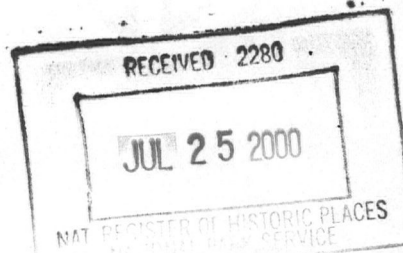


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**DRY CREEK SCHOOL (1885)**  
69281 Summerville Road  
Summerville Vicinity, Union County, Oregon

**COMMENTS OF THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE:**

The Dry Creek School, constructed in 1885, is located two miles north of Summerville, Oregon in Union County. The schoolhouse sits at the intersections of Summerville and Woodell-Greshman Roads, approximately fifty feet east of Summerville Road. Two 100-year old silver poplar trees flank the primary façade of the school.

Located at the north end of the Grande Ronde Valley, Summerville was an important early commercial and trading center. It was settled in 1865 as a stage stop. While the stage line ceased operation in 1868 the growth of Summerville increased and by 1889 the town had two flourmills, a bank, four merchandise stores, a drug store, a brewery, a hotel, one restaurant, two blacksmith shops, four sawmills, and three churches.

With the increase in population many school districts were created to serve the children of the community. The Dry Creek School District Number 17 established in 1865 had three successive buildings. The present schoolhouse was the constructed for the District in 1885. In 1887 a woodshed was built to serve the schoolhouse. In addition to serving as a schoolhouse, the Dry Creek also served an important function as the center of many social activities for the local community. Based on school district records, 1944 was the last year that the schoolhouse was used.

This one-story building is of wood frame construction with drop lap siding. The schoolhouse rests on a stacked rock foundation. The building's detailing is simple, including corner boards, boxed eaves, and plain window and door surrounds. Corrugated metal covers the original wood-shingle, front-facing gable roof. In 1887, a one-story wood-frame woodshed was added to the school's southeast corner.

The north elevation and primary façade of the schoolhouse contains a door centered at the first floor elevation and a window opening centered above. The buildings' west elevation contains



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three window openings and a door. The south elevation of the schoolhouse has a woodshed addition attached at the southeast corner and a window opening at the second story level.

The west elevation of the woodshed contains a vertical wood door. The south elevation contains no features, and the west elevation contains a vertical wood door to the north and a four-light fixed window south of the door.

The interior of the building is largely unchanged. Walls are finished with beaded wainscoting with chair rail and baseboard. Above the chair rail the walls are finished with horizontal shiplap. The floor is the original fir tongue and groove. The original ceiling has been removed and is now open to the rafters. The original blackboard is still in place on the south interior wall with 6' stage below.

Changes to the building include a 1918 porch that was added and subsequently removed. The window opening in the north elevation and the door in the west elevation are later changes. The original windows and doors have been removed from the building as it has served primarily a storage function since the 1940s.

The Dry Creek Schoolhouse is a well-preserved example of schoolhouse architecture. The schoolhouse is also important for its association with the social history of the Dry Creek School District and the Summerville community. The schoolhouse served as a prominent marker for the community for decades. Dry Creek School is significant to Union County as the important seat of primary and secondary education before schools were consolidated and students were sent to Imbler.

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education: school

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Farm storage

**7. Description**Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stacked rock

walls Wood: shiplap

roof metal

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Dry Creek School is located two miles north of the small town of Summerville, Oregon. It is on the east side of Summerville Road situated under the shade of two 100-year-old silver poplar trees and is in a field presently used for farming. It is approximately fifty feet from the road and easily accessible.

The current condition of the school is remarkably good. There is evidence of weathered paint especially on the southern exposure. However, the general structure appears sound. There is a painted sign on the west side of the building, which states "Dry Creek School, 1885" (see photo #1). The building is used as a local landmark when giving directions to visitors.

The window trim is partially gone, and there is a "cut-out" in the west side of the building. (See Photo #2). When this was done is not clear, but the schoolhouse has been used for farming needs over the years, including seed cleaning and storage in the late 1940's. This wider access into the building was probably done then. This would be one of the first improvements done, if and when the building is rehabilitated.

The original building was painted white. However, it has since been painted red with white trim. Originally, the schoolhouse did not have a porch, but by 1918 a hip roof style porch was added (see attachment #6 [no roof] and attachment #7).

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The inside of the schoolhouse is used for storage of odds and ends and hay storage. The original walls are in place but some of the trim boards are gone and would need to be replaced. (See photo #3) 10+11

The schoolhouse is a simple rectangle measuring 46'6"x32'2". The building is balloon framed with full-cut 2x4 studs. The exterior walls are sheathed with 5½" shiplap siding. The east and west walls have four 32"x76" windows with 4/4 mullioned frames. The entrance door is 6'6"x34" and is situated in the center of the north wall (see photo #4). The doorway was covered by a porch 12'x6' in 1918. This porch had a hip roof with a dowel and bead eave decoration. This porch is no longer on the schoolhouse. A wooden sidewalk extended west to meet the county road. The south wall was a wood shed 16'x12' that is accessible by an interior door in the southeast corner of the building.

The roof is a simple gable with a 12-12 pitch. A metal roof later covered the original cedar shingles. In the 1960's the owner of the property, Leonard Moe, installed the metal roof.

The foundation is dry, stacked rock about 12 inches high. The floor frame is 10'x10' square sill timbers with full-cut 2x10 floor joists on 16" centers.

The interior walls are 13'7" high sheathed in 7½" shiplap with a 35" wainscoting. Wainscoting is 2" with a bead edge topped by a 5½" top trim board with a 6" baseboard.

The floor is 2¾" fir tongue and groove. There was a raised platform 6' wide extending completely across the south end in front of the blackboard. The original blackboard across the south end of the schoolroom is still in place (see photo #3).



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Originally, the school's water was supplied by a spring that was south of the school building. Later, a well was drilled and cased but has since been covered to make room for farming activities. The well is off the N.E. corner of the building approximately 50' from the building. The handle of the original pitcher pump is in possession of the present owner.

The Encyclopedia and Dictionary that were used in the early part of the century are currently in possession of former students and local residents, Tom and Dorothy Craig. One of the handbells that was used in the schoolhouse is in the possession of former owners - the Streets - who live in a nearby community.

There have been arrowheads found along the creek, which runs approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile east behind the schoolhouse.

The original Clerk's Book, which records Director's meetings from 1876-1892, is in the possession of Emery Oliver. Attachment #11 and #12 are copies taken from this book.

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Union County, Oregon  
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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
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# \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering  
Record # \_\_\_\_\_

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Education

Social History

### Period of Significance

1885-1945

### Significant Dates

1885

### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

### Cultural Affiliation

### Architect/Builder

J.T. Woodell

### Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☒ Other

Name of repository:

Various local residents

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Until the early nineteenth century, the two thousand square miles of northeastern Oregon landscape, now known as Union County was a region known only to the Indian people of the Cayuse and Umatilla, Walla Walla, Nez Perce, and other tribes of the Northwest Plateau culture. Each year, these Native Americans came to fish, gather berries, dig roots, and hunt according to traditional seasonal round. The first newcomers to view the region were members of the Pacific Fur Company, traveling westward to the Pacific in the winter of 1812. Throughout the 1820s and 1830s trappers and traders of the Northwest Company and Hudson's Bay Company visited the region, but established no permanent posts or settlements.

In 1843 the first emigrant train to successfully traverse the Oregon Trail passed through Union County. However, settlers did not begin to arrive in substantial numbers until gold was discovered in northeast Oregon in 1861. Many families who established farms and ranches in the Grande Ronde Valley to supply the demands of the region's mining camps came from established communities in the Willamette Valley.



