

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Boon Brick Store

AND/OR COMMON

Karr's Tavern

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

888 Liberty Street NE

CITY, TOWN

Salem

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Oregon

__ VICINITY OF

CODE
41COUNTY
MarionCODE
047**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

__DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
__STRUCTURE
__SITE
__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

__PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
__BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
__IN PROCESS
__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
__UNOCCUPIED
__WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
__YES: UNRESTRICTED
__NO

PRESENT USE

__AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
__EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
__GOVERNMENT
__INDUSTRIAL
__MILITARY
__MUSEUM
__PARK
__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__RELIGIOUS
__SCIENTIFIC
__TRANSPORTATION
__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Iain More & Lawrence D. Salmony

STREET & NUMBER

888 Liberty Street NE

CITY, TOWN

Salem

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Oregon

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Marion County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Salem

STATE

Oregon

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE

1971 & 1975

__FEDERAL STATE __COUNTY __LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Parks and Recreation Branch, State Highway Building

CITY, TOWN

Salem

STATE

Oregon 97310

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Boon Brick Store has served as a tavern, a dry goods store, a warehouse, and a general store and possibly the first State Treasury. "Judge Boon . . . contracted for the erection of a two story brick store 25 by 80 feet, adjoining his present store" in May of 1860. The completed structure had two long blank tapered walls, and a squat store front facing west detailed in a vernacular interpretation of the Italianate style. The east facing back had three double casement windows upstairs similar to the front but with little ornament in the surrounding masonry. The original arrangement of the lower level was never recorded and is now changed.

The structural system of the Boon Brick Store consists of masonry bearing walls three courses thick resting on a continuous subterranean stone wall. The first floor flooring (now replaced) was supported by the still remaining joist and single girder system. On the second floor two by six tongue and groove flooring is supported by a single span joist system including original bridging. The roof is supported by a simple shallow truss.

The front facade was very carefully plastered to form delicate moldings and brackets. The upper windows are double three light casement type which open inward. On the exterior in the front, heavy cast shutters with ingenious locking devices are hinged outward. In the back similar styled barricades are fabricated out of thick steel and strap. The lower portion of the front facade, although altered, is compatible with the other portions. The north wall is mostly blind but contains one upstairs door and corresponding staircase. It is on this exterior wall above the stair treads, that many possibly including Herbert H. Hoover and Charles McNary, carved deep initials into the soft brick.

At present the interiors have been stripped to the raw structure. The upstairs ceiling was possibly paneled, the lower ceiling was lath and plaster. One by four strips laid vertically in the brick wall possibly supported a separate interior wall system. The exterior walls have been replastered and painted. A semicircular arch has been recently placed in the middle of the north wall to allow more light to penetrate the dark interior.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Boon Brick Store is a rare survivor in Oregon architecturally and is a monument of the unique, very early territorial history which occurred on that site. The original owner, John D. Boon, came to Oregon in 1845 as a Methodist Missionary and settled within the Methodist Mission in Salem. He later was important as an incorporator of Willamette University and a promoter of both the Pacific Telegraph Company and the Oregon-California Railroad, was elected Territorial Treasurer in 1853 and was the first State Treasurer. This connection and the possible use of the brick store as a Treasury Office makes this building the oldest building associated with state government in Oregon.

Architecturally, the building is one of few remaining early commercial structures and has an early and interesting Italianate facade. It is intriguing to note that the door panel moldings and window muntin detail are similar to the John D. Boon house, which once sat near the Brick Store and is presently listed in the National Register. Although severely altered on one side, the Brick Store retains a nearly complete and original structural system and complete and original upper story windows including casements, glass, iron shutters, frames, and interior moldings. The original brick end facades were finely plastered at an early date. Although replastering has resulted in a loss of clarity, these elevations are unusually intact.

The site and the surrounding block has been called among others the Mission Mill, the Mill Property, Mill Island, and Boon's Island. The Methodist Mission established a sawmill and grist mill in 1841, and this mill continued in use. Later on the Willamette Woolen Mill also existed on this site. The Mission Mill Boarding House, "other houses" sheds, gardens, and orchards also are reported to have occupied this area. John B. McLane purchased the property in the fall of 1846. He ran the mill, built a small slab house on the same claim, and set out 200 fruit trees around the Mill Boarding House. John D. Boon jumped claim and built "a blacksmith shop and a coal shop" near the bridge. He also constructed a "dwelling house, a store house, the Island House, and the Brick Store." He purchased "The Empire House" (a store he operated in 1849), which must have been built by one of the two previous partnerships. This whole affair resulted in a massive lawsuit that was not settled until 1868. The Boon Brick Store is the only surviving early structure marking the disputed site.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Oregon Statesman, May 8, 1860; May 22, 1860.

