial sections on its first story with a center doorway which leads to the second floor. Each section of the building has three bays of one-over-one, double hung sash windows with a single one-over-one window above the center entry; all are on the second story. The building possesses a low, metal facade with brackets at the roof level and a small pediment rises above each commercial section's main entry two stories below on the ground level. The first floor elevation has been altered. The building is in good condition and is well painted.

Remarks: Second floor vacant. Originally lodging.

18. The Geiser-Grand Hotel (The Washauser Hotel), 1932 Main street
1600 5200

Current Owner: Sue Hart
c/o Bus Annable
1932 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1889

Description: The Washauser Hotel, known since about 1895 as the Geiser Grand Hotel. is a three story, brick building with stucco exterior that stands on the southeast corner of Main and Washington Streets. This hotel has one-over-one, double hung sash windows, some set in pairs and others as singles, in matching bays on the second and third stories of the north and west elevations. A projecting, five-sided window bay is located above the main entrance on the northwest corner. Many of the window bays have arch mousoirs and those on the third story have keystones for decorations. Much of the decorative detail of this building is metal. Some alterations have been made on the first floor, exterior elevation, such as filling in of bays and alteration

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of windows. The open balcony which once looked from the third floor also has been filled in in the center of the building.

Remarks: The Geiser Grand Hotel was built in 1889 at a cost of \$65,000. The structure had plate glass windows, electrical lights and bells, baths, and an elevator. The dining room seated 200 guests. The ladies gathered for tea on the balcony to watch the "action" in the lobby below. The hotel was purchased soon after its construction by the Geiser family and has born their name for nearly eighty years. John and Elizabeth Geiser were born in Germany. John Geiser served in the Mexican War and then became a miner in Gilpin County, Colorado. Geiser moved in 1881 to Baker County where heard his son Albert became major mining investors. Their mines included the Bonanza, the Brazos, the Pyx, and the Greenbow or Worley mine. Additionally they owned the Keystone bell and Gold Boy mines headquartered in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. In 1902 Albert Geiser, who was born Feb. 10, 1863, was a director of the Baker City Gas and Electric Comapny, owner of the Geiser Grand Hotel, and owner of other real estate in the city.

19. Cablevision (unknown), 1802 Main Street
16CC 5300

Current Owner: Harold C. Palmer
1445 N.E. Country Club Avenue
Gresham, Or. 97030

Significance: Primary

Date: 1890

Description: Two-story masonry construction. Original facade (west) modernized. Second story elevation intact behind aluminum front of the 1950's. South and rear elevations only partially modified with infill of fenestration at ground floor. Second floor fenestration on these facades is intact. Windows are arcuated double hung sash with labels.

Remarks: Original use commercial on ground floor with lodging above.

20. Scotty's Tavern (Alfred Block), 1806 Main Street
16CC 5400

Current Owner: Gary D. and Kathleen L. Middleton
905 Hillcrest Drive
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Significance: Primary

Date: 1897

Description: The Alfred Block is a narrow, two story, brick building which faces west on Main Street. The building has two bays of pairs of one-over-one double hung sash windows on its west (front) elevation on the second story and the date "1897" centered between the arch, brick voussoirs above those bays. A short, brick facade is located at the roof level and bears the inscription "Alfred Block". The first floor elevation has been altered except for two very tall doors which enclose the stairway to the second story. Those doors stand to the south side of the front elevation and have a large transom above.

Remarks: Ground floor space seems to have always been a tavern. Second story was a "bawdy house", its interior is still intact.

21. The Log Cabin (same), 1810 Main Street
16CC 5500

Current Owner: Hoff Corporation
c/o Christine Dickerson
1931 1st. Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: ca. 1900-1910

Description: Single story masonry construction. Very little alteration except for plaster application to front (west) facade. Rear elevation is unchanged. Originally, split rails nailed to elevation at foundation level and "logs" were painted on the elevation above the transom.

Remarks: Has always been a tavern.

22. 1812 Main Street
16CC 5600, 5701

Current Owner: Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan, 5600
2001 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

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Edward F. and Bonnie B. Kanerva , 16CC 5701
1900 Resort Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: ca. 1900-1910

Description: Two Story masonry construction. Interior of lots gutted in 1960's. Front elevation consists of contemporary display windows at ground level with board and batten siding applied. Above a fixed awning is a metal false front. Rear elevation is intact with arcuated fenestration visible and apparently original windows on a second story level.

23. 1824 Main Street
16CC 5700

Current Owner: Fred and Betty Jo Gray
1824 Main Street
Baker, Oregon

Significance: Primary

Date: 1890's

Description: Two story masonry construction. Two bays with entrance to second story at the south. Bearing walls and rear elevation is still intact. Front facade appears to have original fenestration from transom to parapet; one window over entrance, two windows over each bay.

Remarks: Original site of St. Lawrence Hotel, prominent in 1880's.

24. 1826 Main Street
16CC 5800-5900

Current Owner: Mary Mildred and A.G. McElroy , 5800
2810 1st Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Gustavius and Nancy Perkins, 5900
2153 7th Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

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24. (Continued)

Significance: Primary

Date: 1890

Description: Two Story masonry construction. Altered in 1950's Two bays on ground level in contemporary commercial style. Transom and second floor elevation filled in and plastered. Rear elevation is intact, with original fenestration. Building occupies only the front half of the lot.

Remarks: Original elevation made use of metal facade. Three windows to each bay and a pediment over each above a cornice.

25. Dean's Paint and Glass, 1832 Main Street
16CC 6000

Current Owner: Dean and Bonnie Yeakley
1832 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1890's

Description: Two story masonry construction. Altered in 1950's--front elevation is contemporary commercial. Transom removed and fixed awning added. Second story level has been filled in and plastered although the form of the original pilasters and cornice are visible. Along with the building to the south, (24), this building originally filled only the front half of the lot. Rear elevation is intact at the second story. Addition in 1960's extends to rear property line.

Remarks: Front facade originally contained three windows at second story level. A trabeated window central with arcuated windows on either side; cornice and parapet in masonry with metal caps and ornament on each pilaster.

26. Pacific Northwest Bell, 1834 Main Street
16CC 6100

Current Owner: Hoff Corporation
c/o Pacific Northwest Bell
1834 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: intrusion

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26. (Continued)

Date: 1976

Description: Single story masonry. Brick is amber in color. Recessed entrance on south side of facade with three narrow fixed aluminum sash windows on the north side of the elevation.

Remark: Only building on this block not having at least a part of its rear elevation intact.

27. Trail Inn (Trail Cafe), 1840 Main Street
16CC 6200

Current Owner: Bob G. and La Verna J. Rowland
2540 D. Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: compatible

Date: 1920-1930

Description: Single story masonry construction with stucco applied to the front and side (north) elevation. Transom is painted. Entrance is recessed and centered. Glazing appears to be recent. Excellent condition.

28. 1800 Resort Street
16CC 7000

Current Owner: Forrest O. and F.J. Dunnington
1810 Resort Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: secondary

Date: 1890's

Description: Two story frame construction. Rectangular plan; hipped roof. Porch with shed roof extends across front at first floor level. Windows are sash and transom with a diamond pattern in the transom. Siding is asphalt shingle.

Remarks: Oral tradition says that this building was moved to the site from the city's Chinatown, two blocks to the south, and that it served as a "bawdy house" at both locations.

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29. Dunnington House, 1810 Resort Street
16CC 7100

Current Owner: Forrest O. Dunnington
1819 Resort Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: early 1870's

Description: The structure is one and one-half story, wood frame house with a steep gable roof. The eaves are boxed and have side frieze boards. The exterior is clapboard siding. The windows are six-over-six double hung sash. The entry is located on the side of the west (front) elevation. The house has a "T" shape with a wing on the south elevation. The structure is in good condition and is well maintained. The building has two brick chimneys; the chimneys are centered and break the roof pitch in each wing of the house.

Remarks: This house of unknown history is probably one of the earliest surviving residences in Baker. It is located within two blocks of the S.B. McCord House and the Shinn-Wisdom House, both recognized by local residents as structures dating from the 1870's. This house exhibits some elements of the Classical Revival Style.

- ✓ 30. 1820 Resort Street
16CC 7200

Current Owners: Unknown

Remarks: Vacant Lot

31. 1830 Resort Street
16CC 7300

Current Owner: Yvonne Boulton
1840 Resort Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: secondary

Date: 1900-1910

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31. (Continued)

Description: Two story frame construction. Rectangular plan with gabled roof. Board and batten siding. Appears to have been an outbuilding originally; A Barn or shop with a loft. Ground floor has large wooden doors, opposing. Second floor, now a residence, is reached by exterior wooden stairs which lead to an attached porch.

32. Pickett Apartments, 1840 Resort Street
16CC 7400

Current Owner: Yvonne Boulton
1840 Resort Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Compatible

Date: 1930's

Description: Two-and-a-half stories, frame construction. Square plan with hipped gable roof. Roof has finials at gable ends. Elevated porch with shed roof at first floor level. Clapboard siding. Rafters exposed at eaves.

33. 1850 Resort Street
16CC 7500

Current Owner: Yvonne Boulton
1840 Resort Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Remarks: Vacant Lot

34. E.&E. Weber Building, 1900 Resort Street
16CC 7600

Current Owner: MR. AND MRS. MILTON KELLER
1900 Resort Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Compatible

Date: 1930's

Description: Two story masonry construction. Rectangular plan with axis parallel to Resort Street. Flat Roof. Three bays divided by pilasters

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with entrance to second floor between the first bay to the south and the second. One window over each side bay with two windows over the central bay. Windows are double hung sash, six-over-six. Ground floor entrance by door central to each bay. Brick is reddish tan, predominantly with a lighter color brick used for detailing edges. "E.&E. WEBER" is written in the lighter color masonry at the top of the central bay.

35. 1920 Resort
16CC 7701

Current Owners: Harmon P. and Lois A. Drushella
1005 N. First Street
Stayton, Oregon 97383

Significance: Intrusion

Date: 1973-74

Description: Single story, masonry. Square plan. Very small (20'X20' approx) with flat roof. Entrance central with single sash fixed aluminum windows on either side. Window openings are flat arched. Common bond used.

36.-38. 1930-1950 Resort Street
16CC 7800

Current Owner: George DeRoest
2720 6th Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Compatible

Date: 1920-30

Description: Single story, masonry construction. Small (15'X20') rectangular plan. Gable roof. Originally may have been outbuilding, now in commercial use. Plaster exterior. Basement windows. Located on southwest corner of property.

Date: 1930-40

Description: Single story, frame construction. L-shaped plan. Gabled roof shake exterior. Windows mostly six-over-six. Located on northwest corner of property.

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6.-38. (Continued)
Date: 1930-40

Description: Two story, masonry construction. Square plan. Flat roof, plaster exterior. Windows mostly double hung sash. Located on the northeast corner of the property.

39. S.E. Corner of Resort and Washington Streets
16CC 7900

Current Owner: U.S. National Bank of Oregon
P.O. Box 3168
Portland, Oregon 97208

Remarks: Vacant Lot

40. Clark Auto Electric, 1720 Resort Street
16CC 14600

Current Owner: Harold C. Clark
1900 D. Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Compatible

Date: 1940-50

Description: Masonry construction. Two story toward the front (west) half of the lot, single story toward the rear. Brick is reddish-brown. Common bond is used. Entrance to ground level is both by a standard door at the south side of the front elevation and garage doors centrally placed. A door at the north side of the front elevation provides access to the second floor apartments. Windows at second floor are six-over-six, double hung sash. Masonry of the side walls has not been pointed.

41. Approx. 1724 Resort
16CC 14700

Current Owner: Byron Brinton
P.O. Box 70
Baker, Oregon 97814

Remarks: Vacant Lot

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42. 1787 Valley Avenue
16CC 15900

Current Owner: Kent C. Pompella
c/o Frank E and Mary Jane Ward ✓
1787 Valley Avenue
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Compatible

Date: 1920-30

Description: Faces north on Valley. Single story, frame construction. rectangular plan, gabled roof hipped at rear. Windows one-over-one double hung sash.

