

ASHLAND CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY
SURVEY FORM
COUNTY: JACKSON 31

IDENTIFICATION:

Butler Pioneer
Hist. Name Log Building Date of Construction: 1921
Common Name: American Legion Original Use: Social Hall
Address: Winburn Way Present Use: Community Building
Ashland, Oregon Architect: _____
Owner: City of Ashland Builder: Lamb, A. L.
Ashland City Hall Style: Oregon Rustic Northwest
Ashland, Oregon Bldg. _____ Struc. _____ Dist. _____ Obj. Regional
T/R/S: 39S 1E 9 Ranking: Secondary
Map No: 9BB Tax Lot: 2600
Addition: _____
Block: _____ Lot: _____ Quad: Ashland

THEME:

Statewide Inventory of Historic Properties Theme: 8h.
 Archaeology Industry Mining
 Agriculture Military Social/Education
 Commerce Politics/Government Transportation
 Exploration and Settlement Religion Other

DESCRIPTION:

Plan Type/Shape: Rectangular (L-shaped) No. of Stories: One
Foundation Material: Concrete Basement (Y/N): No
Roof Form and Material: Pitched; composition shingle; roof extension
over porch; open pole rafters; pole supports
Wall Construction: Logs, horizontally laid Structural Frame: Wood
Primary Window Type: Multi-light, double hung (six-over-six)
Exterior Surfacing Materials: Squared logs, horizontally laid and
saddle notched.
Decorative Features: Granite Memorial Tablet, "Erected and dedicated
AD 1921 by Gwin S. Butler, native son of 1854: (carved by Mrs. A. Russell)
Other: Massive cobblestone fireplace on south elevation with
brick cap
Condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor Moved (Date) _____
Exterior Alterations/Additions (Dated) Kitchen addition at rear (1925)
Rectangular L Addition, wood siding; gable roof
Noteworthy Landscape Features: Rock retaining walls
Associated Structures: _____
Known Archaeological Features: _____

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SETTING:

The Butler Pioneer Building is located on the west side of Winburn Way across from lower Lithia Park. Immediately north of the resource stands the Winburn Community Center Building.

SIGNIFICANCE:

On August 31, 1921 the Ashland Weekly Tidings announced that the dedication ceremony was set for the Pioneer Building of the Southern Oregon Pioneer Society. The contractor for the structure was A. L. Lamb. The article noted that a delay had been caused by difficulty in getting the logs on the site in a timely fashion. Built of Oregon fir from the Jacksonville area the 24' x 48' building also had a large cobblestone fireplace, and at construction, a marble memorial tablet carved by Mrs. A. H. Russell. An iron lattice cage provided a safe place for exhibits.

The building was dedicated on September 15, 1921. A dinner was served to the pioneer society members and their guests, and Irving Vining delivered a fine address. After some difficulties determining appropriate use of the hall, the facility was eventually made available to local organizations. In 1925 a kitchen was added to the building. For several decades the Butler Pioneer Log Building was used by the Ashland American Legion organization as a hall. In 1988 extensive restoration has enabled the resource to once again serve the community. The structure is significant to Ashland for its rustic style, and for its association with Gwin S. Butler, local philanthropist.