Statesman, Salem, Oregon, September 15, 1971; December 29, 1973, July 29, 1973.

(continued)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .057 acres

UTM-ok-wn
12-22-75

UTM REFERENCES

A | 1 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mr. Gregg Olson, State Historic Preservation Office Staff

ORGANIZATION

State Highway Division - Parks & Recreation

STREET & NUMBER

State Highway Building

CITY OR TOWN

Salem

DATE

August 25, 1975

TELEPHONE

(503) 378-6118

STATE

Oregon 97310

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

David G. Tolbot

TITLE Oregon State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE Sept. 19, 1975

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

Acting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 11/20/91

ATTEST: *Charles [Signature]*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11-14-75

Acting

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Oregon Daily Journal, July 16, 1944.

Lang, History of the Willamette Valley.

Scott, History of the Oregon Country.

Gutke, Chronical of Willamette.

Property Boon Brick Store

75001590

State Oregon

Working Number 9.30.75.1756

Marion

TECHNICAL

12 data missing? called

CONTROL

Photos 5

Maps 1

1 cont sheet (#9)

otherwise

OK 10.1.75

HISTORIAN

Accept ??

E. Smith

10-23-75

In my opinion the front of this building has been severely altered almost destroying its integrity, but I will defer this question to the architectural historian. Could have local historical significance but state significance is questionable. No date for construction.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Still recognizable as 1860s store and from #8 it is clear that this is one of the few remaining commercial bldgs. from Oregon's pioneer days. ACCEPT

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept

Colz

11-5-75

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

for mount
11.11.75

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry 2-3-76

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



HISTORIC VIEW
BOON BRICK STORE
MARION CO.

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NPS Number 11/20/75

Title: Boon Brick Store

Marion Co., Oregon

Loc. _____

Historic view from
northwest

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COUNTY
Marion

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Oregon State Highway Division

DATE OF PHOTO c. 1870

NEGATIVE FILED AT

Park and Recreation Branch, State Highway Building, Salem, OR 97310

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
Historic view from northwest.

PHOTO NO.

1 of 5



WEST ELEVATION
Boon Brick Store
MARION CO

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Marion Co., Oregon

Loc. _____

West elevation

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West elevation.

PHOTO NO. 2 of 5



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VIEW FROM SOUTH EAST
BOON BRICK STORE
MARION CO.

NPS Number 11/20/75

Title: Boon Brick Store
Marion Co., Oregon

Loc. View from southeast

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View from southeast.

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3 75



NORTH ELEVATION
BOON BRICK STORE
MARION CO

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Title: Boon Brick Store
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Loc. North elevation

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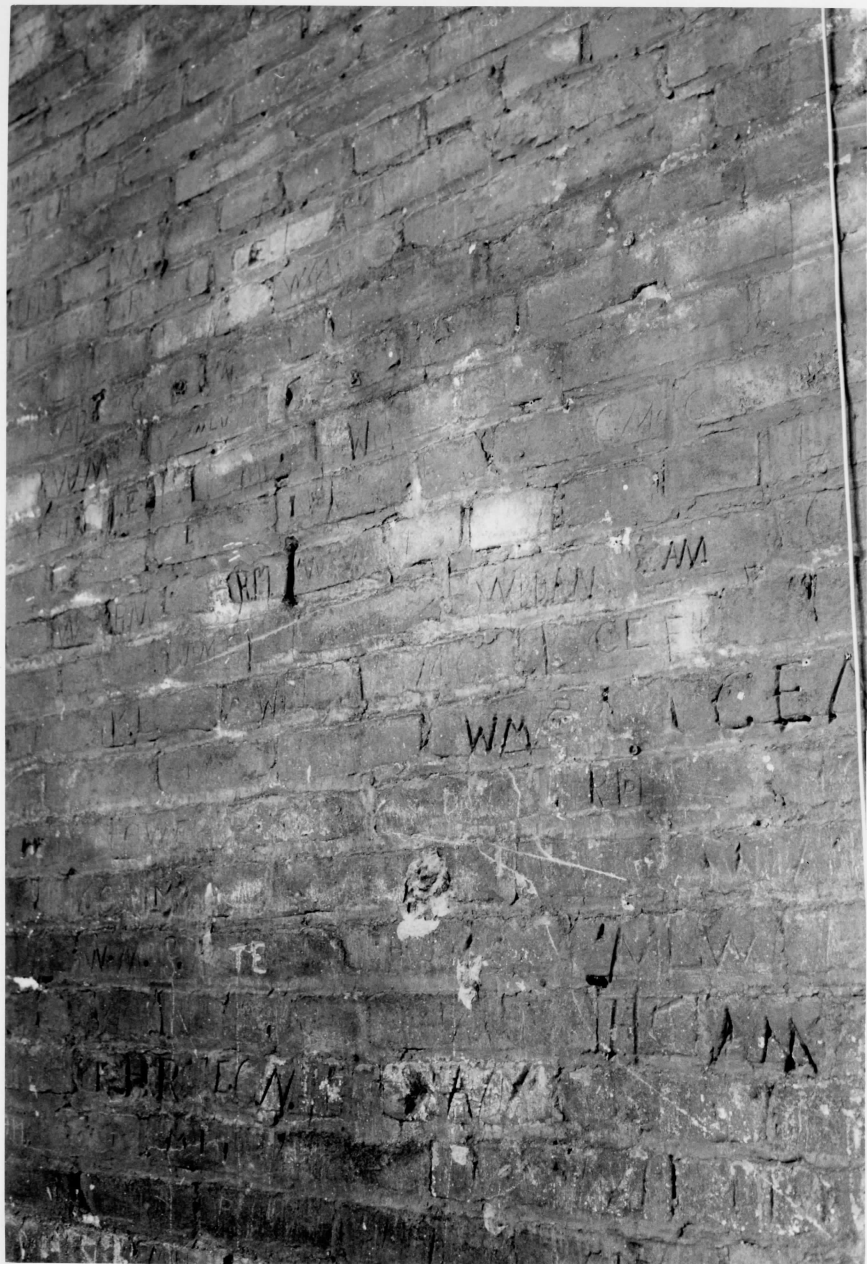
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