43. 1730 Resort
16CC 16000

Current Owner: Byron Brinton ✓
P.O. Box 70
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Compatible

Date: 1920-30

Description: Single story, frame construction. Square plan with hipped roof with porch extending the length of the house. Deteriorating condition, unoccupied.

44. 1785 Valley Avenue
16CC 16100

Current Owners: Jacob L. and Edna M. Kendall ✓
588 S.E. 3rd. Street
Ontario Oregon 97914

Significance: Compatible

Date: 1920-30

Description: Faces north on Valley. Single story, frame construction. rectangular plan with possibly later addition extending at the rear of the house. Gabled roof, windows one-over-one, double hung sash. Shed attached

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45. 1702 Main Street
16CC 16200

Significance: Intrusion

Date: 1950's

Description: Gas Station ✓

Remarks: Original site of Baker's first hotel in 1865, the Western Hotel. Hotel was destroyed by fire which razed the block in 1886. Succeeding single story masonry commercial buildings were followed by a residence in Italianate style. Gas stations have occupied the site since the early 30's, most recent built in the 1950's.

46. Oddfellows Lodge (same), 1718 Main Street
16CC 16400

Current Owner: I.O.O.F. # 25
P.O. Box 367 ✓
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1887

Description: Two story masonry construction. Modified in the 1950's. First floor has recessed entrances and flat display windows bordered by reflective tiles. Above a fixed awning the second floor exterior has been plastered over and original windows have been replaced with hinged aluminum sash. The original masonry of the south bearing wall is visible and the rear elevation is substantially intact except for replacement of second story windows with hinged aluminum sash and some doors on the first floor.

Remarks: Originally the facade on Main Street consisted of a pressed metal facade over the first bay to the south and an entrance bay. The remaining facade was exposed masonry with arcuated windows with labels at the second floor, a sheet metal architrave frieze and cornice and brackets applied to the top portion of pilasters at either end. The sheet metal facade of the south bay consisted of ornament applied to pilasters, a central trabeated window centrally placed with arcuated windows to either side and one over the entrance bay. The windows were double hung sash with painted glass transoms and labels above the windows. Above the central window was a bracketed pediment between a broken cornice and frieze of sheet metal.

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Inside the pediment was a lunette with the Oddfellows' insignia. Below the pediment, in a frieze, was the date "1887". Cresting flanked the pediment as it broke the roof line and a finial was attached to the point of the pediment. The Record-Courier, Baker County's oldest weekly newspaper occupies the ground floor of the south bay.

47. 1790 Main Street
16CC 16500

Current Owner: Germaine Debel and Simone Moore ✓
200 Spring Street
La Grande, Oregon 97850

Significance: Primary

Date: 1887

Description: Original condition substantially modified in 1950's. Two story masonry construction. Ground floor elevation contains contemporary display windows and a central entrance. A brick veneer has been applied to the transom level. A fixed awning is attached. The second floor has been filled in and covered with plaster with one small hinged aluminum case-ment window. Outlines of the original pilasters and cornice are visible. The building occupies only the front half of the lot. The rear elevation is in good original condition. A wooden porch is attached at the second story level with a wooden stair descending.

Remarks: Original tenant unknown. The building's front elevation was composed of a recessed entrance centrally placed between display windows of the period which rose to include a transom in each. Above a belt course were three one-over-one arcuated windows with labels; double hung sash. Pilasters were bracketed at the top, joining a sheet metal cornice.

48. 1798 Main Street
16CC 16600

Current Owner: Miller-Burnside Insurance ✓
1798 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

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Date: 1887

Description: Original condition substantially modified in 1950's. Two story masonry construction. Building is out diagonally at the northwest corner of Main and Valley Streets where original entrance was. Ground floor elevation contains a contemporary entrance and display windows with a brick veneer and attached brick planters. The second story elevation has been filled in and plastered from the transom level above a fixed awning. Original pilaster and cornice outlines are visible. There are two windows on the front bay and one on the diagonal facade that are fixed aluminum sash. The side (north) and rear elevations are substantially intact with the exception of some infill of openings on the ground floor and modernization of an entrance at the northeast corner. Second floor windows of these elevations are one-over-one double hung sash arcuated with labels still intact

Remarks: Original tenant was a tavern with a swinging door entrance on the diagonal. A pediment was above this entrance at cornice level and brackets supported a cornice which ran the full length of the front elevation, modillions beneath the cornice.

49. The Adler Home (Fuller-Baisley House), 2305 Main Street ✓
17 DA 5300

Current Owner: Leo Adler
2305 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1890

Description: The H.J. Fuller-J.L. Baisley house is a two story, wood frame building in the Italianate style. The house is nearly a duplicate of the nearby Daniel Smith, Sam Baer house at 2333 Main Street. The structure has a low, hip roof from which the beveledere has been removed. The eaves are boxed and have decorative brackets. Two window bays, each two stories high, are located on the east (front) elevation. The windows are one-over-one, double hung sash and have entablatures. The simple, front porch has a small gable added above the roof to provide drainage. This house is a little deeper than the Smith-Baer house and has a one story wing on its west (rear) elevation

Remarks: The early history of the occupants of this house need more research.

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The structure was originally built for H.J. Fuller or for J.L. Baisley. Baisley was a son of Jeremiah Cobb Baisley who settled in Baker County in 1863. Baisley married a Miss Bowman and had six daughters. Shortly after its construction, this house was purchased by Carl Adler who owned Adler's Crystal Palace, a gift shop in Baker. Adler was one of the town's Jewish merchants. The house is today the home of his son, Leo Adler.

50. 2307 Main Street
17DA 5400

Current Owner: Buren and Mary Lou Wimp ✓
2307 Main
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Compatible

Date: 1930's

Description: Single story frame construction in the bungalow style. Plan is rectangular with a pedimented form attached at the corner of the south side. Gable roof.

51. The Gildersleeve Home (the Baer House), 2333 Main Street
17DA 5500 & 5600

Current Owner: Edith M. Gildersleeve ✓
2333 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1882

Description: The Daniel Smith-Sam Baer House is a two story, wood frame dwelling in the Italianate style which stands facing east on Main Street. The house has a low hip roof from which the beveledere has been removed. Two bays, each two stories high, project on the front elevation and contain one-over-one, double hung sash windows. The eaves are boxed and have decorative brackets. A small porch protects the front entry's double doors and transom. The house has a shiplap exterior and a stone foundation which has been faced with stucco.

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Remarks: This house was built in 1882 for Daniel Smith. Smith sold the residence in 1884 to Samuel Baer, a Jewish merchant in Baker. Baer suffered losses in 1888 when the building and merchandise of the firm of Baer and Block burned in a fire which swept much of the town's business district. The losses were estimated at \$75,000. Baer married an Adler. Some of the Adler family remains in Baker; Leo Adler owns the nearby Fuller-Baisley house (see #49).

52. St. Francis Cathedral (same), 2000 Church Street ✓
17DA 6200

Current Owner: The Diocese of Baker
2213 First Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary Architect: Michael P. White (1864-1929)

Date: 1905

Description: Gothic Revival. Volcanic tuff construction, rock faced, rusticated, ashlar in regular courses. Basilican in plan but without side aisles. Oriented on north-south axis with apse to the north. Narthex at south is entered by a flight of stairs leading to pointed arch openings. Rose window above has been covered in recent years. Narthex was flanked by two steeples - four stories high with octagonal caps topped by crosses. Steeple elevation composed of base with a trabeated double hung sash windows; a water table; three windows recessed, the first two trabeated and the topmost center pointed; a belt course; double pointed arch opening with molding above; a band of pointed arches at the frieze level; a cornice with ornament at each of the four corners; and the octagonal cap. The nave has three stained glass windows on each side. Larger windows also with pointed arch opening are on each end of the transept. The apse has pointed arch openings at the clerestory level also filled with stained glass. The exterior has applied buttresses, the depth of pilasters.

In the 1960's, a chancery was added to the north end of the church, covering the apse to the clerestory level. This addition is of tuff construction but is randomly laid up in blocks that do not have the proportion of the original work. It has a flat roof and makes use of windows and hardware of the 1960's

Remarks: The Cathedral occupies the site of the former parish church, a frame building erected in 1871. The first Roman Catholic services in the city took place in October of 1862 in a building purchased for that purpose.

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53. St. Francis Rectory (The Bishop's House), 2215 First Street
17DA 6300

Current Owner: The Diocese of Baker R
2215 First Street ✓
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1907

Description: Volcanic Tuff Construction, rock faced, rusticated, ashlar in regular courses. Two and a half stories on a high foundation. Gabled roof with dormers. Porch extends from entrance (on the east side, facing First Street) in tuff construction. Window openings are trabeated. In recent years original sash has been replaced with hinged aluminum sash; mullions are not arranged in the original style. Garage was added in 1960 to the west of the Rectory.

54. 2000 Broadway
17DA 9600

Current Owner: Helene Leivstad
642 East Gwinn Place
Seattle Wa. 98102

Significance: compatible

Date: 1920's

Description: single story, masonry construction. Building has a rectangular plan with its axis parallel to Broadway. Three bays open onto Broadway. Central bay is longer with entrances at each end as opposed to centrally placed entrances for the flanking bays. Entrances are recessed. Display windows are flat; original in the center and east bay, modified in the west bay

55. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (same), 2177 First Street
17DA 9700

Current Owner: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church - ✓
2177 First Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

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Date: 1876

Description: This building was originally a wood frame structure with gable roof and projecting buttresses on the north and south elevations. The east (front) elevation had double entry doors with a lancet transom window and a had stained glass windows. Three small dormers with leaded glass are locate in the roof on the side elevation. The building has been faced on the exterior with red brick and has had significant alterations as well as addition on the northwest corner. Marion Ross has noted, however, that the interior of the sanctuary retains some of its original character.

Remarks: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is one of a series of Gothic Style buildings designed and erected in eastern Oregon in the 1870's. Others in the same style include: St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Canyon City, St. Paul's Episcopal Church in The Dalles, and the Ascension Episcopal Church in Cove.

56. Basche-Sage Hardware, 2101 Main Street
17DA 10300 ✓

Current Owner: Basche-Sage Hardware Company
2101 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Compatible

Date: 1930's

Descriptions: Two story masonry construction. Four bays (south) and six bays (east). Brick is reddish-brown, common bond; cream colored tile at the foundation, below flat display windows, and in entrance recesses. Second story elevation above belt course has a window over each bay, sash with mullions and transom. Cream colored tile cap at the parapet.

Remarks: This originally was the site of the "Kentucky Liquor Store". Basche - Sage Hardware moved to the location from a site on the west side of main between Court and Valley

57. The Masonic Temple (same), 2141 Main Street
17DA 10400 ✓

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57. (Continued)

Current Owners: A.F. & A.M. Lodge #47
P.O. Box 609
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1900

Descriptions: The Masonic Temple is a two story brick building which stands on the southwest corner of Main and Church Streets. The building has one-over-one double hung sash windows with semi-elliptical bays with brick voussains on its second story; most of the bays have been filled in with bricks on both the east and north elevations. There are nine window bays on the east (front) elevation and eight on the north elevation. The building has a very small facade at the roof level; one element bears the date "1900". The initials "A.F. & A.M." appears above the doorway on the first floor which leads to the second story. The first story originally had two commercial sections; both are vacant. This building has some use of stone for decorative work on the facade and for lugsills.

Remarks: In recent months the pilasters have been reinforced and the sill encased in concrete.

58. 1915 Church Street
17DA 10500

Current Owner: Mrs. Robert W. Pollock
3365 Grandview Drive
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: intrusion

Date: Early 1950's

Description: single story block construction with plaster veneer. Basically a square plan with a flat roof. The building houses medical and dental offices

59. East Side of First street between Church and Main Street
17DA 10600

Current Owner: Basche-Sage Hardware Company
2101 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

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Remarks: Storage yard for Montgomery Ward to the south. Vacant Lot

60. Montgomery Ward (same), 1924 Broadway
17DA 10700

Current Owners: Basche Sage Hardware Company
2101 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1900-1910

Description: Two story masonry construction. Brick color is reddish-brown. Common bond coursing is used. The front elevation has been significantly altered with a contemporary commercial facade of display windows and tile, a fixed awning and the application of a ribbed aluminum false front at the second story level. The side (west), rear, and alley elevations remain intact. Second story windows in the locations are double hung sash with mouldings.

61. Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan, 2001 Main Street
17DD 100

Current Owner: Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan
2001 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: intrusion

Date: ca. 1905; late 1950's

Description: The building is now single story with a veneer of pink tile on most of its surface. The entrance on Main Street is recessed and composed of aluminum mullions glazed at street level but with colored panels at the transom level.

Remarks: The site was originally occupied ca. 1905 by Citizen's Bank. The bank was a two story building of tuff construction. It had two by four bays, on a base topped by a metal cornice. There were two windows per bay, recessed, on the south facade (four bays). The front elevation at the first floor level consisted of a small shop in the north bay with two windows above. There was a small plain pediment above the doorway. When the building was remodeled in the 1950's, the second floor was

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demolished but the first floor bearing walls were retained and are used in the structure though not visible.

62. Levinger's, 2017 Main Street
1700 300

Current Owner: Henry Levinger
Route 1
Baker, Oregon 97814 ✓

Significance: Intrusion

Date: Late 1950's

Description: Single Story, masonry and metal truss construction. The prior building of ca. 1920 was destroyed by fire in the late 50's. New construction used the commercial style typical of the period. The facade has walls of display windows that run obliquely to the entrance at the center. A fixed awning is above. The building has a veneer of tile.

Remarks: The father (Louis Levinger) of the current owner, Mr. Henry Levinger was also a pharmacist in the community. He had the first automobile in the city and displayed his advertising on the vehicle.

63. Bohn's, 2021-2023 Main Street
1700 400 and 1700 500

Current Owners: John D. Bohn , 1700 400 ✓
2990 Grandview Drive
Baker, Oregon 97814

John C. Leonard 1700 500 ✓
2023 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1910-19; 1950's

Description: The building is volcanic tuff construction, regular rock-faced, rusticated, ashlar. It consists of three bays with an entrance to the second floor, which is vacant, between the north and center bay. The

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Second floor elevation is largely intact with mostly two sets of three windows, double hung sash over each bay. A Stone cornice caps the building. The ground floor elevations of all bays have been substantially modified by their alteration to 1950 commercial facades. The second floor entrance including its door framing hardware and stonework surrounding it is still unaltered.

Remarks: The south end of this building was damaged by the fire in the late 1950's that destroyed Levinger's Drugstore (62). Because of this, a last set of second story windows over the south bay has been removed.

64. Abstract and Title Company (Baker Loan and Trust Company), 2043 Main
17DD 600

Current Owner: D.V. McCallum
c/o Rena V. McCallum ✓
1705 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1910-15

Description: This building has had a variety of uses and names. Initially it was erected to house William Pollman's Baker Loan and Trust Company. The structure is a two story building of roughly dressed stone with granite trim on the first story. The building, which has a basement, has four-over one, double hung sash windows with concrete lugsills in the window bays on the second floor. The main entrance on the east (front) elevation has an overstated stone surrounding which is probably polished granite.

Remarks: This building first housed the Baker Loan and Trust Company, a bank founded by William Pollman. Pollman, born in Illinois in 1867, settled in Baker in 1889 and married in 1896 To Emma Geiser, daughter of wealthy mine owner John Geiser. In later years when the Bank of Haines moved to Baker the new institution which occupied this building was known as the Baker State Bank. Subsequently the building housed the Baker Abstract and Title Company and most recently the Land Title Insurance Company.

In recent months the exterior has been remodeled, including the replacement of first floor arcuated three over one sash with three over one anodized aluminum sash.

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65. 1990 Washington
1700 700

Current Owner: First National Bank of Oregon)
Property Management Department
P.O. Box 3131
Portland, Oregon 97200

Significance: Intrusion

Date: Late 1950's

Description: This bank is two story masonry construction of brick in a reddish-tan color. Glazing at clerestory level on east and west facades. Building occupies the south third of the lot with the Bank's parking in the northern two-thirds.

Remarks: Until the 1920's the south half of the lot was occupied by a livery stable.

66. Rand Building (same), 2003 First Street
1700 1000

Current Owner: Irving Rand ✓
2580 First Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: ca. 1908

Description: The John L. Rand Building is a two story structure of volcanic tuff, rock-faced, rusticated, ashlar, on the northwest corner of First and Washington Streets. The building, which faces east on First Street, originally had an entry on its southeast corner. The entire first floor east elevation has been altered and now has a center entry. On the second floor are located four window bays; three contain pairs of one-over-one double hung sash windows with transom panes; one bay has a single one-over-one double hung sash windows. Five bays with three one-over-one, double hung sash windows with transom panes are located on the south elevation of the second story. This building is largely without ornamentation. A small stone decoration appears at the roof level on the east(front) elevation.

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Remarks: John Langdon Rand was born October 28, 1861, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He was the son of John and Elvira (Odiorn) Rand. John L. Rand graduated from Dartmouth College in 1883 and read law later that year in Walla Walla, Wa. Admitted to the Washington Bar in 1885, he settled in 1886 in Baker to practice law. Rand was general counsel for the Sumpter Valley Railroad, the Oregon Lumber Company, the Columbia Gold Mining Company and the Pacific Livestock Company. He married Edith G. Packwood on July 23, 1895; she was a daughter of William H. Packwood, Oregon politician in the 1850's. This building in 1908 housed the Queen City Furniture Company. Its current tenant is California Pacific Utilities Company.

67. 2005-2009 First Street
17DD 1100 and 17DD 1200

Current Owner: Irving Rand
2580 First Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: compatible

Date: ca. 1920

Description: A single story masonry construction. Five bays with a recessed entrance for each and large display windows of the period above a masonry foundation. Original transom is intact. Small pedimental forms above end bays with a larger pedimental form over the three center bays. The area above the transom is plastered.

Remarks: This building stands on the site formerly occupied by the "Parker Studio" (the north half) and the "Packwood Hotel", both two story frame buildings. Mr. Parker was a local photographer of the late 1800's. The Packwood Hotel was named after William H. Packwood.

68. 2017 Broadway
17DD 1400

Current Owner: Jerry R. Seutter
2017 Broadway
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: intrusion

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Date: Early 1960's

Description: The building is a converted gas station into an auto repair shop. Two service islands were in use and each had a canopy which extended from the main structure. The building faces north and is rectangular in plan with two service bays on the west end.

69, Wisdom House (same), 2035 Second Street
17DD 2100

Current Owner: Loy W. Wisdom
2035 Second Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1878

Description: The John W. Wisdom house is a two and one-half story house which exhibits elements of the Gothic and Italianate styles. The building has a steep gabled roof and very vertical lines, including pediment window entablatures that are in the Gothic tradition. The decorative eave-brackets and the projecting window bays, such as that on the first floor of the north elevation, are, however, Italianate in feeling. The house has clapboard siding with vertical flushboards on the front porch wall on the east (front) elevation. The windows are four-over-four, double hung sash. A verandah with balcony reaches across the east elevation and extends along the north elevation. The balcony on the north elevation has been enclosed as a sleeping porch and is screened. The posts on the verandah are chamfered. This house has a large, central, brick chimney which is joined at the corbelled top. On the west elevation is a stone fruit cellar which is attached to the house by a one story storage wing. This building is in excellent condition and contains all of its original furnishings. The building has been in ownership of the same family for the past 98 years and is owned by the daughter of the builder. Miss Loy Wisdom, the owner, is nearly 100 years in age.

Remarks: John W. Wisdom was born March 15, 1840 in Randolph County, Missouri. Wisdom was a son of Thomas B. and Lucinda (Gess) Wisdom. He emigrated to Oregon in 1862 and was joined by his father and brothers and sisters in 1863. From 1864-1866 Wisdom worked as a teamster between Umatilla and Boise City. In 1867 Wisdom opened a drug store in Baker. Eventually he purchased a stock

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farm near Baker and with his brother, James Wisdom, continued the drug business as well as investing heavily in real estate and blooded stock. By 1893 John Wisdom had a mile race track, three large barns, and one of the finest herds of horses in Oregon. He told Harvey Hines that his home erected in 1878 cost \$6,000. Wisdom's father, Thomas B., was born in 1814 in Kentucky and died in Oregon. Wisdom married in June, 1868 to Mary Sturmill. They had six children and raised one nephew as well. Wisdom was elected to the Oregon State Senate from 1874 to 1878 and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention which nominated Winfield Scott Hancock. From 1893 to 1898 Wisdom was city treasurer and he also served for nine years as chairman of the Baker School Board.
70. 2230 Washington
1700 2900
- Current Owner: Elizabeth W. Lovelace
2230 Washington ✓
Baker, Oregon 97814
- Significance: Primary
- Date: ca. 1910
- Description: Single story volcanic tuff construction. The tuff is smooth faced and laid in a broken course. A half story foundation raises the habitable rooms above grade. A water table is at the foundation line. The corners make use of quoins. The plan is "T" shaped; a small porch extends over the entrance at the juncture of the stem and arms of the "T". The windows are fixed sash at the ends of the wings, highly ornate. The gabled roof has boxed eaves and projecting verges. The area between the verges contains much wooden ornament.

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71. Baker County Courthouse (same), 3rd and Court
1700 3000

Current owner: Baker County
c/o Judge Dennis Fuller ✓
Baker County Courthouse
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1906-08

Description: The Courthouse is three-and-a-half stories rising on a half story base. The construction is of volcanic tuff, rusticated rock-faced ashlar, regularly laid. Its style might be best described as Richardsonian Romanesque. The building is "T" shaped in plan with the stem of the "T" parallel to Court Street and the "arms" of the "T" parallel to 3rd Street. The building is closer to 4th Street than to 3rd. The basic elevation of the building consists of a base story with trabeated double hung sash; a water table; the first floor with arcuated double hung sash; a belt course; a second floor with trabeated double hung sash; an attic floor with square sash. The exception to this is the south facade where the second and attic floors are joined by window recesses containing spandrels at the line of the attic level. The roof is gabled with hips at the ends of each wing. Hipped dormers extend over the central bay of each wing. Entrances occur at the center of the plan on 4th Street and on both sides of the stem of the "T" as it joins the other wing. All of the entrances make use of porches with round-headed openings leading to more common door openings. A small order making use of cushioned capitals is used at the entrances. A tower rises over the southeast porch. It extends a full two stories above the attic level; the top story contains a clock face on each side, recessed in a round-headed opening. The tower ends in a lightly corbelled cornice and is topped by a four-sided cap with small dormers extending from each side. The cap is clad in copper which has aged with a beautiful patina.

Remarks: The building was designed by Delos D. Neer, architect of the Lane County Courthouse and Linn-Benton County Courthouse, the latter of which still stands in Corvallis, Oregon. In the 1960's the expansion of the county jail resulted in the addition of two stories to the south end of the arm of the "T". Exterior work in 1976 and 1977 has resulted in the replacement of original sash with fixed aluminum sash. These recent alterations and additions have not been sympathetic to the original work.

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72. Northwest corner of 1st and Court Streets
17DD 3800

Current owner: Baker Publishing Co., Inc.
1915 1st Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Remarks: parking lot for Baker Publishing Co. to the north.

73. The Democrat-Herald, 1915 1st Street
17DD 3900

Current owner: Baker Publishing Co., Inc. R
1915 1st Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Compatible

Date: mid-1950's

Description: Single story, reinforced concrete. The building is rectangular in plan with a flat roof. The front facade is covered with a brick veneer both above and below fixed sash with mullions. The entrance is recessed on the north side of the facade.

Remarks: This building houses The Democrat-Herald, the city's daily newspaper successor to The Morning Democrat, a turn-of-the-century paper, which was successor to The Bedrock Democrat which began publishing the events of the city and the region on May 11, 1870.

74. 1929 1st Street
17DD 4000

Current owner: Mr. and Mrs. John Heriza ✓
West Campbell
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: compatible

Date: 1950's

Description: Single story, masonry construction. The building is a private residence, rectangular in plan and set back from the property line. The roof is hipped. Windows are mostly casement.