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The Civil War (1861-1865) provided patriotic reasons for the naming of Union County, which was separated from Baker County in 1864.

Located at the north end of the Grande Ronde Valley, Summerville was an important early commercial and trading center. It was settled in 1865 as a stage stop on the George Thomas line. The town was named in honor of Alexander Summerville, a friend of the first postmaster.

The stageline ceased operation in 1868 and was not resumed except for a brief period of 1874. The steep grades crossing the Blue Mountains made the route impractical. The growth of Summerville peaked in 1889 when the town boasted two flour mills, a bank, four merchandise stores, a drug store, a brewery, a butcher shop, three dressmaking shops, a hotel, one restaurant, two blacksmith shops, four sawmills, and three churches.

As these communities grew, many small school districts were created to serve the children of the area. The Dry Creek School District Number 17, established in 1865, had a series of three different school buildings. The present schoolhouse was the third building erected for the District and was built in 1885. The total cost of the schoolhouse was \$1,052.69. Student enrollment varied from year to year, but was consistently the largest rural school in northeastern Union County. In 1907, some 68 students were enrolled, one of the largest student enrollments recorded. Between 1912 to 1944, 105 students took the eighth grade examinations. The Dry Creek School was for grades 1-8. Students matriculated high school at Imbler or LaGrande.

It appears that 1944 was the last year of enrollment at the Dry Creek Schoolhouse at which time the school district was consolidated and students in the area when to Imbler to attend school for all grades.

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The Dry Creek School District was bounded on the west by Umatilla County, the east by Pumpkin Ridge District, on the north by Umatilla National Forest, and the on the south by Pleasant Grove District.

Many of the families who settled the Summerville area and attended Dry Creek School are still familiar names in the valley. There are many residents still living who remember attending classes at this beloved schoolhouse. They have stories and photographs to add to the value of this historic community center. We have included colored copies of some of these photos and memorabilia. (Attachments 2,3,4,5,6)

The building was used for various community events and social get-togethers, such as wedding showers and anniversary celebrations. It was also used for travelling preachers who held revival meetings that lasted up to four or five days. In the summer months, families would congregate for softball games and picnics, and on occasion the local women would have quilting bees at the schoolhouse.

There is great interest and support in the community to preserve this important piece of Union County's and Oregon's history. Beginning in the late 1980's, the Dry Creek School, Pleasant Grove School and Willow Creek alumni have organized a reunion, and are now supporting the effort to establish the schoolhouse on the National Historic Register.

The school is locally and historically significant under Criterion A as it served the educational and social history needs of the community from a very early date.

There is some discrepancy whether there were two or three school buildings in the Dry Creek School District. One account from the Elgin Recorder says that "W.B. Hindman taught school in about '65 or '66 in a log house north of Summerville and a little west of where the Rhinehart flour

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mill later stood." (Elgin Recorder, 1940) The second building, probably the first to be paid for by levied taxes, was located on land owned by a Mr. Joe Colt, and it appears that this first tax was levied in 1876.

The Board of Directors tried over several years to put a tax before the voters for a new school building, but each time it failed to pass the Board. Finally, in 1885 it passed, the voters approved the "warrant" and the new school was built. The levy was for \$800.00 of which only \$774 was collected.

A memorandum dated 15 July 1885 states: "Enos Fisher and Henry Grepman, Directors of School District #17, Union Co., Oregon contracted with one J. T. Woodell to erect, build, complete, and finish, in a workmanlike manner, a district schoolhouse." (see attachment #1)

The actual cost of building the new schoolhouse was \$1052.69. Three Board members, Enos Fisher, H.R. Oliver, and J.T. Woodell loaned the District \$296.00 to pay-off the demands of the District. This was done in February 1886. The Directors levied another tax in June of 1886 to repay the dept.

The woodshed was added the following year. By direction of the Board, workers were to tear down the old school house and utilize the lumber to construct a woodshed at the new building. (See attachment #2).

As one of the last remaining examples of rural one-room schoolhouses in north Union County, Dry Creek School is a rare intact example of vernacular type and therefore meets National Register Criterion C. Over the course of the



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early years, there were twenty different schoolhouses in northern Union County. Dry Creek School District was one of the oldest and largest established districts, and is one of the few remaining schoolhouses of this vintage still standing in northern Union County.

The Chart (See Attachment #13) listing the teachers, their salaries, etc. has been compiled from information in One Room School - Pioneer Life and Education in Northern Union County Oregon, by Edna Teter Rush.

Following are several stories drawn from this same book.

Mary (Sanderson) Woodell (who went to school at the turn of the century) recalls many interesting happenings at the Dry Creek School where she received all of her elementary education. The Sandersons lived about one and a half miles north of the schoolhouse at the turn of the road at Sanderson Springs. They rode horses to school. Mary had a very close friend, Bess Fisher. One rainy noon the girls went to the barn to feed the horses. Being in a hurry as most children are they did not put their wraps on before going out in the rain. When they returned to the schoolhouse the teacher, Fred Palmer, scolded them and made them sit in their seats. Mr. Palmer boarded with the Fishers and perhaps Bess knew him better than the other children did. She resented losing her noon hour and said, "We're neither sugar nor salt and won't melt."

Mr. Palmer was courting a young lady at the time and had no transportation of his own. He asked Mr. Fisher for the team which was running loose in the pasture. Mr. Fisher was willing to lend the horses, but Mr. Palmer could not catch them. He asked Bess to help him, but her answer was that she was sugar or salt and might melt. That was one date Mr. Palmer did not keep. (Page 138)

Another account:

"While John Hayrack was teacher (1900) one brave soul said:

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An American eagle flew down south  
With old Haylock in his mouth  
And when he found he had a fool  
He dropped him down on Dry Creek School.  
(Page 139)

Another account reads:

The McKinnis family were among the very early settler in Union County. Fern (McKinnis) Westenskow at eighty-one recalled the porch which was over the walk at the schoolhouse and the wide walk leading to the stile over the fancy board fence. The benches were homemade, exceptionally well made by a carpenter and comfortable. The first two or three years she went to school these benches were used. At times there were forty pupils in all eight grades with only one teacher. (Page 139)

Charles Sanderson recalled that they walked to school part of the time and rode horses at other times.

"There were three big pine trees along the fence. While (I) was in school, small trees were dug from around a Silver Poplar tree on the Matthew Sanders place. One year (I) helped plant them on Arbor Day in front of the schoolhouse porch. Those trees are standing today."  
(Page 140)

June (Hug) Wagoner taught in 1943. Part of her account reads as follows:

"During the cold, snowy, winter months I rented an upstairs in the Fisher house for three dollars a month...I just had batching facilities. A wood stove, cupboard and chairs, bed and kerosene lights. I had to pack my water and wood upstairs.

Sure were long winter evenings, with no radio, telephone or car. I would go home on weekends.

The school was run by three board members and a clerk in the district. The teacher was responsible to the County

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*School Superintendent for certain things, such as attendance reports, school register, testing and an annual report. These had to be okayed by the superintendent before you could draw your last month's wages. He came out twice a year to visit the school. He observed and usually gave a talk and told a story." (Page 142)*

One such visit is documented in the Pine Grove School story is the above book. Mrs. Ivanhoe, no doubt, made the same presentation when she visited Dry Creek.

"Mrs. A.E. Ivanhoe was another of the favorite County School Superintendents. She served from 1914-27 and has been remembered with pleasure by many of the children she visited in the rural school over fifty years ago. On one visit to the Pine Grove school, she wrote on the blackboard: "True happiness, if understood consists alone in doing good." This little axiom has been remembered many years by at least one of her former students.