North elevation.

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4 *45*



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CARVINGS

BOON BRICK STORE

MARION CO.

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Title: Boon Brick Store

Marion Co., Oregon

Loc. _____

Carvings in north wall above
staircase.

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Carvings in north wall above staircase.

PHOTO NO. 5

o/s

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VICINITY OF

COUNTY
Marion

STATE
Oregon

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minutes Series (topographic)

SCALE

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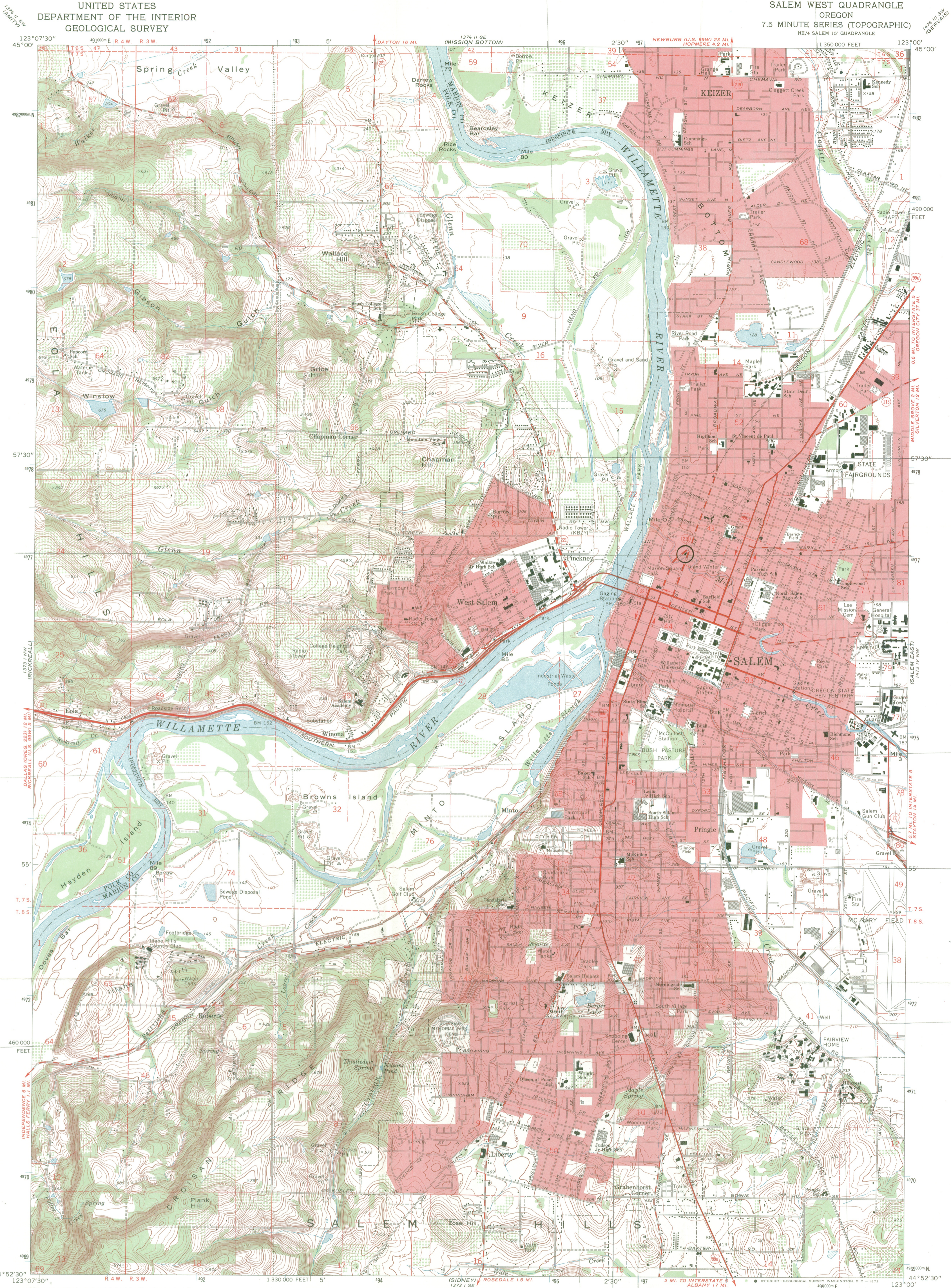
DATE