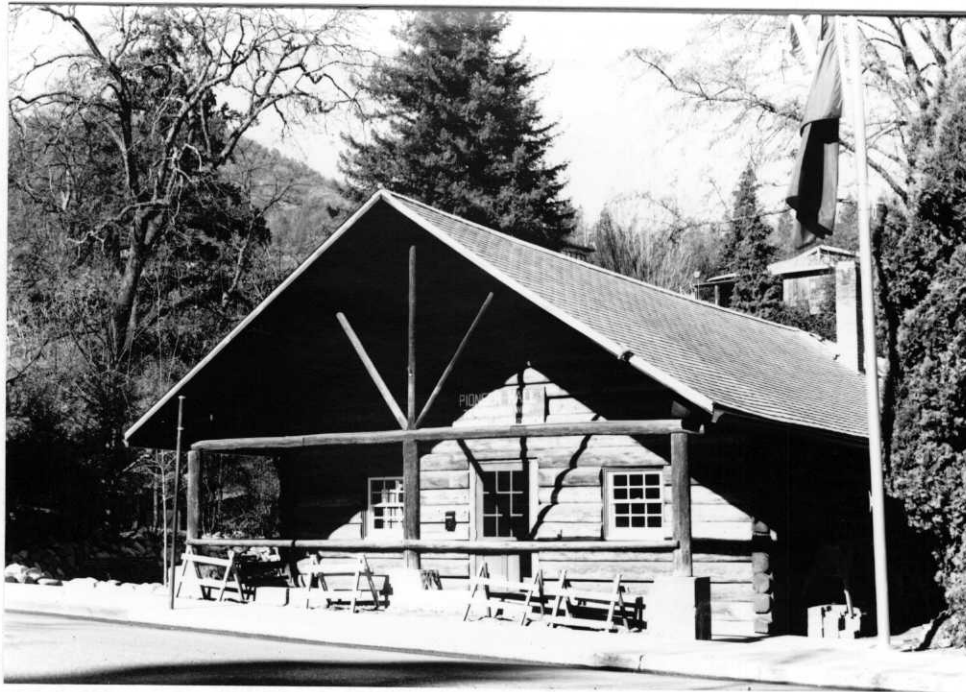
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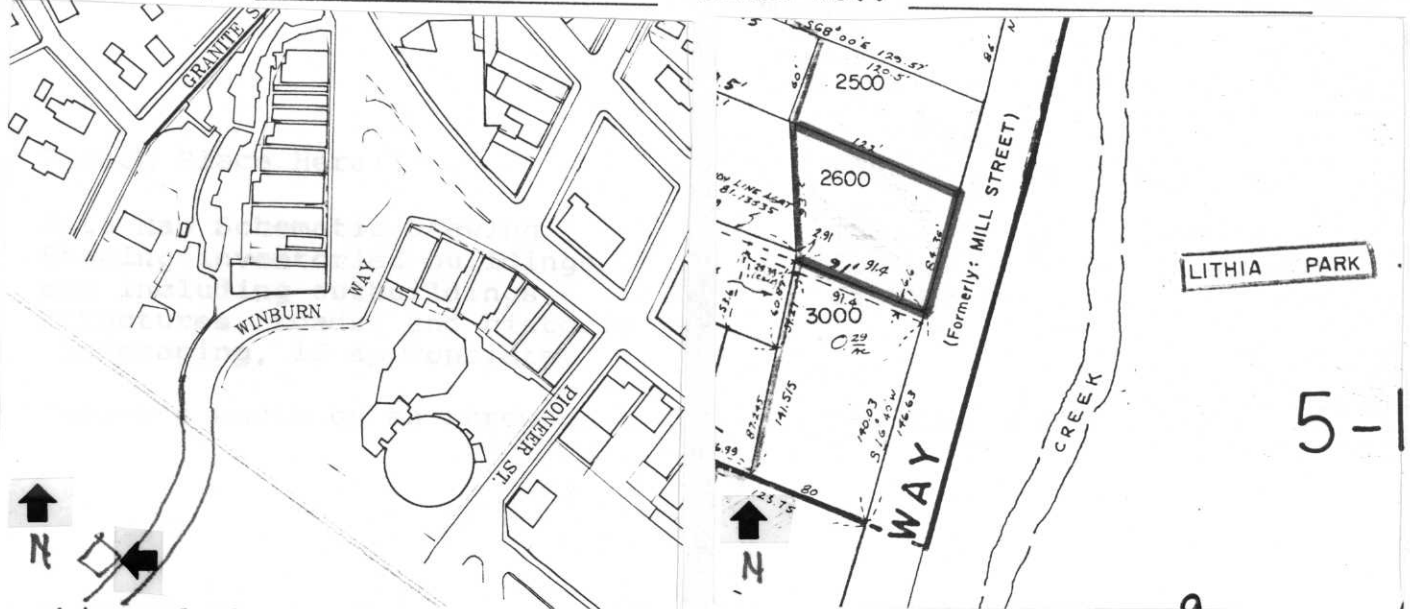
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Map No: 9BC Tax Lot: 2600
Quadrangle: Ashland (1953)



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LITHIA PARK

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City of Ashland Topographic Map;

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