*On another visit she gave the children this to learn:  
There is so much good in the worst of us  
And so much bad in the best of us,  
That it hardly behooves any of us  
To talk about the rest of us."*



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### Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

Boise Cascade

1000 Cotton

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Clerk's Book, District #17, Union County, possession of Emery Oliver, Summerville, Oregon.

Rush, Edna Teter, One Room School, Pioneer Life and Education in Northern Union County, Oregon, 1866-1945, published by Record-Courier Printers, Baker, Oregon, 97814, Dry Creek School District No. 17, pp. 133-143, Pine Grove School District, p. 95.

**Interviews:**

Emery Oliver, August 1999, early student and local resident.

Nellie Behrens Teeter, August and September 1999, early student and local resident.

Inez Fries, September 1999, former teacher.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.23 acres

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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☐ See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Vicki Correll

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

street & number 69918 Ruckle Road telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Summerville state Oregon zip code 97876

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Spring Creek Farms/Eloise Kilby & Marshall Kilby Partnership

street & number 69281 Summerville Road telephone 541-534-6028

city or town Summerville state Oregon zip code 97876

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**Verbal Boundary Description:**

A parcel one-hundred feet by one-hundred feet, centered on the building located fifty feet east of the Summerville Road roadway, in the northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 35, Township 1N, Range 38E of the Willamette Meridian.

**Boundary Justification:**

The boundary is drawn to include the Dry Creek School and the area immediately adjacent, which describes the historical use of the school building by students and teachers of Dry Creek School District Number 17.

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**Verbal Boundary Description:**

A parcel located in the northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
Section 35, Township 1N, Range 38E of the Willamette Meridian.

**Boundary Justification:**

Boundary Established approximately the same as the extent of  
the original school grounds.

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3. Vicki Correll
4. November 1999
5. Negatives retained by Vicki Correll

Photo 1: Vicinity Photograph north of Dry Creek School

Photo 2: Summerville Road facing north toward Dry Creek School

Photo 3: Summerville Road facing south toward Dry Creek School

Photo 4: Facing south, North elevation

Photo 5: Facing East, West elevation

Photo 6: Facing East, West elevation of attached woodshed

Photo 7: Facing North, South elevation

Photo 8: Facing Northwest, Southeast corner

Photo 9: Facing West, East elevation

Photo 10: Interior, Exposed roof trussing

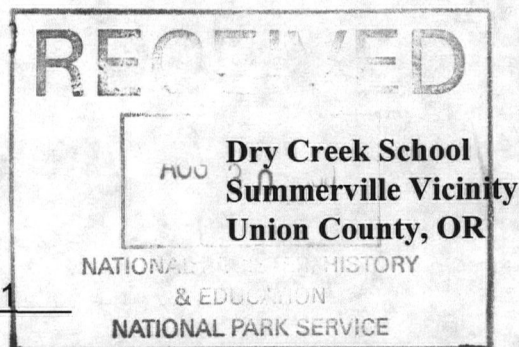
Photo 11: Interior, Original Blackboard along south wall



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3. Vicki Correll
4. August 24, 2000
5. Negatives held by OR SHPO