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75. White Apartments (same), 1931 First Street
17DD 4090

Current Owner: Mr. and Mrs John Heriza *ℓ*
West Campbell
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: secondary

Date: ca. 1930

Description: Three story masonry construction. Rectangular in plan with a false mansard roof, tiled, along the front elevation. The building consists of three bays; the central bay is given over to circulation with the flanking bays occupied by apartments. First and second floor windows are trabeated while third floor windows are round-headed. All windows are casement with multiple lights. At the ground floor a small masonry alcove around the entrance on top of which is a balcony with urns at its corners.

Remarks: The building was designed by N.P. White, a prominent local architect who also designed St. Francis cathedral and the Natatorium (a National Register Property) . White lived in the apartments for a time.

76. Pythian Castle (same), 2000 Washington
17DD 4100

Current Owner: OKR Inc. ✓
2000 Washington
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1907

Description: The Pythian Castle, the lodge building for the Knights of Pythias, is a two story building of rough, dressed stone that stands at the southwest corner of First and Washington Streets. The building has a low, hip roof covered with metal; the roof is largely hidden by the castle-like facade (stone) at the roof level. The window bays on the second story, now almost all covered with boards, once had stained glass in their upper sections. The windows were one-over-one, double hung sash with center lancet windows. The windows were set three per bay. The first story elevations have also been altered. The entry on the north elevation is flanked by stone pilasters and bears the inscription "Pythian Castle".

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Remarks: The building now houses a magazine distributorship and professional offices.

77. Neuberger and Heilner (same), 1901 Main Street
17DD 4700

Current Owner: Clara Investment Company ✓
1901 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: ca. 1890 ; late 1940's

Description: Two story masonry construction. The first floor of the Main Street elevation has been altered to the commercial style of the late 1940's- large flat display windows with reflective tile at the foundation level; recessed entrances between the central and flanking bays. The original trans is intact but above that the second story fenestration has been filled in and plastered over. A handsome neon sign of the period states "Neuberger & Heilner" in a cursive style.

Remarks: The building was originally two stories with an attic level which was removed during the 1940's remodelling. The attic story rose above the cornice at the second story and was pedimented over each bay, the central pediment being most prominent. At the southwest corner of the building a turret rose from the first floor. The turret was octagonal and its levels matched the stories of the second and attic stories. It was topped with an octagonal ogee cap from which a flagpole rose. It stood in counterpoint to the pointed triangular cap of the Geiser Grand Hotel (see#18) across the street and one block to the north. For a brief discussion of the Neuberger and Heilner families, see # 115.

78. Approx. 1907 Main Street
17DD 4800

Current Owner: Herman David J
1839 Second Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1883

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Description: Two story masonry construction. Both first and second floors have been substantially altered. The first floor is early as the 1890's with the extension of the transom and display frontage of the Neuberger and Heilner Building to the north. The second floor may have been altered at a later time. Original rough openings are still present but the sash has been changed. The outlines of pilasters at either end, the cornice and brackets beneath the cornice over the central window are visible. A coat of plaster covers the original brickwork.

Remarks: The building originally housed the First National Bank of Baker. All fenestration was arcuated with hoodmolds and articulated keystones on the first floor. The center window on the second floor was a lancet window. A pediment rose from brackets below the cornice over this window. There was cresting on either side of the pediment and finials at the tops of the pilasters and the pediment

79. 1913-1917 Main
17DD 4900 and 17DD 5000

Current Owner: Mack's Credit Jewelers, 17DD 4900 ✓
1913 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Robert and Sally Powers, 17DD 5000 ✓
1917 Main Street
Baker, Oregon

Significance: secondary

Date: 1910-1915

Description: Two story masonry construction. Two bays with interior stairs to second story (vacant). First floor elevation consists of contemporary commercial veneers on the bay to the south; more of the original frontage (commercial) on the north bay. A fixed awning runs the length of the facade. The transom level above has been covered. The second story is composed of three windows over each bay, two-over-one double hung sash in original condition. The original sills and cornices over each window is still intact. The cornice is bracketed at the end of each bay with the northmost bracket missing.

80. 1921 Main Street
17DD 5100

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Current Owner: Carl York
3000 Grandview Drive ✓
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: secondary

Date: ca. 1920

Description: First floor elevation has been modified with commercial veneers of the 1960's. The transom above a fixed awning has been covered. The second story elevation is intact with four double hung sash windows with flat arched openings and articulated keystones. Above is an architrave, frieze and metal cornice with a parapet rising above. The building is flanked by pilasters at each end.

81. 1925 Main Street
1700 5200

Current Owner: Carl York
3000 Grandview
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: secondary

Date: Ca. 1915

Description: Single story masonry construction. The front elevation has been remodelled in a 1960's commercial style. A fixed awning in its place and the transom has been covered. The original masonry architrave, frieze and cornice are visible.

82. Smoke Shop, 1929 Main Street
1700 3300

Current Owner: G.E. Hall ✓
2350 First Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: secondary

Date: ca. 1915

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Description: This building is identical to the building to the south (#81) with the exception of a pilaster on the north edge (unmatched by a pilaster on the south edge of its companion) and minor exceptions.

83. (Miller's Lunch), 1937 Main, 1935 Washington
17DD 5400

Current Owner: Denny and Mildred M. Dean ✓
P.O. Box 240
Hoodriver, Oregon 97031

Significance: intrusion

Date: Late 1930's

Description: A single story building of masonry construction. Above large display windows is a ribbed metal veneer, below, a reflective tile. Entrances to offices in the rear half of the building open onto Washington street and are recessed. The front half of the building houses a retail shop in space originally occupied by a soda fountain and Cafe, "Miller's Lunch"

84. The Antlers Hotel (same), 1945 Washington Street
17DD 5500

Current Owner: John and Marsha Jacobson ✓
R.F.D. 1
Haines, Oregon 97833

Significance: Primary

Date: ca. 1920

Description: Four story masonry construction. The main facade faces Washington Street to the North. The ground floor contains various offices in commercial style frontage of the period, largely intact. The central bay of five contained the entrance to the hotel. The entrance is still in original condition with a bracketed hood overhead. The second and third stories rise between two belt courses, the top one slightly corbelled. An attic story is ended in a bracketed cornice. Each floor above the ground floor has two windows per bay excepting the narrow entrance bay which has only one window per story above it. The windows are one-over-one double hung sash with tuff sills. The building is very close to its original condition,

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85. 1932 First Street
1700 5600

Current Owner: John and Marsha Jacobson
R.F.D. 1
Haines, Oregon 97833

Significance: Primary

Date: ca. 1915

Description: Three story of tuff construction in rock faced, rusticated ashlar regularly laid. Two bays with an entrance to upper stories between them. The ground floor of each bay was commercial frontage and is in close to original condition. The second and third floors have two windows per bay, one-over-one, double hung sash. Pilasters flank the building and the building ends with an architrave, frieze and cornice in tuff construction. Three metal grilles are symmetrically placed in the frieze.

Remarks: Ground floor office space is in use while the upper two stories are vacant.

86. (Telephone Exchange), 1930 First Street
1700 5700

Current Owner: Irene Mack
Wingville Road
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: primary

Date: 1900-1910

Description:

Two story masonry construction. The building rests on a half-story base with a water course. A half flight of stairs rises to the main entrance on the north side of the building. The door is in a recess which has a round headed opening with a tuff keystone. The only window on the first floor is in a similar round headed opening but not recessed. On the second floor are three double hung sash, nine-over-one flat arch openings and tuff keystones and sills. Above is an architrave, frieze and metal cornice with modillions.

Remarks: This building, now vacant, was the city's first major telephone exchange. The Phone service was begun in 1897. The interior of the

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building is in its original unfinished condition. The building is somewhat deteriorated but in good condition overall.

87. 1928 First Street
1700 5800

Current Owner: Irene Mack
Wingville Road
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1910-15

Description: Single story, tuff construction of rock-faced, rusticated ashlar regularly laid. The building retains its original commercial front including its transom. A recessed entrance is at the south side of the facade. Pilasters flank the building with a carved ornament midway. No highly articulated cornice.

Remarks: Recent work on the roof is obvious by way of visible tar or asphalt at the parapet. The building, vacant off and on, for some time now has had a commercial tenant.

88. Ryder Bros. Warehouse(Heilner Warehouse), Approx 1924 First Street
1700 5900

Current Owner: Clara Investment Company
1901 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1884

Description: The Sigismund A. Heilner warehouse is a very simple and attractive, one story building of dressed stone that faces west on First Street. This building was erected to give an air of stability and security. Its purpose was to serve as a warehouse for wool which Heilner purchased and shipped out of Baker County. The building has three main bays on its front elevation; two are for windows and one is for a center entry door. One additional, small bay, for a door, is located on the south

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side of the front elevation. All bays are covered with iron shutters. The building has a small, stone facade with stone brackets at the roof level

Remarks: Sigismund A. Heilner was one of Baker's leading merchants in the 19th century. Born in Bavaria, Heilner migrated to the United States in 1853 and settled in the 1860's at Sparta, Oregon, where he erected a stone commercial building which is yet standing. In the late 1860's, Heilner erected a brick building in Baker to house the S.A. Heilner & Company. Heilner married Clara Neuberger of Portland, Oregon and in 1887 erected a house at 1839 Second Street. Heilner had three sons: Jesse, a grocer, Joseph, an attorney and Sanford, a wool buyer living in Baker at the age of 92 years. According to Sanford Heilner, the building was intended to replace warehouses west of the railroad tracks that were destroyed by high winds. A newspaper article of 9/5/84 in the Bedrock Democrat dates the project.

89. 1928 Court, 1926 Court
1700 5990

Current Owner: Clara Investment Company *fl*
1901 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

89. Significance: Secondary

Date: Ca. 1920

Description: On the east half of this property is a single story masonry building with a plaster finish. The building consists of three bays with entrances on Court Street. The original display windows and transom are intact. The parapet is slightly raised above the central bay. The building houses an upholstery business.

90. Significance: Compatible

Date: Late 1930's

Description; On the north half of the property is a single story masonry building with an entrance on Court Street. The facade is divided by masonry pilasters with white plaster infill between. Windows are fixed sash with sidelights. Turned spindles flank each window in its opening. A tile false mansard roof runs the length of the roof.

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91. Duncan Studios (Palmer Brothers), 1801 Main Street
17DD 6000

Current Owner: David L. Duncan, Sr. ✓
1801 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: ca. 1908

Description: The Palmer Brothers' Building is a two story, rectangular, structure constructed of roughly dressed stone. The building faces east on Main Street and stands at the northwest corner of Main and Valley. The building has eight bays of windows on its south elevation. It has two similar bays on its east (front) elevation. Each bay has one large pane flanked by one-over-one, double hung sash windows with three smaller transom sections above. The building has three half-round windows on its south elevation of the first floor that contain stained glass. The stone facade of the front elevation has now been removed.

Remarks: Palmer Bros. Building was occupied in 1908 by the Palmer Brothers Jewelers and Sporting Goods Store. This building is presently occupied by Duncan Studios. It is unclear which Palmer erected this building. Charles L. Palmer, born in Pennsylvania in 1849, was mayor of Baker in 1912. Palmer had come to the county in 1864 with his parents and in 1874 began manufacturing brick in Baker. For many years he and a brother had a grocery business in Baker. It is also possible that this building was erected by Robert R. Palmer who was born in 1868 in La Grande, Oregon. Robert Palmer became a major breeder of horses in Baker County and operated a saddlery and harness shop in Baker County in 1912.

92. The Bootery, 1805 Main Street
17DD 6100

Current Owner: Francis and Elaine Schmidt ✓
c/o R.N. and Constance Granander
1805 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Compatible

Date: late 1940's

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Description: Single story masonry construction. The exterior is a fine example of the commercial style of the 1940's. The entrance is deeply recessed between irregularly placed display windows. A black reflective tile is used as a veneer and the words "The Bootery" are written in a cursive script on the upper facade.

Remarks: This building is worthy of preservation in its own right.

93. D'Clark's, 1809 Main Street
17DD 6200

Current Owner: Harold Clark, Inc. ✓
1809 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1890's

Description: Two story masonry construction. The building now has a first floor elevation recently remodelled with full length display windows and used brick. The second floor has been filled in and plastered over. The original rough openings and the outlines of the cornice are visible.

