Baker City Hall

What happened?
The Baker City Historic District, 42 years later.
Baker City, Oregon
Heilner House

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This building has been demolished. The site is now an empty lot.

Rand Building

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Baker City, Oregon
Pythian Castle

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Baker City, Oregon
White House Building

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Geiser Grand Hotel

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Alfred Block

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Alfred Block (1897)
1806 Main St.
Ken Hobson photo, 1978
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Looking West on Valley Street

Baker Historic District
Baker, Baker County, Oregon

Looking west on Valley Street from Main St. Palmer Bros. Bldg, Oddfellows Lodge, Jett Bldg on left.
Elis. W. Potter photo, 1970

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Federal Post Office

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Baker Hotel (c. 1929)
1701 Main St.
Ken Hobson photo, 1978

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What happened? I took pictures of a random selection of the buildings used to illustrate the original historic district application. As is evident, with one exception, great care has been taken to preserve, and even in some cases, restore those buildings. Whether it was a good thing for the community is another question. I wasn’t there long enough to know anything but I will still share this impression. Baker City is adjacent to the excellent National Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. It is also close to if not thick in the middle of the great eastern Oregon wine explosion. Similar small communities near Baker City have flourished with tourism. Baker City seems to have changed very little since 1978. It is a quiet town. The other buildings in town clearly date from the 50’s and 60’s. Did the community exhaust itself in achieving its historic district? Or is this community actually a better place to live than those that have been disneyfied for the tourists? Not sure.

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