Photo 1: Summerville Road facing north toward Dry Creek School

Photo 2: Summerville Road facing south toward Dry Creek School

Photo 3: North elevation, facing south

Photo 4: West elevation, facing east

Photo 5: South elevation, facing north

Photo 6: South and east elevations, facing northwest

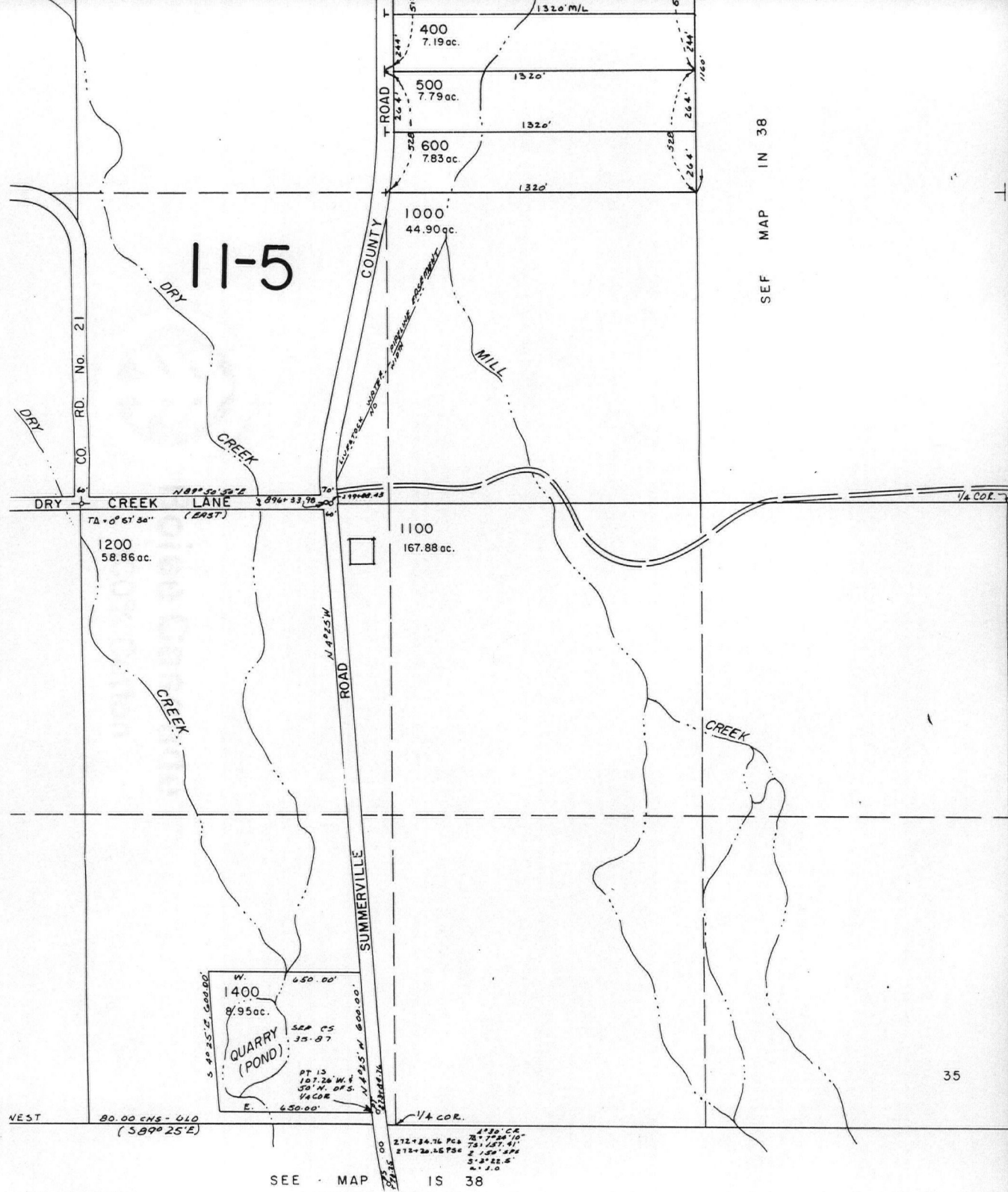
Photo 7: East elevation, facing west

Photo 8: East elevation, facing west

Photo 9: East and North elevations, facing southeast

Photo 10: Interior, Exposed roof trussing

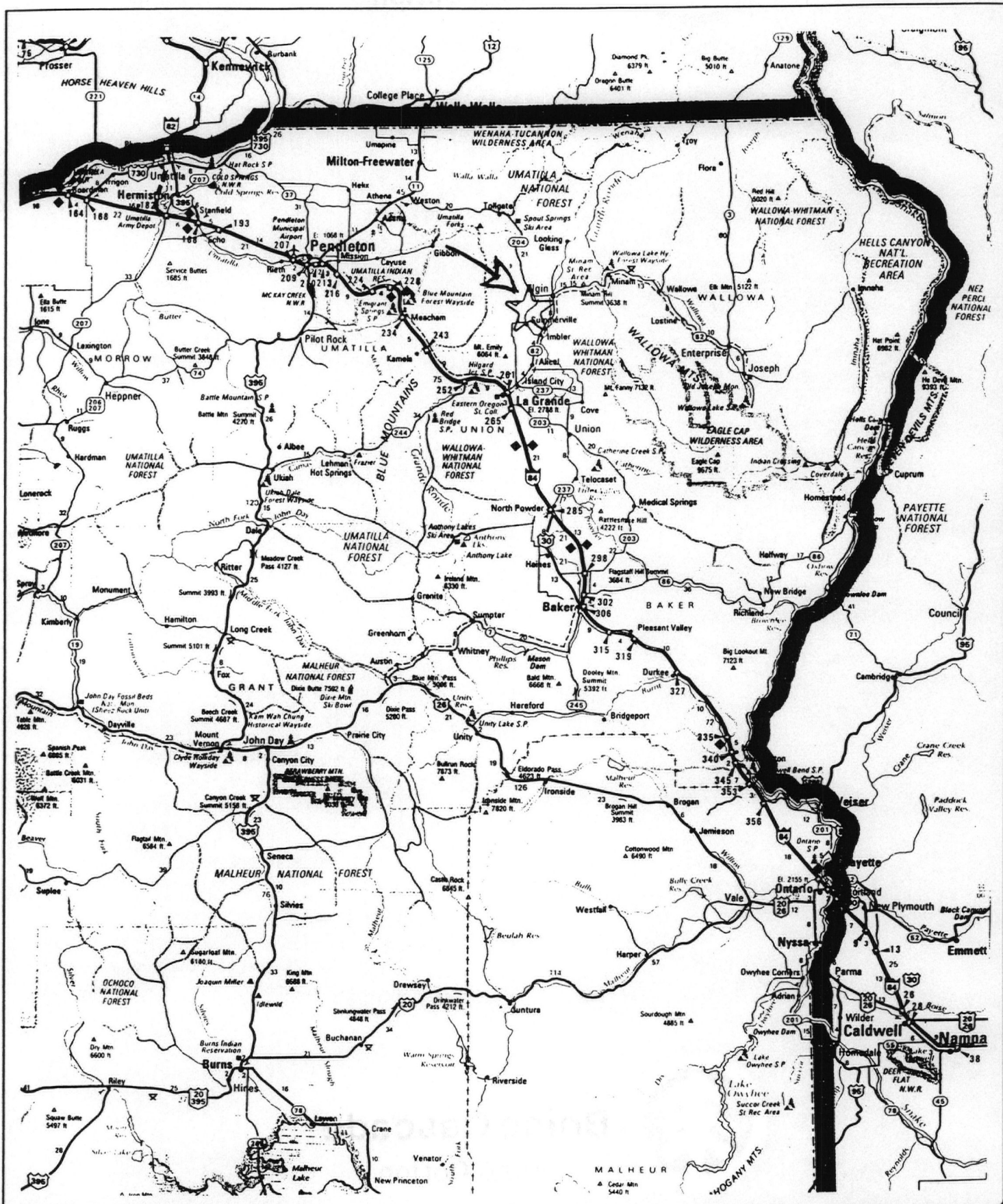
Photo 11: Interior, Original blackboard along the south wall



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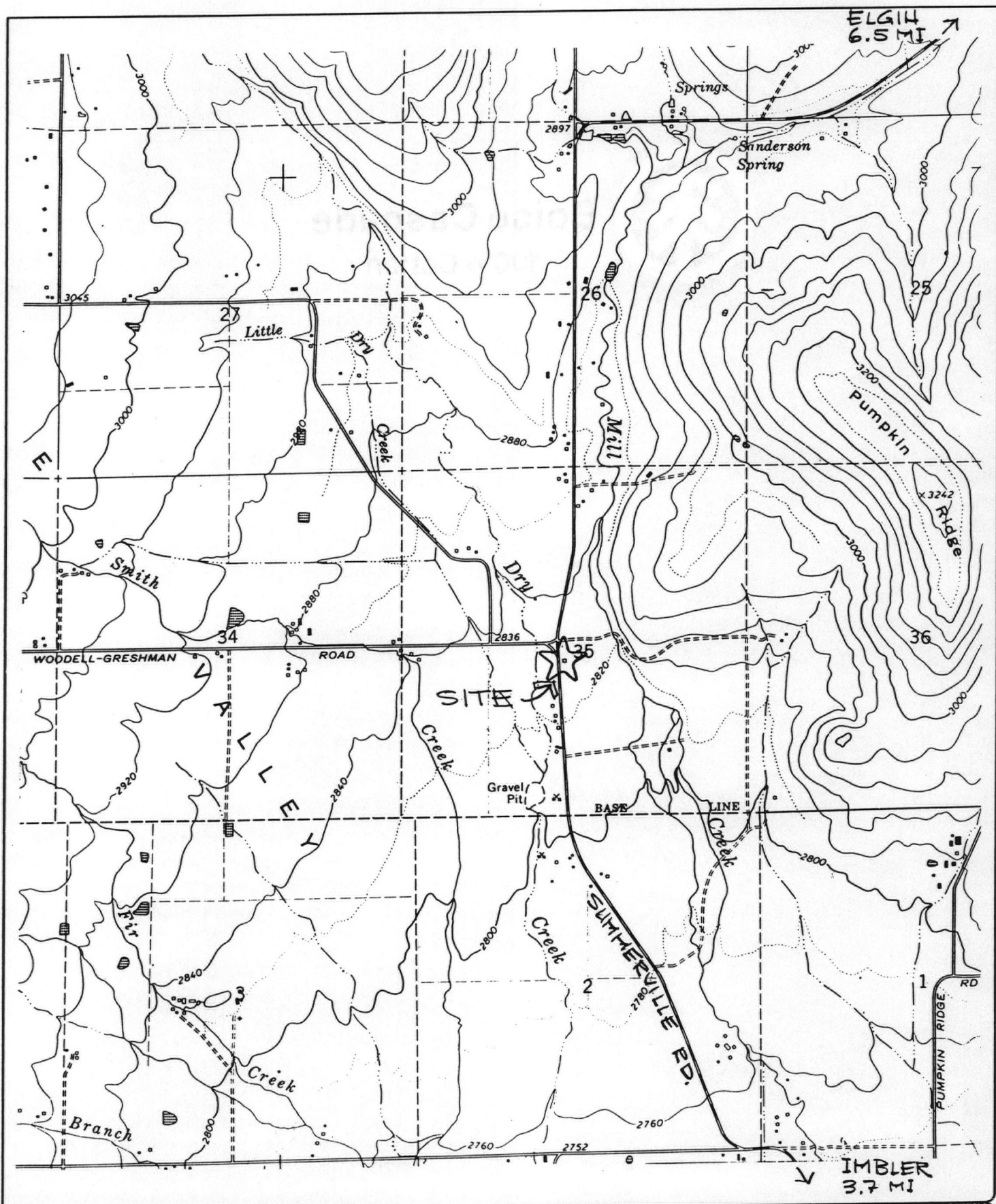
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SUMMERVILLE SCHOOL  
UNION COUNTY, OREGON  
TIS, R38EWM, S35ca