Remarks: The elevation was originally composed of a commercial front for the period. Above the transom were three one-over-one double hung sash windows arched and with hood moulds. Above the windows was an entablature, a cornice bracketed at each end and a pediment centrally placed.

94. 1811 Main Street
17DD 6300

Current owner: Irvin Johnson ✓
P.O. Box 276
Hood River, Oregon 97031

Significance: Primary

Date: 1890's

Description: Two story masonry construction. The elevation was altered in the 1950's with reflective tile surrounding the display windows at the first floor and the infill with the application of plaster at the second level.

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The original transom has been covered and a fixed awning attached.

Remarks: The building originally had a commercial facade of its period with display windows raised above grade and a central recessed entrance. Above an adjustable awning was a transom that ran the length of the facade. The second story had one over one double hung sash windows. The facade was ended by a sheet metal entablature and cornice with modillions. A centrally placed pediment was bracketed above the cornice with the parapet visible on either side. The building houses a drugstore.

95. 1821 Main Street
17DD 6400 and 6500

Current owner: Edna Pollman Nash
2405 2nd Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Intrusion

Date: 1960's

Description: In the 1960's, the site was gutted with the exception of the alley elevation (west wall). On the front elevation, display windows run the full height of the first floor and run the full length of the facade. An entrance is centrally located. Above a fixed awning, the second level elevation is a blank plaster wall with the words "Coast-to-Coast" in plastic letters.

Remarks: The site was originally occupied by the Baker Theater; first, as a legitimate theater for stage presentations and later, as a movie theater.

96. 1827 Main Street
17DD 6600

Current owner: Ethel E. Hopkins, et al
1709 Pear Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1890's

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Description: The ground floor elevation has been altered with a brick veneer below flat display windows. The entrance is not recessed but is centrally placed. A fixed awning has been attached below the original transom which is now covered. A belt course is still visible above which are four one over one double hung sash windows. The windows are separated by pilasters which rise to a metal entablature and cornice. Originally, more prominent pilasters were on the edges of the elevation. The north pilaster is present but the south pilaster appears to have been removed during the remodelling of the building to the south. The building is currently vacant.

97. Robb's Ladies Shop (The White House Building), 1829 Main
17DD 6700

Current owner: Omer and Ann George
2920 Grandview Drive
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1890's

Description: The White House Building is a two story, brick commercial structure with a front elevation covered with stucco. This building faces east on Main Street and is located in the center of Baker's old business district. The building has three bays of one over one double hung sash windows on its second story. These window bays have metal, decorative entablatures. A metal facade is located at the roof level and has a central pediment below which appears the inscription "White House". The first floor front elevation has been altered but retains the original panes of ribbed glass in its transom.

Remarks: This building has been the location for several years of Robb's Ladies Shop.

98. 1831 Main Street
17DD 6800

Current owner: Robert T. Harrison
2520 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

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Date: 1890's

Description: The building is two story, masonry construction. The entire facade was altered in the late 1940's or early 50's. The first floor elevation has a brick veneer at the foundation. Flat display windows are on either side of the entrance. A fixed awning has been attached below the transom which has been covered. The second floor elevation has been filled in and plastered. There are two small windows.

Remarks: The building was originally a bakery and confectionery. The first floor elevation was composed of virtually full-length display windows and a central recessed entrance. A movable awning was attached below the transom. Four windows above were divided into a set of one: two: one by mullions. Above the side windows were small lunettes whose diameter was equal to the width of the window below. Above the paired windows was a flush fan window whose diameter was equal to two window widths. Above the large fan flanked by the two lunettes was an arched band with an inscription (not discernible from current documentation). The second floor elevation ended with a metal cornice with modillions and bracketed at either end. A pediment rose above the cornice. The building now houses a thrift shop.

99.. May's Music (The Alexander Building), 1833 Main Street
1700 6900

Current owner: Irene May
904 Hillcrest
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1900's

Description: This building, also known as the First National Bank Building, is a two story, brick structure which stands at the southeast corner of Main and Court Streets. The building has a rectangular shape and faces east on Main Street. The first floor elevation has been altered, probably in the 1920's or 30's, and has a facing of yellow and black tiles at the foundation. The window bays on the north elevation on the second story contain one over one double hung sash windows. The original front entry had a pediment flanked by pilasters with arched window bays on the northeast corner of the building. The trim or decorative work on the original first floor elevation was of roughly dressed stone.

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Remarks: The building now houses May's Music. For many years, until the early 1960's, it housed the Alexander Clothing Company.

100.. 1913 Court (approximately)
1700 7000

Current owner: John Rouse
Hereford, Oregon 97837

Significance: Secondary

Date: 1910-1915

Description. Two story, tuff construction. The stone is smooth faced and randomly coursed. The building is on the south side of Court Street between Main and 1st Streets, adjacent to the alley.. It faces north onto Court. The entrance to the second floor is on the west side of the front elevation; the main entrance and a window are on the east side. The second floor elevation has two sets of two double hung sash windows, one over one. Sheet metal ornament is applied to the building edges at the second floor line. The building has a metal cornice.

Remarks: The building currently houses a food co-op.

101. 1923-1933 Court Street
1700 7100

Current owner: Margaret Correll
P.O. Box 3168
Portland, Oregon 97208

Significance: Secondary

Date: 1900-1910

Description: Single story masonry construction. The building is rectangular in plan with four bays, entrances on Court Street. In recent years, the facade has been remodelled with the application of various patterns in wood covering the transoms. At the parapet, the building's original metal ornament is visible; three bands -- scrolls, fleur-de-lis, and garlands.

Remarks: The building houses a retail shop and law offices.

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102. 1894 First Street
17DD 7190

Current Owner: Margaret Correll
P.O. Box 3168
Portland, Oregon 97208 R

Significance: Primary

Date: 1900-1910

Description: A single story, masonry building rectangular in plan. The recessed entrance between display windows opens onto First Street. Original transom is visible. A sheet metal cornice is present.

103. --
17DD 7200

Current Owner: John L. and Ruth Ann Story ✓
2595 Main
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: none-- Vacant Lot

104. 1824 First Street
17DD 7300

Current Owner: John L. and Ruth Ann Story R
2595 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Secondary

Date: ca. 1915-20

Description: Two story masonry construction with plaster exterior. Ground floor elevation has opposing hinged doors flanked by windows of fixed sash. Original transom. Three small arcuated windows of double hung sash are symetrically placed at the second floor level. Original cornice is visible only in outline.

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105. 1820 First Street
17DD 7400
- Current Owner: Unknown
- Significance: Intrusion
- Date: unknown
- Description: two story masonry construction. Original alley elevation has been severely modified with a plaster veneer, removal of all ornament and installation of sliding aluminum sash windows. The building is vacant.
106. 1816 First Street
17DD 7500
- Current Owner: C.J. and Elizabeth Waltz ✓
455 E. 17th, Apt. 20
McMinnville, Oregon 97128
- Significance: Intrusion
- Date: 1960's
- Description: Single story cinder block construction with sliding aluminum sash windows. The building is vacant.
107. 1818 First Street
17DD 7600
- Current Owner: E.R. and Nellie Koontz ✓
2100 Colorado Place
Baker, Oregon 97814
- Significance: Compatible
- Date: 1920's
- Description: A two story masonry building. The ground floor elevation consists of opposing hinged doors to the north, a small sash window and an entrance to the second floor to the south. Elevation is plastered. The second floor elevation consists of two windows of double-hung sash with a simple corbelled cornice above.

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108. Oddfellows Lodge (same), North side of Valley between Main and First
17DD 7700

Current Owner: John Bootsma
2337 Second Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1907

Description: The Elkhorn Temple no. 166, Independent Order of Oddfello is a three story building of roughly dressed stone which stands in the center of the block on the south side of Valley Street between First and Main. This now vacant building has a commercial area located on its first floor and a side entry to the upper stories. The side entry has stone pilasters which bear the inscription: "1907, Elkhorn, No. 166," while the notice "I.O.O.F. Temple" appears above the entry arch. The store section, divided into two parts, appears to have had few alterations. Three large window bays and one small bay are located on both the second and third stories on the south(front) elevation. The windows are one-over-one, double hung sash with transom panes. The building has a small, projecting pediment with brackets at the roof level.

Remarks: This Oddfellows Lodge is inactive and its building is vacant. Another Oddfellows lodge hall, significantly altered, stands about a block to the southeast.

09. Jett Building (same), 1998 Valley
17DD 7800

Current Owner: Albert L. and Wreath N. Hudson
1998 Valley
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1901

Description: The J.H.Jett Marble Works building is a two story building of dressed stone construction which stands on the northeast corner of First and Valley Streets. The building has five bays of windows on the second story of its south(front) elevation. Four of these bays contain one-over-one, double hung sash windows; one

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bay has a pair of these windows. The west (side) elevation repeats the same window arrangement. The first floor elevation has two arched bays, one containing the entry, and a square bay or portal where freight wagons once entered the building. The freight entry bay has been filled in with verticle boards and new windows and door. The building has a series of chimneys along the facade at the roof level and bears the inscription "J.H. Jett Marble Works 1901." The window bays have keystones.

Remarks: John H. Jett was born near Trenton, Missouri, on Oct. 4, 1851. He was a son of William E. and Elizabeth Jett. Jett was educated in Chillicothe, Missouri. In 1871 he emigrated with his brother G.W. Jett to Baker, Oregon, where he worked in a placer mine on the Burnt River until 1882. Jett then opened a grocery store but sold out in 1886 when he founded the Baker City Marble Works. Jett ran a grocery and feed store in conjunction with his marble works in this building. Jett was an active member of the People's Party in the 1890's and won election as county treasurer. Jett married Dora S. Tracy.

110. The Eltrym, 1809 First Street
17DD 7900

Current Owner: Jones Enterprises, Inc. ✓
9100 Sunset Blvd.
Los Angeles, Ca. 90069

Significance: Compatible

Date: late 1940's

Description: Single story with small interior mezzanine level; reinforced concrete construction. This building is Baker's only movie theater following demolition of the Baker Theatre on Main Street in the late 1950's. The elevation (facing east on First St.) consists of two bays flanking the entrance which is recessed. The ticket booth is to the north end of this opening. Above the central recess is a fixed awning with a marquee above. At the parapet level, the central section is slightly raised. Sculpted panels in art deco style have been placed in the parapet, one over each section.

111. Approx. 1811 First Street
17DD 8000

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Current Owner: Pacific Northwest Bell ✓
1834 Main Street
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Significance: none; Parking lot for Pacific Northwest Bell to the South.

112. Approx. 1813 First
17DD 8100

Current Owner: Unavailable

Remarks: Building under demolition. The space will be used for parking by the B.P.O.E. Lodge, to the northwest across the alley.

113. 1821 First Street
17DD 8200

Current Owner: Gary Marlette and Warren Whitnah ✓
1831 First Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Remarks: Parking lot for the Shoemaker Building to the north

114. Shoemaker Building (same), 1831 First Street
17DD 8300

Current Owner: Gary Marlette and Warren Whitnah R
1831 First Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1900-1908

Description: The Shoemaker Building is a simple, two story, commercial building constructed of roughly dressed stone. The building stands at the southwest corner of First and Court Streets and has commercial sections on the first floor elevation that face both First and Court. A recessed entry is located on the east elevation on First Street. The window bays on the first floor have been slightly altered. The bays on the second story contain pairs of one over-one, double hung sash windows with large transom sections of

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diamond panes above.

Remarks: This building appeared in a photograph of Baker County promotional literature in 1908. The first floor is occupied by professional offices; the second floor by apartments.

115. The Herman David Home (Heilner House), 1839 Second Street
17DD 8800

Current Owner: Mr. Herman David ✓
1839 Second Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1887

Description: The Sigismund A. Heilner house is an imposing, wood frame building in the Second Empire Style. This building stands on half a city block near the old business district. The structure has a main story and a second story beneath a mansard roof. The exterior is shiplap siding. The windows are one-over-one, double hung sash. Projecting from the mansard roof are three dormers on the four elevations; the roof is surmounted by a belvedere and has boxed eaves with decorative brackets in pairs. Projecting window bays are located on either side of entryways on the east(front) and north elevations. A verandah extends across the front elevation and is decorated with spools of wood. A pair of double entry doors on the front elevation has a transom above, while a single entry door is located on the north elevation and is shielded by a projecting porch roof. A square water tower is located on the southwest corner of the building; it retains the same eave decoration. Attached to the water tower is a long one story wing for servant's quarters and a porte-cochere with pediment or cross gable above it.