1969

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and State of Oregon
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1967. Field checked 1969
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grid based on Oregon coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 10, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate fence lines

UTM GRID AND 1969 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24,000

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DOTTED LINES CROSSING RIVER REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, unimproved road, fair or poor hard surface
weather

U.S. Route State Route

BOON BRICK STORE
SALEM WEST, OREG.
NE/4 SALEM 15' QUADRANGLE
N4452.5-W12300.7.5
10 497480 4977020
1969

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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OREGON

Date Entered NOV 20 1975

Name

Location

Waller Hall (Willamette University)

Salem
Marion County

Boon Brick Store

Salem
Marion County

Also Notified

Hon. Mark O. Hatfield
Hon. Bob Packwood
Hon. Al Ullman
Regional Director, Pacific
Northwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. David G. Talbot
State Parks Superintendent
300 State Highway Building
Salem, Oregon 97310

PR

MMott/row

12/4/75

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Boon Brick Store
 2 OTHER NAMES: Karr's Tavern
 3 date of entry: 11/20/75
 4 county code: 047

5 LOCATION street & number: 888 Liberty Street NE.
 city / town: Salem
 vicinity of: OR
 state: OR
 county: Marion
 6 NPS REGION: Pacific Northwest

7 OWNER: PRIVATE
 8 ADMINISTRATOR: --

9 EXISTING SURVEYS: HABS HAER NHL
 10 FUNDED?: NO
 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 2nd
 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION: STATE
 if state who prepared form? G. Olson

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?: NO
 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?: NO
 15 ACREAGE: .057
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION: good, altered, original site, moved, reconstructed, unknown, excavated
 17 features: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1, SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2, SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3, NOT INTACT-0, UNKNOWN-6, NOT APPLICABLE-7, NOT APPLICABLE-8, NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS: YES-Restricted, YES-Unrestricted, No Access, Unknown
 19 ADAPTIVE USE: YES
 20 SAVED?: YES
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?: yes

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE-6, SETTLEMENT-29, RECREATION-28, POLITICAL / GOVT.-21, LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15, ENTERTAINMENT-26, LAW-16, RELIGION-22, SCIENCE-23, SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24, URBAN PLANNING-31, OTHER (SPECIFY)
 22 CLAIMS: explain 'first', 'oldest', 'only'

23 functions: WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: Store, CURRENTLY: Tavern
 24 dates of initial construction: 1860, major alterations: --, historic events: --
 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: --

26 architectural style(s):
 27 architect: --
 28 master builder: --
 29 engineer: --

30 landscape architect / garden designer: --
 31 interior decorator: --
 32 artist: --
 33 artisan: --
 34 builder/contractor: --

35 NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL: John D. Boon, pioneer business entrepreneur for whom the store was built
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP
 Brick, dressed ~~with~~ stone trim; 2 stories, rectangular, flat roof, ~~with~~ recessed center entrance flanked by store front windows, 2nd-story windows with segmental-arched pediments, paneled pilasters, exaggerated moldings. Italianate.
 One of Salem's earliest surviving commercial structures; built for John D. Boon, pioneer businessman, territorial legislator and territorial and state treasurer.