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DRY CREEK SCHOOL FOUNDATION

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# SITE LOCATION MAP

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UNION COUNTY, OREGON  
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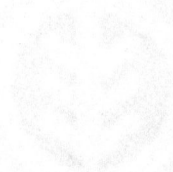


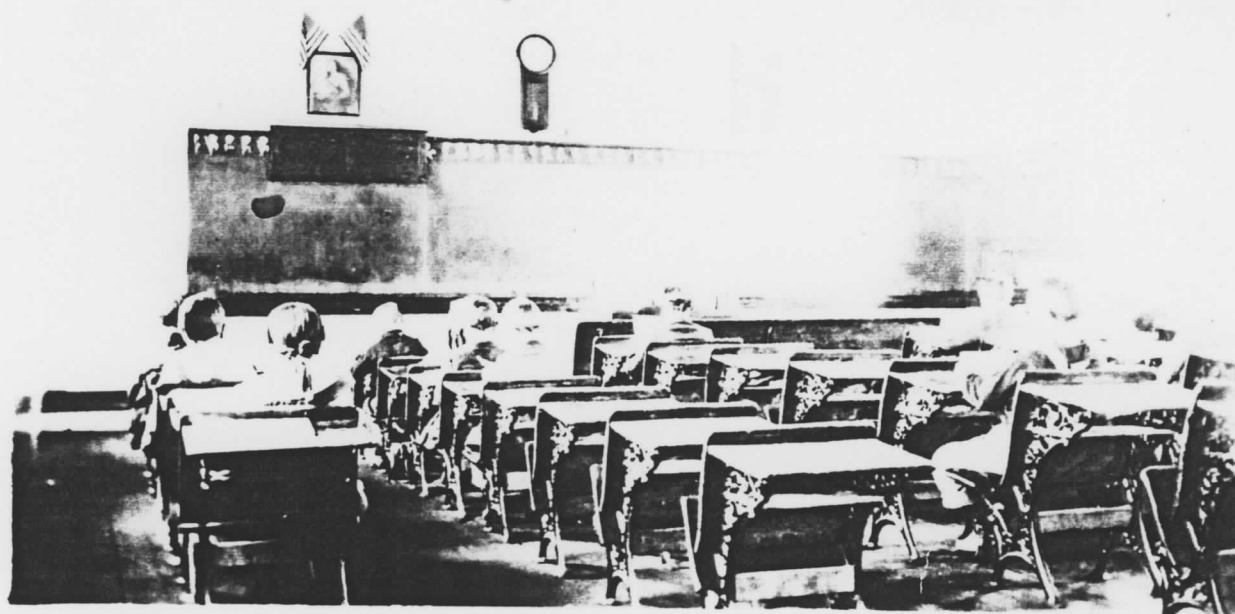
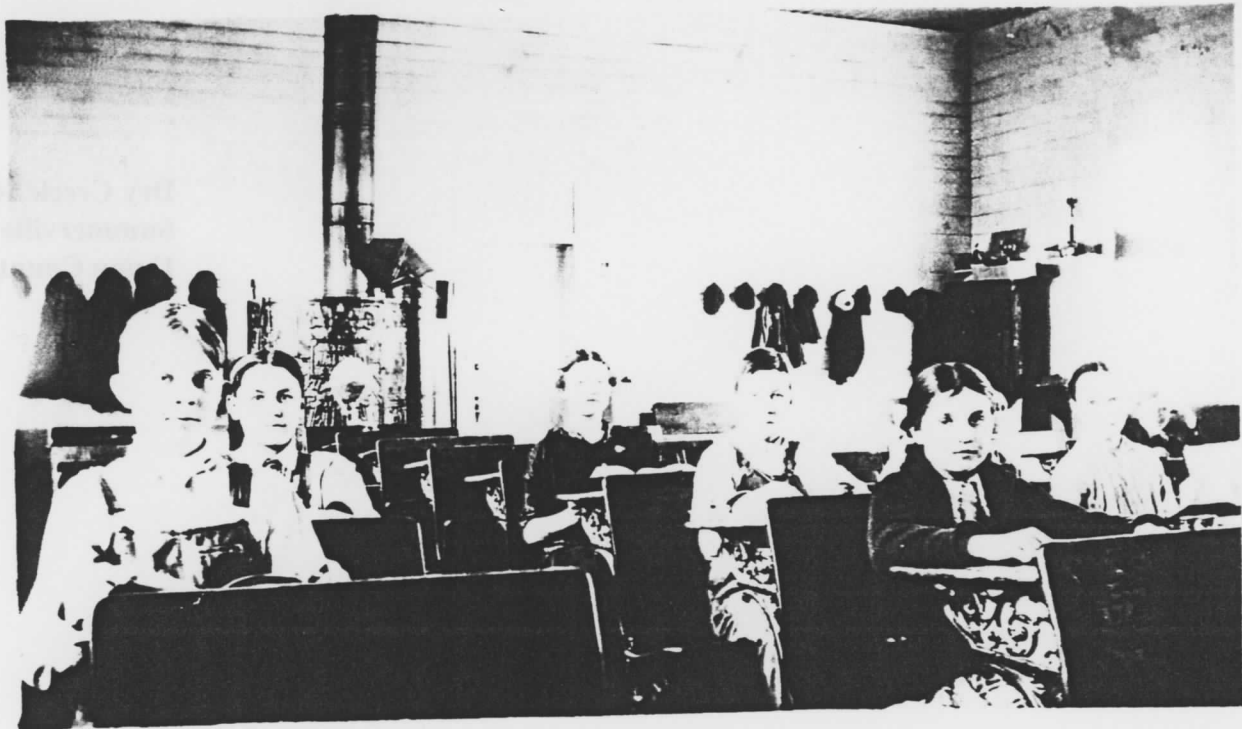
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One Room School



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Summerville Vicinity  
Union County, OR**

Boise Cascade  
100% Cotton





Top: (left to right) Forrest Woods, Fred Behrens, Lois Royes, Carroll Woodell, Nellie Behrens, Irna Woodell, Harold Oliver. 1918  
 Bottom: 1918

ATTACHMENT #2  
 Courtesy: Nellie (Behrens) Teeter

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Top: (left to right) Lois Royes, Carroll Woodell, Irma Woodell, Nellie Behrens, George Royes. Circa 1918

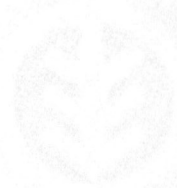
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ATTACHMENT #4

TOP: 1918: Marcia Becker - Teacher

BOTTOM: Circa 1920

Courtesy: Nellie (Behrens) Teeter



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Top: (left to right) Lellie Behrens, Lois Royes, Erma Woodell. Circa: 1920

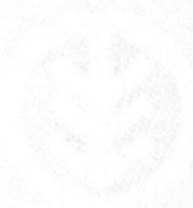
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ATTACHMENT #5

Courtesy: Nellie (Behrens) Teeter

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Boise Cascade







**Dry Creek School 1901** Mary (Pet) Woods, teacher Back (L to R) Ollie Gressman, Ollie Slack, Birdie Slack, Jewell Wells, Emma Slack 2nd Row: Myrtle Hetrick, Dora Niederer, Mae Colt, Ada Gearhart, Nellie Penticost, May Woodell, Mary Sanderson, Maude Bay, and Bessie Fisher. Courtesy Hugh Park