Remarks: This house is in excellent condition and is finely painted and is set in a park-like garden. It has been owned by the same family since its construction and is occupied by one of the Neuberger family, Herman David. Sigismund Heilner was born in Bavaria, Germany In 1853 he emigrated to the U.S. and in the 1860's located in the mines of Baker County. HE erected a stone, commercial building which yet stands in Sparta, Oregon. He moved to Baker in the 1880's, though as early as the 1860's he had erected a brick building in the city to house the S.A. Heilner and Company.

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Heilner built a stone warehouse to store the wool which he purchased and exported. It stands on First Street. In 1887 he erected this house and here he lived with his wife, Clara Neuberger of Portland, Oregon. The Heilner sons included: Jesse, a grocer, Joseph, an attorney, and Sanford, a wool buyer who lives in Baker and in now 92 years old. None of Heilner's sons married nor did Gershon and Berthold Neuberger, nephews, who also lived in this house. After Heilner's death, his three bachelor sons and two bachelor nephews continued to reside in this house. They had a Chinese cook and gardner who maintained the residence for them. The present owner, Herman David, is a descendant of the Neuberger family. The Heilner-Neuberger families are among the most prominent Jewish merchants in Baker County's history.

116. Northwest corner of First and Auburn
17DD 12000

Current Owner: A.L. Barker ✓
1075 Leslie Street, S.E.
Salem, Oregon 97301

Significance: none--Auto lot for Valley Motor Company to the east, across First Street.

117. V.F.W. Hall (Y.M.C.A. Building), 2005 Valley
17DD 12100

Current Owner: Veterans of Foreign Wars ✓
2005 Valley Avenue
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1912

Description: The Y.M.C.A. Building is a three story, brick structure in the Georgian Style. The building has five bays of six-over-six, double hung sash windows on the second and third stories on the east and north elevations. In addition, the north elevation has a set of small window bays which provide lighting for an internal staircase. The north (front) elevation has a formal entry portico with iron railing above. The portico is supported by columns and pilasters. Arched window bays are located on either side of the entry. The

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building has a roughly dressed stone foundation. A gymnasium is attached on the west side of the building and rises three stories in height.

Remarks: This building was erected in 1912 for the Y.M.C.A. It presently houses the V.F.W. , Veteran's Memorial Club.

118. The Baker Hotel(same), 1701 Main Street
17DD 12400 and 12500

Current Owner: Alex and Lotti Finke ✓
c/o Lloyd Dinger
1701 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: ca. 1929

Description: The Baker Hotel is the tallest building east of the Cascades in Oregon. This nine story, concrete structure faces east on Main Street and has an additional entry on Auburn Avenue. The building originally had one-over-one double hung sash windows, many of which have been replaced by aluminum frame windows. The top of the ninth story is surmounted by an octagonal observation center with an eight-sided hip roof topped by a flagpole. The building has decorative scrolls (one on either flank set at the second story level) and garlands set in concrete and has pairs of terra cotta eagles at each entry. The first floor of the east and south elevations has been altered by the placement of a rock facade or facing.

Remarks: This building was erected about 1929 and for many years a hotel. It presently houses a restaurant and retail shops on the ground floor and apartments on the upper floors.

119. (Driesbach Grocery), 1725 Main Street
17DD 12600

Current Owner: Alex and Lotti Finke
c/o Lloyd Dinger
1701 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

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Date: 1915-20

Description: Single story, tuff construction in rusticated rock-faced ashlar laid in regular courses. The building is divided into three bays with granite pilasters seperating them through the transom level. The transoms have been covered with a randonly coursed stone veneer of a lighter color than the tuff. The pilasters continue in tuff as opposed to granite and break through a cornice with modillions also made of volcanic tuff.

Remarks: Very close to original condition with the exception of the new stone veneer and contemporary display windows.

120. Ryder Brothers Stationery (J.C. Penny Company), 1735 Main
17DD 12800

Current Owner: Joan Scarborough, Et al. ✓
2318 Second Street
Baker. Oregon 97814

Significance: Secondary

Date:ca. 1920

Description: A single story with mezzanine of masonry construction. The building facade facing Main street is plastered. Two display windows project a deep recess centrally located. Within that recess, are entrances at either end flanking a central display window. The transom has been filled in. A metal cornice projects strongly below the parapet. The north facade of the building continues the front elevation's details for a single bay. The remainder of the north facade is exposed masonry with metal casement windows at the clerestory level.

Remarks: This building was the first J.C. Penny outlet in Baker.

121. 1935 Valley
17DD 12900

Current Owner: Crown Cleaners and Laundry ✓
1935 Valley
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

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Date: 1910; 1940's

Description: A combination of volcanic tuff, masonry and reinforced concrete construction. The central section of the building dates from the early 1900's and housed a cigar factory. It is two stories. Of the original elevation, only the pilasters and cornice (in tuff) are visible. In the 1940's, the area between the pilasters was filled in and plastered and metal pivoted windows were added at the second floor level. Single story wings of reinforced concrete were also added to both sides of the original structure.

Remarks: The building tenant for some time has been a laundry.

122. Valley Motors , 1950 Auburn
17DD 13000

Current Owner: A.L. Barker
1075 Leslie Street., S.E. *R*
Salem, Oregon 97301

Significance: compatible

Date: late 1940's - early 1950's

Description: A single story masonry building covering the entire lot. The north and east portions of the building are given over to automobile servicing with entrances on the north side of the west facade and east side of the south facade. The southwest corner is used as a show room with large plate glass windows. This corner is cut at a diagonal. There is a tiled, false mansard roof.

123. Southwest corner of Main and Auburn
20AA 400

Current Owner: Dallas M. Dean
1090 Park
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Intrusion

Remarks: A gas station, office and service bays are all in a building at the southern edge of the lot.

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124. Southeast corner of First and Auburn
20AA 600

Current Owner: Alex and Lotti Finke R
c/o Lloyd Dinger
1701 Main Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: None--Parking lot for the Baker Hotel, to the northeast across Auburn Street.

125. Northwest corner of Main and Place Street
20AA 900

Current Owner: The City of Baker J
c/o George Hiatt, City Manager
City Hall
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: None--parking lot for the City Hall, to the north.

126. Baker City Hall (Same), 1655 First Street
20AA 1000

Current Owner: The City of Baker R
c/o George Hiatt, City Manager
City Hall
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1903

Description: The Baker City Hall is a Renaissance Revival, two story building of volcanic tuff construction. The stone is rusticated rock-faced ashlar in regular courses. The plan is rectangular with its long axis parallel to First Street which the main facade faces. The building is five bays by three bays. The first floor elevation rises from a base story. The windows in the base story are sash with a central mullion. Windows in the first floor have been replaced in recent years but the openings are trabeated. A belt

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course marks the second story line. The windows at the second story level are arcuated with double mullions and a flush fan. A sheet metal cornice with modillions is attached below the parapet. The roof is metal clad and a ribbed gable. The main entrance is at the central bay of the front elevation.. It has a granite ~~step~~ and a marble tiled entry. Above the entrance is a recessed porch with a palladian opening. The bay breaks the cornice line, continuing as a tower which rises a full story above the parapet. There is a cornice above which the tower plan becomes octagonal with arcuated louvred screens on four principle sides. Above each screen is a clock face in a hooded dormer which projects from the tower cap. The rear elevation is distinguished by a broad arcuated window at the landing between the first and second flights. Approximately 1910-1915 a small squire building was attached to the northern half of the rear facade. It is single story of similar construction. Its roof is hipped with a cupola at its peak. It houses the City Jail.

Remarks: The building is in close to its original state with the exception of the new first floor windows of fixed aluminum sash. The works of the clock were refurbished in 1976 by volunteer effort. It keeps accurate time and chimes on the hour.

127. Crossroads Art Center (Carnegie Library), 2020 Auburn Street
20AA 1100

Current Owner: The City of Baker R
c/o George Hiatt, City Manager
City Hall
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: 1909

Description: The Carnegie Library, erected in 1909 is a one story building of rough, dressed stone. This structure stands behind the Baker City Hall. The building is in the Colonial style has a recessed entry in the center of its north (front)elevation. The entry is situated under a roof gable with a stone pediment decorated by a round window. The inscription "Carnegie Library" appears above the two columns which stand on either side of the entry stairway. The low, hip roof is covered with metal. A pair of cast iron lamp posts flank the entry stairway. The windows are oversized, one-over-one, double hung sash and are set in three bays on either side of the entry bay. Similar but smaller windows are located in the basement. The window bays have flat voussoirs with keystones.

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128. Corner of Bridge and Resort Streets
21 BB 2600

Current Owner: James J and Carolyn E. Henry ✓
1668 Resort Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Intrusion

Date: late 1950's

Description: A single story reinforced concrete building covering the lot with the exception of a small paved area at the western edge. A large area of plate glass faces this paved area. Irregular in plan with a flat roof, the building once housed an auto dealership. It now contains a boot shop and is an auto repair shop.

Remarks: The area between Bridge Street and Auburn Street, the north side of Auburn and the south side of Bridge Street on both sides of the Powder River was the site of the city's Chinatown which flourished during the first gold boom of the 1870's. By the 1880's, the population of Chinese was estimated at 400. With the completion of the railroad in 1884 and the advent of a new mining and milling technology the Chinese labor was at a surplus. Thus by the second boom of the 1890's, Baker had only a very small Oriental population.

129. 147 Bridge Street
21BB 2700

Current Owner: Pete Klupenger ✓
c/o Pete's Beauty Salon
147 Bridge Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: late 1880's

Description: A small frame single story building, rectangular in plan with a porch recessed into the east half of the front facade which faces south. The west half of that facade has a fixed sash window with 12 lights. The roof is gabled. The foundation appears to be rubble. The building, once a residence, now houses a beauty salon.

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130. 145 Bridge Street
21BB 2800

Current Owner: Lester J and Nethella S. Moore ✓
Box 515
Sumpter, Oregon 97877

Significance: Intrusion

Date: 1950's

Remarks: A gas station converted to an auto repair shop.

131. The Post Office, Southeast corner of Main and Auburn
21BB 2900

Current Owner: Joel and Barbara Douglas ✓
39 Parkdale Plaza
Bellingham, Wa. 98225

Significance: Primary

Date: 1909

Description: The U.S. Post Office in Baker is a two story, brick building in the Second Empire Style. This structure is set on a foundation of granite stone and has a basement. Vertical stone sections provide the major decorative detail on the building; the exterior is stone and buff-colored brick. The central entry bay on the west(front) elevation is flanked by cast iron light posts and pilasters. The low, hip roof has three dormers on its west elevation. The roof is largely hidden by a stone facade at the roof level. The windows are mostly one-over-one, double hung sash.

Remarks: The building was erected during the period that Franklin MacVeagh was Secretary of the Treasury. 1909-1913. The supervising Architect was James Knox Taylor. The building is vacant.

132. 120 Bridge Street
21BB 3000

Current Owner: O.E. AND Maude . Combs ✓
120 Bridge Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

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Date: 1890's

Description: This two story frame structure faces north toward the intersection of Bridge and Auburn Streets. It is Italianate with the entrance central to two projecting bays. These bays however do not extend the full height of the elevation but terminate at the second story line. A hood over the entrance extends to the top of the projecting bays forming a balcony reached by a door at the second story level above the entrance. Windows are mostly double hung, one over one sash. The roof is a truncated hip with boxed eaves and scrolled brackets beneath.

Remarks: The building is a private residence with apartments. It is in good condition with most of the original materials visible. The only exception to this is the asphaltic shingle siding.