**Dry Creek School 1902** M. O. Kimbrough, teacher Back (L to R) Ollie Slack, Ollie Gressman, Birdie Slack, Nettie Woodell, Jewell Wells, Etta Woodell, May Woodell, Zettie Williamson. Second Row from Back: Ada Colt, Gladys Larimore, Lottie Niederer, Minnie Woodell, Annie Sanderson, Lillie Rogers, Florence Jordan. Third row from back: Bessie Fisher, Mae Woodell, May Colt, Hazel Larimore, Mary Sanderson, Nellie Penticost, Helen Nichols, Lloyd Moak. 4th Row, sitting: Otis Larimore, Leo Niederer, Johnny Stevens, George Rayes, Henry Gearhart, John Hacker and Roscoe Jordan. Courtesy Wayne Park

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**Dry Creek 1924-25.** Raymond Cowan, Marian Pugh, Clifford Slack, Clifton Slack, Emery Oliver, Zack Pugh and Archie Craig. Courtesy Emery Oliver



**Dry Creek School 1923** Mary Elmer, teacher 1st Row (L to R) Grover Hardy, Clifford Rayes, Lyle Sanderson, Tom Craig 2nd Row Margaret Cowan, Madoline Oliver, Maude Slack, Emery Oliver, Raymond Cowan, Archie Craig, Harold Oliver, Nina Gouey 3rd Row: Clifton Slack, Marian Pugh, Zack Pugh, Clifford Slack, Melba McKenzie and Irene Craig. Courtesy of Elizabeth Rayes



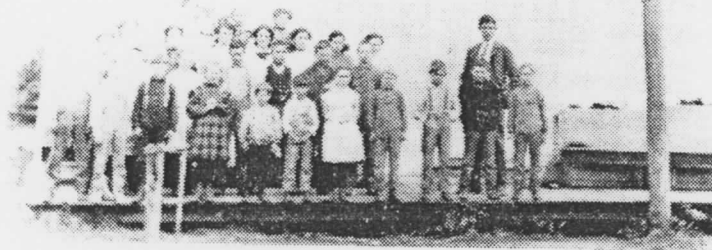
**Dry Creek 1918**  
Courtesy Fred Behrens



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**Dry Creek School 1906** Wm Eames, teacher Front (L to R) Henry or Clifford Stevens, Dewey Oliver, Edgar Oliver, Joe Craig, Ona McKinnis, Stewart Sanderson, Ralph McKinnis and Charlie Sanderson

2nd Row Edith Behrens, Lotta Niederer, Fern McKinnis, Henry or Clifford Stevens, Harry Wright, Lloyd Monk, Hance Hacker.

3rd Row: Dora Niederer, Zetta Williamson, Galena boy, Sylvia Niederer, Lillian Galena, Ada Colt, Minnie Woodell and Anne Sanderson Courtesy Fern (McKinnis) Westenskow



**Dry Creek School 1924-25** Bonita Teter, teacher Grover Hardy, Roy Craig, Bill Hart, Clifford Rayes, Tom Craig, Irene Craig, Lyle Sanderson, Roy Niederer, Madelene Oliver Courtesy Emery Oliver

# **ATTACHMENT #8**

## **One Room School**

**Note: Bell pole - top photo**

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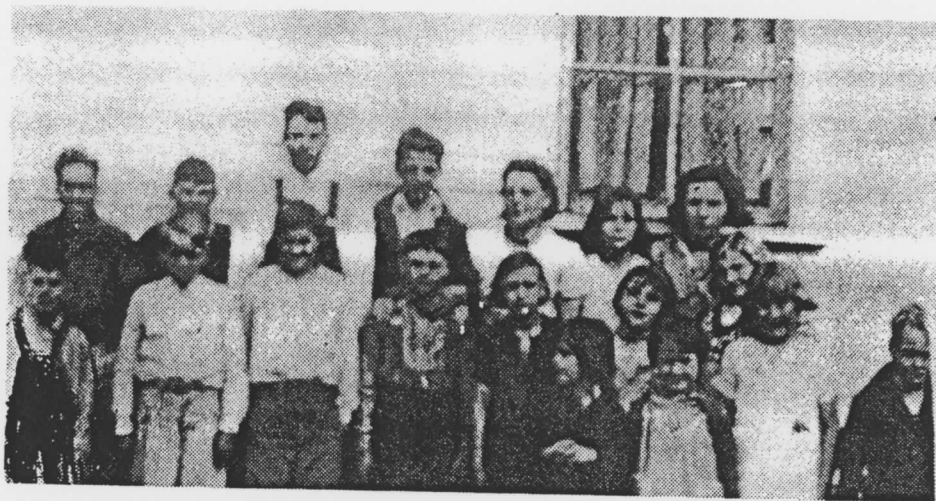
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**Dry Creek Ball Team, 1938** Naomi Perry, teacher. Back Row (L to R) Kenneth Sanderson, Bob Niederer, Charles Rhoads, Stanley Rhoads, Bob Pointer, Marion Spencer, Billy Sanderson. Front Row: Jim Lloyd, Vernon Niederer and Donald Sanderson. Courtesy Mrs. Hoyt Cox.



**Dry Creek School 1934-35** June Hug, teacher. Back (L to R) John Lloyd, Dale Carlson, Vernon Niederer, Dorothy Sanderson, Maxine Carlson, Ruia Craig. 2nd Row: Jim Lloyd, Donald Sanderson, Donald Hansen, Wanda Sanderson. Front Row: Jackie Rayes and Kenny Sanderson. Courtesy June (Hug) Wagoner.

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Union County, OR**

## Dry Creek School

District No. 17,  
Union County,

**OREGON.**

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### A Motto.

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I give you a motto,  
my youthful friend,  
To take with you  
everywhere—  
Into the play world,  
into the real world,  
Into the world of care:



“Not the things that I  
like to do,  
But the things  
that are right to do;  
Not everything  
that I want to do,  
But whatever  
I ought to do.”

Sincerely your teacher,

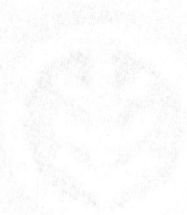
NELLIE B. POOL.

June 8, 1917.



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Summerville Vicinity  
Union County, OR**

Boise Cascade  
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## Memorandum

That on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1886  
 Enos Fisher and Henry Gressman Directors of  
 1886 School District No 17 Union County Oregon  
 June  
 Contracted with one J T Woodell to erect & build  
 Complete & Finish: In a workmanlike manner  
 a District Schoolhouse. With dimensions as  
 follows to wit: Lay foundation and erect a  
 house forty six feet long by thirty feet wide  
 and seventeen feet high with eight windows  
 4 on each side. 1 door in center of north end.  
 And black board across the south end from  
 window to window and a stage five feet wide  
 by six inches high across the south end of  
 the floor. And make forty seats. And give  
 the house two coats paint in side and out.  
 And build two privies and lay walk to fence  
 and make stiles over fence.  
 Said work to be completed within six months  
 from the date of this Contract. For the  
 Consideration of Three hundred Dollars  
 All the material to be furnished by the  
 District and all lumber dressed that need  
 be ready for the square and saw  
 all of said material is to be furnished so  
 as to not hinder or delay the completion  
 of said work beyond the time herein  
 specified

ATTACHMENT #11  
 Clerk's Book  
 Courtesy: Emery Oliver

J T Woodell - Contractor  
 Henry Gressman Directors of  
 Enos Fisher School District  
 No 17

**Dry Creek School  
Summerville Vicinity  
Union County, OR**



1886

## Special Schoolmeeting

Jan 27 1886

Held at the Schoolhouse in District  
No 17 Union County Oregon  
House called to order by the Chairman  
Minutes of last Special meeting read  
and approved.

Motion made to move the old  
Schoolhouse up to the new one by  
taking it down and building a Woodshed  
with the lumber and the Directors to  
dispose of the remainder of the house  
to the best advantage and apply the  
proceeds to the indebtedness of the District  
Motion Carried

Motion made to authorize the  
board of Directors of the District to  
borrow money to pay of the indebtedness  
of said District  
Motion Carried

There being no other business  
before meeting  
on motion it stood adjourned

Attachment #12

Courtesy: Emory Oliver

Ezra Fisher Chairman  
J Woodell Clerk

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Union County, OR**



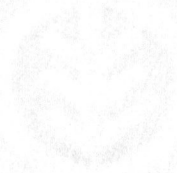
Dry Creek School District No. 17  
Union County, Oregon  
1899-1944

<i>Contract Yr.</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Salary/mo.</i>	<i>School Began:</i>	<i>Term in weeks</i>
1899	H. or W.A. Burns	\$50	10/9/99	12
1900	John A. Haylock	\$45	10/8/00	12
1901	R.A. Wilkerson	\$50	10/14/91	24
1902	M.O. Kimbrough	\$50	9/29/02	12
1903	Myrtle Allen	\$40	4/6/03	12
1903	Fred A. Palmer	\$60	10/5/03	20
1903	Miles Woodell	\$25	11/2/03	16
1904	Carrie Criggs	\$60	9/9/04	24
1905	Carrie I. German	\$50	4/4/06	12
1906	William Eames	\$67.50	9/17/06	36
1907	E.W. Allen	\$75	9/2/07	24
1908	D. Clyde Wilson	\$70	9/14/08	-
1909	Amy Harpe	\$50	9/20/09	24
1910	Pearl Woods	\$55	9/19/10	28
1911	D.M. Hale	\$60	9/25/11	12
1912	Anna Niederer	\$50	9/2/12	24
1913	Anna Niederer	\$50	3/31/13	12
1913	Rose Gust	\$75	9/8/13	36
1914	Rose Gust	\$75	9/7/14	-
1915	Mrs. B. Watkins	\$60	9/6/15	-
1916	Nellie Poole	\$65	9/25/16	36
1917	Marcia Becker	\$75	9/-/--	36
1918	Marcia Becker	\$90	9/-/--	32
1919	Miriam Wheatley	\$90	9/15/19	32
1920	Pearl Heath	\$105	9/13/20	32
1921	Velma Jackson	\$90	9/12/21	32



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1922	Fern McKinnis	\$90	9/1/22	32
1923	Mary A. Elmer	\$115	9/24/23	-
1924	Bonita A. Teter	\$100	9/22/24	32
1925	Portia Westenskow	\$90	9/21/25	32
1926	Zelma Goin	\$100	9/-/--	32
1927	Zelma Goin	\$95	9/-/--	34
1928	Elva E. Greathouse	\$95	9/10/28	34
1929	Margaret Hall	\$100	9/2/29	36
1930	Inez Fries	\$95	9/1/30	36
1931	Inez Fries	\$95	8/-/--	36
1932	Inez Fries	\$95	8/-/--	36
1933	Inez Fries	\$75	8/-/--	36
1934	June Hug	\$75	7/27/34	36
1935	Naomi Twidwell Perry	\$80	8/--/35	36
1936	Naomi Twidwell Perry	\$85	8/--/36	36
1937	Naomi Twidwell Perry	\$90	8/--/37	36
1938	Naomi Twidwell Perry	\$90	8/--/38	36
1939	Marcell Waite	\$85	8/28/39	36
1940	W.V. Conner	-	-	28
1941	W.V. Conner	\$85	-	-
1942	W.V. Conner	\$95	-	-
1943	June Wagoner	\$150	8/30/43	-
1944	Frances Downing	-	9/4/44	-

Attachment #13

Compiled from: One Room School

**Dry Creek School  
Summerville Vicinity  
Union County, OR**





held at the Schoolhouse in District  
No. 17 Union County Oregon  
March the 5<sup>th</sup> 1888  
Meeting called to order by H. Gressman  
in the chair

Minutes of last annual meeting  
read and approved

Annual report read & accepted

Election of Officers

Nominations for Directors

T. A. Marvin & E. McCalib and

J. T. Woodell received nominations

T. A. Marvin received the highest vote  
and were duly elected for Directors  
for a term of three years.

Nominations for Clerk

B. C. Courtwright & E. McCalib

received nominations.

B. C. Courtwright received the highest  
vote were duly elected Clerk for a  
term of one year

A general discussion ensued concerning the  
holding of public services in the Schoolhouse  
with result of which several large bombs  
were fired right in the very hearts of the Tobacco  
Chewers which made the spirit fly  
from the center to the walls of the  
Schoolhouse. Tobacco Chewers take warning  
be temperate in all things

It were the general feeling or wish to have  
a Spring School

The Officers were duly qualified

On motion the meeting adjourned

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**Dry Creek School  
Summerville Vicinity  
Union County, OR**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Dry Creek School  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: OREGON, Union

DATE RECEIVED: 7/25/00 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/07/00  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/23/00 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/08/00  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

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REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ACCEPT \_\_\_RETURN \_\_\_REJECT \_\_\_\_\_DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Dry Creek School is significant under National Register Criteria A and C in the areas of Education, Social History, and Architecture. The modest wood-frame building is a good example of the vernacular design forms utilized in rural school construction during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in Oregon. The 1885 building is a reflection of the early educational development system in Union County (Summerville vicinity) and served as both schoolhouse and important community meeting place and social center for over fifty years.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept Criteria A & C

REVIEWER Paul Lusignan DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 8/31/00

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





Dry Creek School  
Summerville vicinity, Union County, OR  
photo 1

DRY CREEK LN





Dry Creek School  
Summerville vicinity, Union County, OR

Photo 2.



Dry Creek School  
Summerville vicinity, Union Co., OR  
Photo 3

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DRY CREEK  
SCHOOL 1885

Dry Creek School  
Summersville vicinity, Union Co, OR.  
Photo 4.





Dry Creek School  
Summersville vicinity, Union Co., OR.  
photo 5



Dry Creek School  
Summerville vicinity, Union Co., OR  
Photo 6





Dry Creek School  
Sommerville vicinity, Union Co., OR.  
Photo 7



Dry Creek School  
Summerville vicinity, Union Co., OR  
Photo 8





Dry Creek School!  
Simmerville vicinity, Union Co, OR.  
Photo 9



Dry Creek School  
Somerville vicinity, Union Co., OR  
Photo 10





Dry Creek School  
Summerville vicinity, Union Co. OR  
photo!!



Looking North from  
Front Door

Dry Creek School  
Summerville Vicinity  
Union County, OR

Photo 1





Summerville Rd.

Looking at the  
Schoothouse from  
the south.

Dry Creek School  
Summerville Vicinity  
Union County, OR

Photo 2



Summerville Rd.  
Northern View

Dry Creek School  
Summerville vicinity  
Union County, OR

Photo 3





Northern  
Exposure

Dry Creek School  
Summerville Vicinity  
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Photo 4



DRY CREEK  
SCHOOL 1885

Western Exposure

Dry Creek School  
Summerville vicinity  
Union County, OR

Photo 5





Woodshed - Western Ex.