133. The Hereford Motel, 134 Bridge Street
21BB 3100, 3200 and 5801

Current owner: Kenneth Upton
c/o The Hereford Motel ✓
134 Bridge Street
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: compatible

Date: late 1950's

Description: A single story motel of masonry construction. The plan is "L" shaped with one wing running south from Bridge Street and the second wing running to the east (toward the river) from the first wing. The roof is gabled. The building is clad with a brick veneer, reddish-tan in color, in a broken course. The motel units are accessible from parking directly in front of each. There is a swimming pool in the northeast corner of the property.

Remarks: The Joss House of the historic Chinatown is thought to have occupied the southeastern corner of this property. The Buddhist temple was built of brick in 1883 at a reported cost of \$10,000. It was destroyed by fire but the date of the event is currently unavailable.

134. Gray's West & Company (the C. A. Johns House), 1500 Dewey
21BB 6200

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134. (Continued)

Current owner: Gray's West & Company ✓
1500 Dewey Avenue
Baker, Oregon 97814

Significance: Primary

Date: ca. 1910

Description: The Charles A. Johns house is a two and one-half story, wood frame house in the Colonial Revival Style. This building has a hip roof with large dormers on the upper half story. The boxed cornices are decorated and have partial eave returns on the dormers on the top floor. The windows are mostly one over one, double hung sash; many of the upper panes are divided into lancet sections. The house has a rough, dressed stone foundation. The verandah on the west (front) elevation has been enclosed with glass. The verandah has a round tower with a cone roof. The structure has two, large brick chimneys. The house has had several alterations for use as a mortuary. The changes include a carport on the south elevation and a two story wing on the east elevation.

Remarks: This house was built for Charles A. Johns by John Virginius Benes, a Czech builder who erected many structures in Baker early in the twentieth century. The Charles A. Johns settled in Baker in 1888. He was an attorney in the firm of Hyde, Johns & Olmstead. Johns became Associate Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court and in 1921 was appointed Chief Justice of the Philliping Islands.

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SPECIFIC DATES 1870-1920 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Delos D. Neer, Michael P. White and anonymous

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area surrounding the City of Baker, originally incorporated as Baker City, was a prosperous mining area from the time of the first strike in 1861 to the late 1910s. During this period, three-quarters of the lode gold produced in Oregon came out of the Baker mining district.

Two "booms"--one in the 1870s, the other in the period from 1890-1915--spurred the town's growth. The "boom or bust" philosophy that comes with gold fever had an effect on the community, but the extended time over which the booms occurred had the effect of giving the town time to develop a strong and varied culture.

The properties described in the inventory reflect the aspects of this time of growth. A chronology of the events surrounding the city and the region will further explain the phenomenon.

During the period from 1842-1862, emigrants not turning at Soda Springs passed through the Powder Valley where Baker is now located. In 1861, Henry Griffin made the first gold strike in the hills south of Baker. Mr. Griffin had been searching for the lost "Blue Bucket Mine." His claim immediately generated furious activity and people came to the area from all over the West. In 1862, the town of Auburn was established as the county seat near the site where Griffin discovered gold.

The first strike stimulated mining activity everywhere in the nearby region. J.W. Virtue established a mine in the hills to the east of what is now Baker. The site lacked water, so he started a gold mill on the Powder River where a small settlement had been established in 1862. By 1865, a hotel--the Western Hotel--and a mail route from the settlement served the nearby mining districts. The site, located at the south end of the Powder Valley where the Powder River flows out of the hills, was advantageous to the community's development.

In 1868, the Auburn boom declined and the county seat was moved to Baker. By 1870, a federal post office had been designated and through its money order office \$90,000 passed through in a year. The town had 312 residents and several stores and saloons.

The Bedrock-Democrat began publication in 1871. It reported that total gold production was valued at \$1 million. The Eldorado Ditch, a project to carry water to Eldorado and Malheur City (south of Baker), was begun. The cost of the project was \$250,000, and 1,000 Chinese laborers were employed. A Chinatown sprang up in the city. In the same year, the first church building was built for the Roman Catholic parish. The self-image of the city was strong. There were weekly horse races at the Baker City Jockey Club, and the Hotel de France served fresh oysters daily (the city is over 300 miles inland).

In 1874, the city officially incorporated as Baker City. The town's namesake is Colonel Edward D. Baker, senator from the State of Oregon who died early in the Civil War leading his troops.

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TELEPHONE

503/378-5001

CITY OR TOWN

Salem

STATE

Oregon 97310

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

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 Historic Preservation Officer

DATE July 12, 1978

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 12-14-78

ATTEST W. Ray Luce
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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In 1875, the first boom was well underway. A correspondent for the Bedrock-Democrat described the city as follows: "Baker City is the base of supplies for all mining towns in the vicinity. Five stages arrive and depart each week. Several saw-mills are with ten to twelve miles of the town and lumber is plentiful and cheap. The total population is over 1,200. There is a bank, several brick stores and a number of good hotels---the principal one being the Cosmopolitan, being a splendid brick building the only brick hotel in Eastern Oregon. Notre Dame Academy for girls and St. Joseph's College for boys are located there. The Baker City Academy and a large public school offer education to Baker City. There is a fine race course a mile from town."

In 1880, the population was 1,258. Wesley Andrews, an early settler, writing in "Baker City in the Eighties", states that Baker City had "three breweries, twenty-one saloons, gambling houses that never close, a flour mill, church, school, four black-smith's shops and 'fast' houses." A large number of emigrants from the agricultural states (Nebraska, Iowa and the like) were beginning to settle in Baker City.

In 1882 the First National Bank of Baker City opened. In 1883, a Joss House, or Buddhist temple, was built. In 1884, the Oregon Western Railroad and Navigation Company completed the railroad through Baker to both Portland and Salt Lake City. The business community was thriving but major fires in 1884, 1886, 1888 and 1889 burned entire blocks of the largely frame buildings. Water works were not completed until 1888. By 1885-87, most of the Chinese population were leaving; the Eldorado Ditch was long completed, the railroad ^{was} completed, and changes in mining and milling technologies no longer required "coolie" labor. In 1888, electricity was brought to most of the city's area, and the right-of-way was surveyed for a "street railroad" or trolley. The trolley eventually ran down Main Street.

By 1890, the population was 6,663. During this decade, Baker City was larger than Spokane (Washington) or Boise City (Idaho). The city was known as the "Queen City of the Inland Empire." President Harrison whistle-stopped there. Lumber and cattle were, by this time, substantial parts of the local economy (in the 20th century, these two industries would replace mining as the mainstay of the local economy). In 1891, the Sumpter Valley Railroad was completed to bring logs into Baker City. The Oregon Lumber Company employed 200 men and had lumber yards in Utah, Wyoming, Idaho and Washington.

In 1893, the White Swan mine was claimed. The rest of the nation was experiencing a depression, but Baker City was entering its second boom. The First National Bank of Baker City was solvent with the benefit of the new mining activity, but its owner--the Chase Bank of New York--called for its assets to meet demands in the East and the local bank failed. At the time, the bank was handling \$300,000 per month in gold dust.

In 1895, the mines near Baker shipped \$1.3 million worth of gold and employed 1,000 miners. In 1897, the city received phone service. In the same year, there was a flood which caused substantial damage--\$200,000 worth of construction took place.

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Baker City at the turn of the century is best described in the 1899 edition of "This Will Interest You Webfoot Bonanzas," a promotional pamphlet of the time. "Since 1896 between forty and fifty handsome business buildings of brick and stone have gone up... costing between \$10,000 and \$30,000 each. A seventy room hotel and several smaller ones have been added to the fifteen that were already offering hospitality. Scores of new mercantile and industrial establishments have gone into operation; including a smelter, two planing mills, a steam laundry employing thirty-two people, two cigar factories, two wholesale grocers, two wholesale liquor and tobacco houses, and over four hundred residences have been erected. The Masons have just finished a \$20,000 temple and an Opera House... will soon be completed. The little city is equipped in metropolitan fashion with water works, gas and electric light plants, a street railway and two daily and half-dozen weekly newspapers." This promotional material is no doubt slightly exaggerated, but it presents a reasonable image of the city at the time.

From 1900 to 1920, most of the city's prominent buildings of today were erected. The former Post Office (1909), City Hall (1903), the County Courthouse (1908), the Cathedral (1905), the YMCA (now the VFW Hall), 1912, and a variety of commercial and fraternal buildings were built, most of them in a rusticated rock-faced ashlar.

In 1907 the Sumpter boom collapsed. That city (to the east of Baker) lost the majority of its population and never revived. Baker City suffered from the collapse as well but was still receiving the benefits of mining activity in other areas. As gold production declined through the 1910s, the city was forced to rely on its well developed lumber and cattle industries. An indication that the city was ready to move forward from its past can be seen in the change of the name of the town from Baker City to "Baker," a usage thought to be more up-to-date when the change occurred in 1911.

In spite of the loss of mining revenues, the town's social and economic underpinnings were strong enough to prevent the community's decline. Since the late 1910s, the town has grown from 6,700 to 10,000 to the present day. While it experienced a decline in growth during the 1960s, the city is revitalizing itself today.

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Parcel A

This parcel consists of Lots 1 through 5, Block 3, J.M. Boyd's Addition to the plat of Baker, located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 17, T9S, R40E, WM. Baker County, Oregon. Beginning at the intersection of the center lines of Main and Baker Streets, thence west c. 160' to the center line of the north-south alleyway in Block 3, thence north along said centerline c. 330' to the Madison Street center line, thence east along said center line c. 160' to the intersection of Madison and Main Streets center lines, thence south along Main Street center line to the point of beginning. The whole containing 1.212 acres, more or less.

Parcel B

This parcel consists of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5, Block A, Lots 1, 2, 5, 6 and portions of Lots 3 and 4, Block B, lots 4, 5, 6 and a portion of Lot 7, Block D, Lots 1 through 8, Block F, M.E. Place's Addition to the plat of Baker. Lots 1 through 10, Block 1, Lots 1 through 10, Block 2, Lots 1 through 10, Block 3, Lots 1 through 10, Block 4, Lots 1 through 5, Block 5, Lots 1 through 5, Block 6, Lots 1 through 5, Block 7, Lots 1 through 5, Block 8, Townsite of Baker plat. Lots 1 through 10, Block 1, Lots 1 through 5, Block 7, Lots 1 through 5, Block 8, J.M. Boyd's Addition to the plat of Baker. Lots 1 through 4, Block 1, Lots 1 through 5, Block 2, Lots 1 through 5, Block 3, Lots 1 through 5, Block 4, Lots 1 through 5, Block 5, Lots 1, 2, 16 and 17, Block A, Lots 8 through 18, Block B, Lots 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Block C, Lots 1 and 2, portions of Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Block D, Fisher's Addition to the plat of Baker, Baker County, Oregon.