Dry Creek School  
Summerville Vicinity  
Union County, OR

Photo 6



Southern Exposure

Dry Creek School  
Summerville Vicinity  
Union County, OR

Photo 7



South-eastern exposure

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Eastern Exposure

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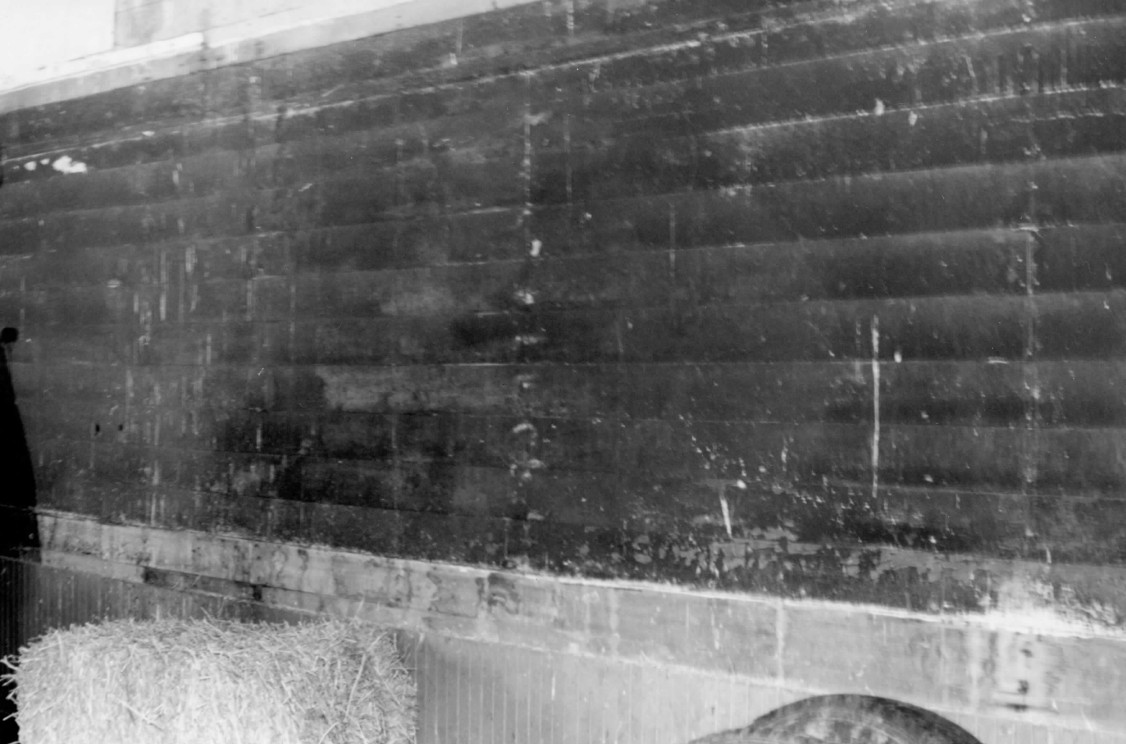
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Inside

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Summerville vicinity  
Union County, Ore

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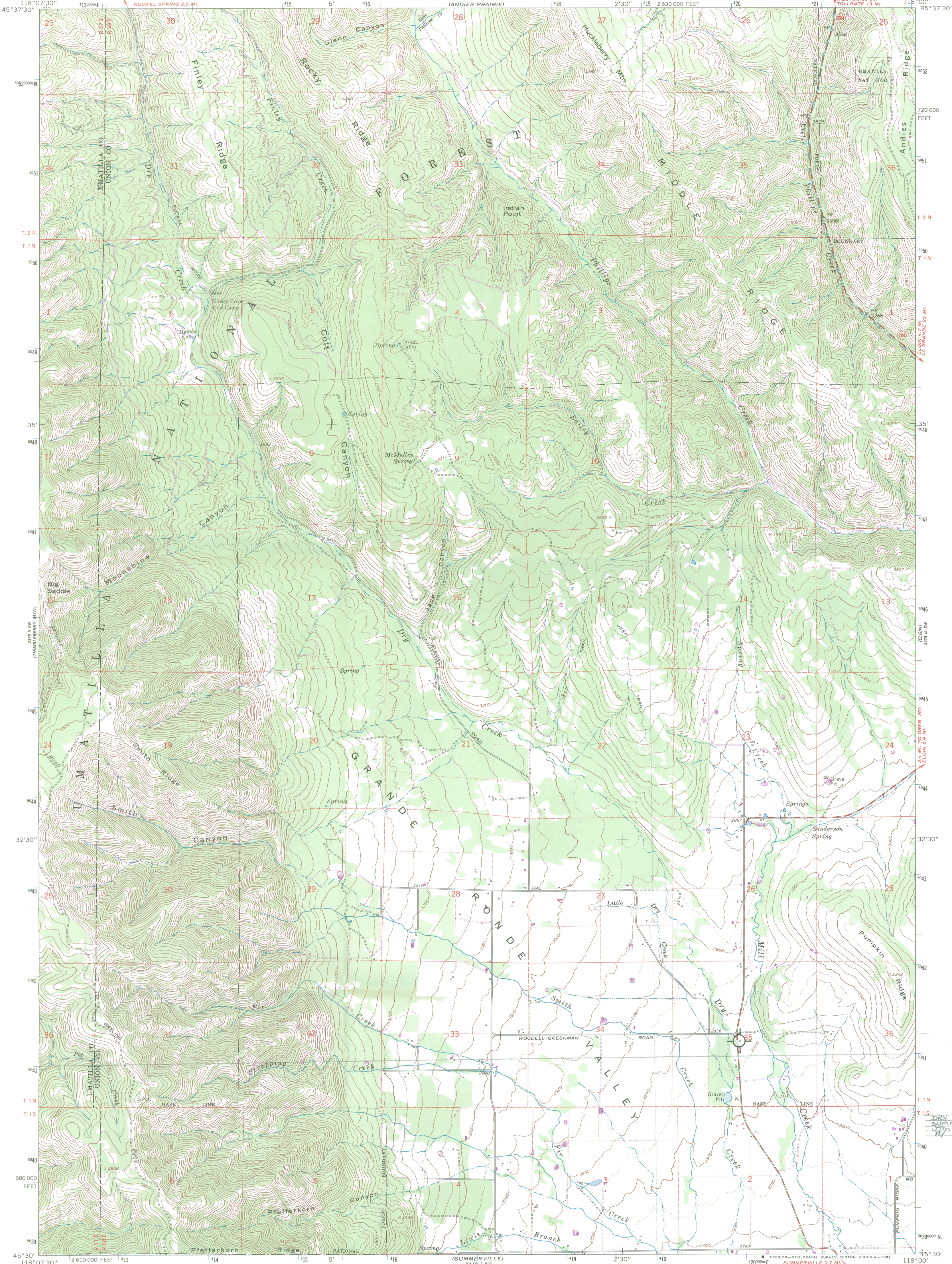
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# Oregon

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July 11, 2000

Carol D. Shull, Keeper  
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USDOI National Park Service - Cultural Resources  
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1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Carol:

At the recommendation of the Oregon State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation, I hereby nominate the following properties to the National Register of Historic Places.

**PORTLAND OREGON NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY ANNEX (1891)**  
123 NW Eleventh Avenue, Portland, Multnomah County

**WEINHARD BREWERY COMPLEX (1906-1907)**  
1131-1133 W. Burnside, Portland, Multnomah County

**DRY CREEK SCHOOL**  
69281 Summerville Road, Summerville Vicinity, Union County

If questions concerning these nominations arise, please contact Nancy Niedernhofer, the National Register Coordinator at the following number: 503/378-4168, ext. 256. As always, we appreciate your attention to our affairs.

Sincerely,

James M. Hamrick, Deputy  
State Historic Preservation Officer

Encl: as