Beginning at a point midstream in the Powder River c. 230' southwesterly from the centerline of the Bridge Street span over the Powder River, thence westerly c. 70' to the northeast corner of Lot 9, Block B, M.E. Place's Addition, thence northwesterly c. 125' along the southern property line of Lot 5, Block B, thence northerly c. 80' along the western property line of Lot 5, Block B, thence northwesterly through Lots 3 and 4, Block B along the northern property line of Lot 7, Block B, c. 240' to the centerline of Dewey Avenue, thence northeasterly along Dewey Avenue centerline c. 90', thence northerly c. 40' along Dewey Avenue centerline, thence west along the northern property line of Lot 3, Block D to the northwest corner of Lot 3, Block D, thence north 40' along the eastern property line of Lot 7, Block D, thence west 146' parallel to the northern property line through Lot 7, Block D, to a point intersecting First Street centerline, thence south along First Street centerline to intersect Place Street centerline, thence west along Place Street centerline to intersect the centerline of the north-south alleyway through Block F, thence north along the alleyway centerline to a point opposite the northern property line of Lot 9, Block F, thence west along the northern property line of Lot 9, Block F to a point intersecting Second Street centerline, thence north to the intersection of Second Street and Auburn Avenue centerlines, thence east along Auburn Avenue centerline to intersect the centerline of the north-south alleyway through Blocks 8, 7, 6 and 5, Townsite of Baker, thence north along said alleyway centerline through said blocks and Blocks 8 and 7, J.M. Boyd's Addition to a point intersecting Baker Street centerline, thence east along Baker Street centerline to the intersection of Baker and First Streets centerlines, thence south along First Street centerline to the intersection of (see page 2)

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First and Church Streets centerlines, thence east along the Church Street centerline to the intersection of Church and Main Streets centerlines, thence south c. 40' along Main Street centerline, thence east again along Church Street centerline to the intersection of Church and Resort Streets centerlines, thence south along Resort Street centerline c. 90', thence east along the property line dividing Lots 7 and 8, Block D, Fisher's Addition for c. 315' to a point mid-stream in the Powder River, thence southeasterly midstream c. 90' to a point opposite an east-west line paralleling the northern property line of Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block D, Fisher's Addition, said line being 74' north of the southern property line of Lots 4, 5 and 6, and a portion of Lot 3, Block D, thence west along this line c. 190' to a point 30' east of the southeast corner of Lot 2, Block D, thence south from this point to intersect Broadway Street centerline, thence west 30' along Broadway Street centerline, thence south along the eastern property lines of Lots 14, 13, 12 and 11, Block C, to a point intersecting the centerline of the east-west alleyway through Block C, thence east 50' feet along said alleyway centerline, thence south along the property line dividing Lots 3, 4, Block C, to Washington Street centerline, thence west c. 50' along Washington Street centerline, thence south along a line 101' east of the western property line of Lots 8 through 18, Block B, and Lots 1, 2, 16 and 17, Block A, this line being the eastern property line of Lots 8 and 9, Block B, and Lots 1 and 2, Block A, to a point intersecting Auburn Street centerline, thence east 50' along Auburn Street centerline, thence south along the eastern property line of Lot 3, Block A, M.E. Place's Addition, to the northwesterly corner of Lot 5, Block A, thence southeasterly along the northwesterly property line of Lot 5, Block A, to a point midstream in the Powder River, thence southwesterly along the Powder River midstream line to the point of beginning. The whole containing 37.517 acres, more or less.

Parcel C

This parcel consists of Lots 13 and 14 and portions of Lots 12 and 15, Block B, M.E. Place's Addition to the plat of Baker, located in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 21, T9S, R40E, W.M., Baker County, Oregon. Beginning at a point Estes and Dewey Streets centerlines intersect, thence northeasterly c. 150 feet along Dewey Street centerline, thence southeasterly 180 feet through Lot 12 parallel to the southerly property line of Lot 12, thence southwesterly through Lot 15 parallel to the easterly property line of Lot 15 to the Estes Street centerline, thence northwesterly along said centerline to the point of beginning. The whole containing .640 acres, more or less.

Parcel D

This parcel is composed of Lots 4 and 5, Block 12, Townsite of Baker, located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 17, T9S, R40E, W.M., Baker County, Oregon. The whole containing .290 acres, more or less.

Parcel E

This parcel consists of Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 10, Townsite of Baker, located in SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 17, T9S, R40E, W.M., Baker County, Oregon. Beginning at the intersection of Court and Second Streets, centerlines, thence south along Second Street centerline 200

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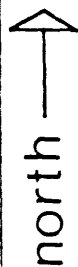
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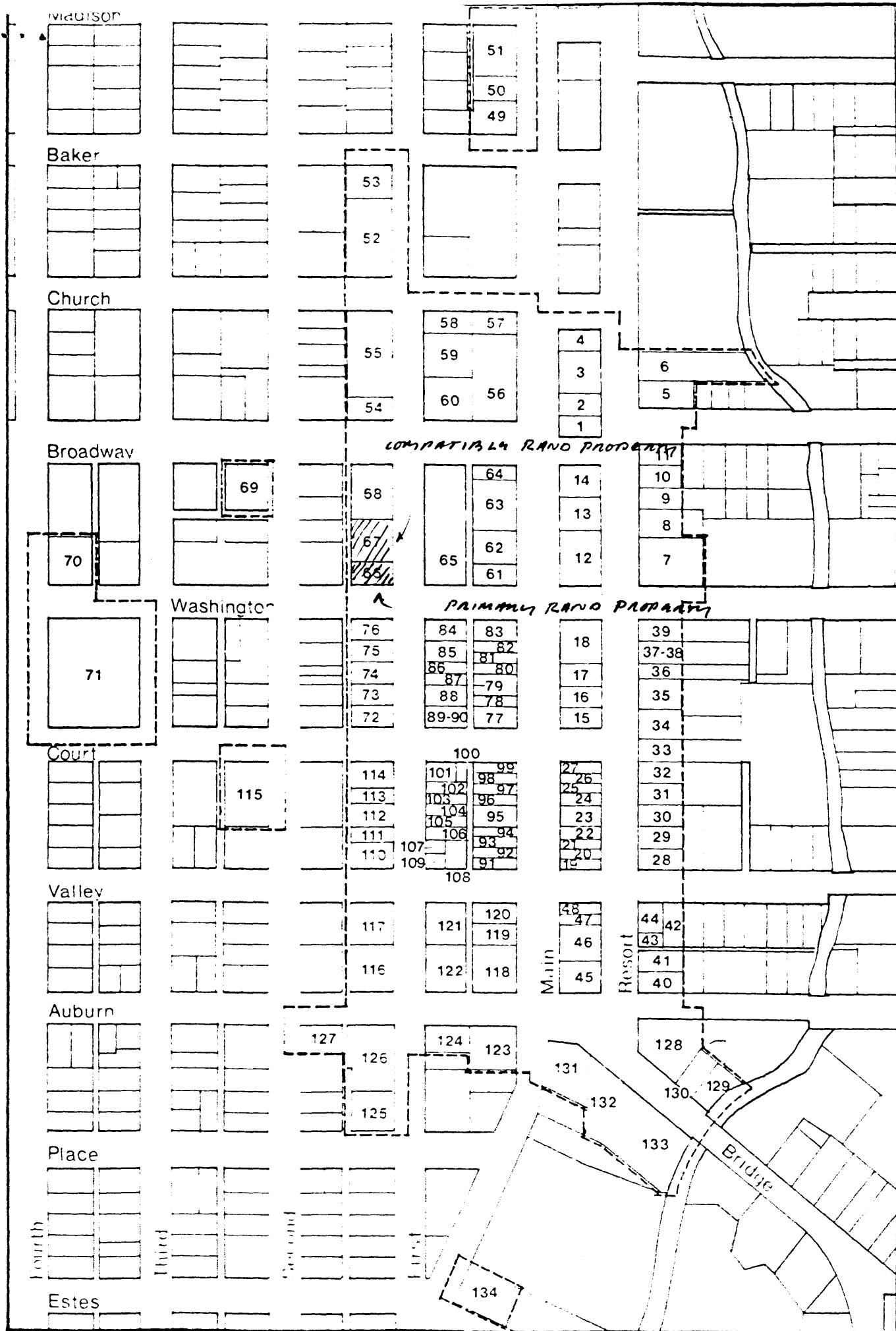
feet, thence west along the property line dividing Lots 2 and 3, Block 10 to the centerline of the north-south alleyway, thence north along said alleyway centerline 200 feet to the Court Street centerline, thence east on said centerline to the point of beginning. The whole containing .689 acres, more or less.

Parcel F

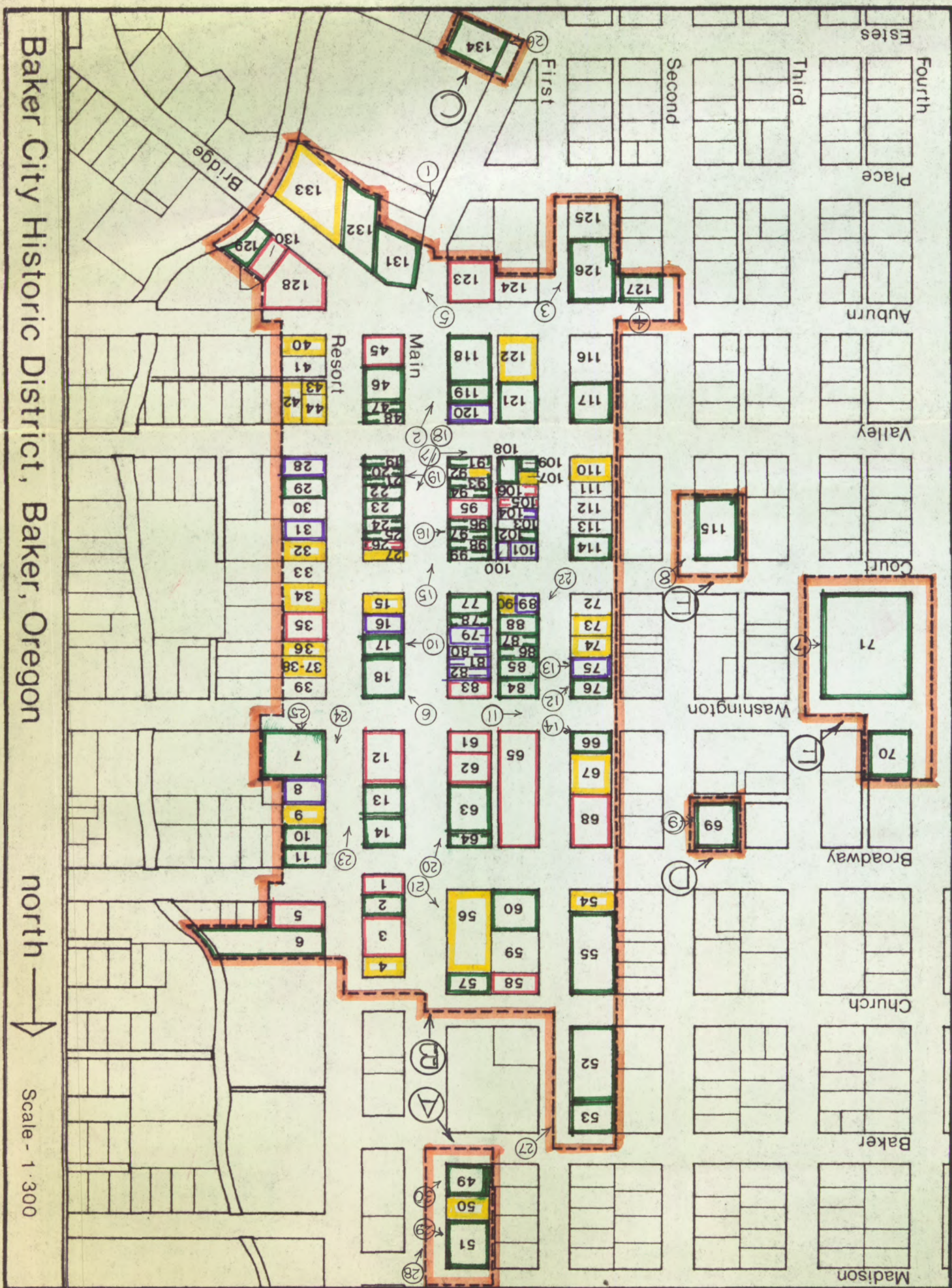
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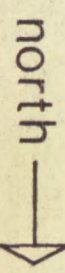
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REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Baker Historic District

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: OREGON, Baker

DATE RECEIVED: 1/07/97 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/21/97
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 78002277

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 2/5/97 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Accepted

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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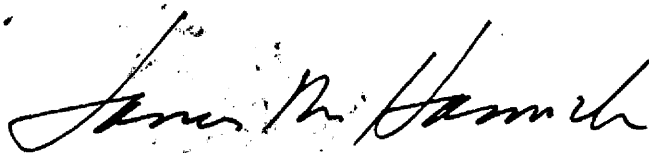
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Historic Period of Significance

The purpose of this continuation sheet is to clarify an amendment to the historic period of significance for the Baker Historic District which was made in 1985 to acknowledge the quality of buildings built after 1920, the initial end date of the historic period.

Our additional documentation extending the period of significance to the "height of the Great Depression" was officially accepted on April 16, 1985. The opportunity for confusion is presented in our additional documentation, where it is stated that compatible buildings include those post-dating 1930 which continue the traditional building patterns of the district.

To clear up the confusion and fix the end date of the historic period precisely, and also to encompass the historic buildings of the early modern period which contribute to the significance of Baker's commercial core, we request that the end date be specified as 1939, according to our intent.



Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Date:

12/31/96