



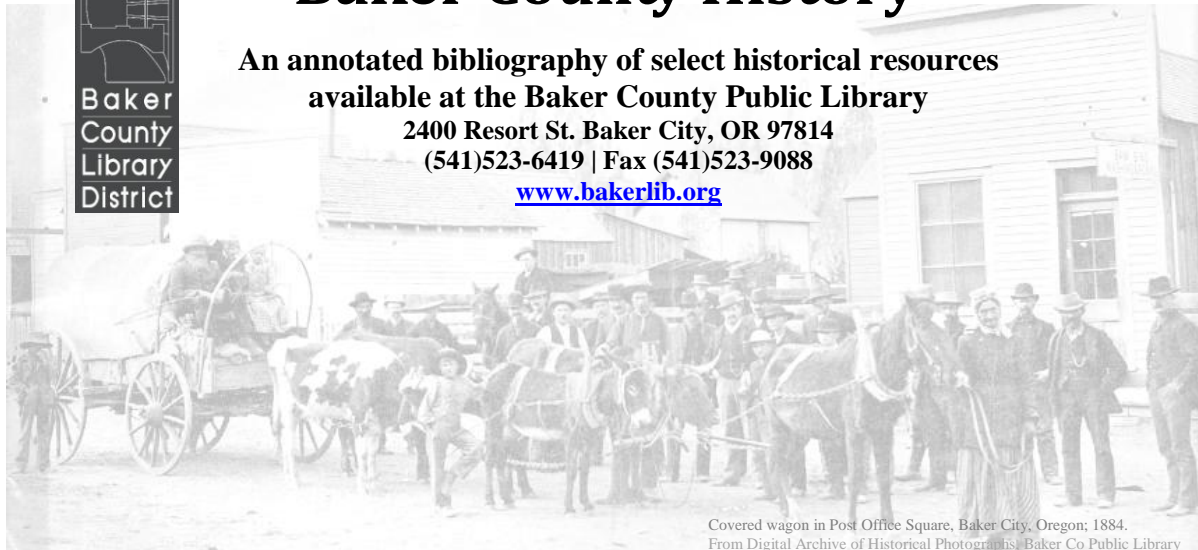
# Baker County History

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## Books

Oregon  
R 979.575  
.A377

*Uncle Dave discovers gold* by Maud Grant Alexander. c1972.  
This book tells of early life in Auburn, Oregon.

Oregon  
R 979.575  
.A897

*Daily sales of an Auburn store in 1868*. Mimeographed bulletin of  
the Historical Records Survey of Oregon.

Oregon  
R 979.575  
.A897

*Auburn, McEwen, Bourne, Whitney, Granite*. Excerpts describing  
five historic Baker County settlements, taken from published sources.

Oregon  
R 979.575  
.B167

*Baker City centennial album : 100 years of Baker City*. 1974. An overview  
of Baker City, Oregon 1874-1974.

Oregon  
R 979.575  
.B167

*Collection of Baker County history : student research papers*. 1982.

Oregon  
R 979.575  
.B167

*Baker City through a camera*. [1894]. A photographic view of Baker City  
and surrounding area at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Oregon  
R 979.575  
.A376

*Gold panning and some "colors" from Sumpter's past* by Ken Alexander.  
A pamphlet containing instructions for gold panning as well as historical  
notes from the mining town of Sumpter, Oregon.

- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.A376      *Sumpter, Oregon : a history of the rise and decline of a golden empire* by Ken Alexander. [1975]. A brief description of life in the mining town of Sumpter, Oregon in the late 1800's.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.B167h      *Historic Baker City, Oregon.* c2002. Photographs and captions detailing the history of Baker City, Oregon.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.B9671      *Lest we forget : remembrances of upper Burnt River in Baker County, Oregon.* c2007. An intensive history of the Burnt River ranching area in Baker County.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.D412      *Saints, sinners and Snake River secrets* by Lillian Cummings Densley. c1987. Memories from the journals of Jessie Sullivan Cummings.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.D561b      *Baker County : links to the past* compiled and edited by Eloise Dielman. 2001. Written sketches, as well as photographs, old and new, recalling a history of Baker County, Oregon.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.E11      *Early history of Eagle Valley* by U.S. history class of Eagle Valley High School 1955-1956. Information gathered from "old timers" in the form of books, newspaper clippings and oral interviews.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.E92      *Gold dust & chalk dust.* Dr. James R. Evans. c1981. A 118 year history of schools in the gold country.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.E92      *Powerful Rocky : the Blue Mountains and the Oregon Trail, 1811-1883* by John W. Evans. c1990. The Oregon Trail as it seeks to conquer its biggest physical obstacle, the Blue Mountains.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.F245      *Rails, sagebrush and pine : a garland of railroad and logging days in Oregon's Sumpter Valley* by Mallory Hope Ferrell. c1967.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.F537      *One hundred years of First Presbyterian Church Baker City, Oregon : blest be the tie...1884-1984.* [1984]. Commemoration of a century of service.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.G813n      *Greenhorn selected newspaper articles, 1891-1892 and 1901-1903.* M. Gregg Smith. 2009.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.G813p      *Greenhorn histories and photographs.* M. Gregg Smith. 2009.

- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.H623  
1893  
*Thirty-one years in Baker County : history of the county from 1861-1863* by Isaac Hiatt. 1893. A history of Baker County from the time that gold was discovered in Griffin's Gulch.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.H623  
1997  
*Thirty-One years in Baker County : history of the county from 1861-1863* by Isaac Hiatt. 1997. A reprint of the 1893 edition.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.H396  
*Gold dredging in Sumpter Valley.* Brooks Hawley. c1977. A history of Sumpter Valley and the effect that dredging had on the ranches located there.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.H396  
*Gold in Sumpter Valley.* Brooks Hawley – Melvin L. Kathan. 1968. A history of the mining areas of Sumpter and Sumpter Valley.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.H673  
Vol. 1  
*Historic homes of Baker City : the baker's dozen.* [1984]. Written and visual sketches of historic homes.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.H673  
Vol. 2  
*Historic homes of Baker City : the sweet sixteen.* c1987. Continues written and visual sketches of historic homes.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.H673  
*Historic Baker City : a walking/driving tour.* 1985. Features over one hundred buildings and homes in the city of Baker.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.H673  
*The history of Baker County, Oregon.* 1986. An overview of Baker County including specific family histories.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.H734  
*Stories, legends and some Oregon history* by Carmelita Holland. c1996. The author's family history as it relates to Oregon history.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.H886  
*Sumpter Valley Days* by Ernest Hudspeth. c1979. A narrative of ranch life in the Sumpter Valley of Oregon.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.I54  
*Anthony, a tale of two skis* by Stan Ingram. 1971. A history of the development of the Anthony Lakes ski area.

- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.K58t      *True buckaroo tales from the vanishing west* by V. S. Skinner Kirby.  
c1989. A history of the author's life, the pioneers and the range.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.L283s      *The Sheehy family : from Erin to Oregon.* Helen Sheehy Langley.  
c1992. A manuscript written for the author's descendants.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.L531      *Extension in Oregon* by the most Reverend Francis P. Leipzig, D.D.,  
LL.D. Bishop of Baker. 1956. A history of the Catholic Church  
Extension Society.
- Oregon  
979.575  
.O66      *Oregon on the Oregon Trail #46 Baker County Connection* by Dean Rea.  
c2004. A few stories from the history of Baker County.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.R186      *One hundred years of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Baker, Oregon*  
1873-1973 compiled and edited by Helen B. Rand. [1974].
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.L674gt      *Getting to know our community : Baker County* compiled and written by  
Grace E. Lewis. 1986. Third grade text, teacher's guide.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.L811      *In this place* compiled by "The Local History Project" 1980-1981 Burnt  
River High School, Unity, Oregon. c1982. A collected history of Ironside,  
Unity, Hereford and Bridgeport.
- Oregon  
979.575  
.M153r      *Reflections of Fabian Mack* by Fabian Mack. c2003. Recollections of his  
life as a Baker City businessman.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.M235      *History of Sparta, Oregon* collected by Clyde L. Makinson. 1980.
- Oregon  
979.575  
.M866      *Eastern Oregon's gold fields* by Morning Democrat. c1978. A  
reprint of a souvenir of *Eastern Oregon's gold fields*.
- Oregon  
979.575  
.M958s      *Images of rail : Sumpter Valley Railway* by Alfred Mullett and Leonard  
Merritt. c2009. A book preserving the history of the Sumpter Valley  
Railway from its beginning to the present restoration.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.M4811      *Let us travel the golden trails of memory to the land of yesterday.*  
Walter E. Meacham. Historic pamphlet giving a brief account of  
Baker County's early history.

- Oregon  
.R 979.575  
.O118  
Vol. 1  
Vol. 2
- A brief history of the Diocese of Baker, Volume I* by Father Dominic O’Conner. *Volume II* by Very Rev. Patrick J. Gaire. 1930. Catholic Church history in Eastern Oregon from 1903-1928.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.O18
- The old grey eagle : a short sketch of the life of Colonel Edward Dickinson Baker, U.S. senator from Oregon, personal friend of Abraham Lincoln and after whom the City of Baker and Baker County, Oregon are named* by W. Joseph O’Connor. c1959.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.P649  
Vol. 1
- 1978 Pine Valley Echoes* by Pine Valley Community Museum. 1978. Stories from pioneers.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.P649  
Vol. 2
- 1979 Pine Valley Echoes* by Pine Valley Community Museum. 1979. Stories from pioneers.
- Oregon  
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.P649  
Vol. 3
- 1981 Pine Valley Echoes* by Pine Valley Community Museum. 1981. Stories from pioneers.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.P649  
Vol. 4
- 1984 Pine Valley Echoes* by Pine Valley Community Museum. 1984. Stories from pioneers.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.R186
- Gold, jade and elegance* by Helen B. Rand. 1974. An account of Eastern Oregon after the discovery of gold.
- Oregon  
979.575  
.R776s
- The story of a retired rancher \** by Eric Romtvedt. c2005. A short autobiography of his life from 1924 to 2002.
- Oregon  
979.575  
.S381
- Welcome to the Sumpter Valley* by William Alan Schroeder. c1982. An interim requirement at Pacific Lutheran University providing Sumpter Valley residents with a broad interpretive study of their past and future.
- Oregon  
979.575  
.S661p  
Vol. 1
- Pine Valley vignettes : vol. I* by Sybyl Smith. c1992. A collection of stories previously printed in the Hells Canyon Journal.

- Oregon  
979.575  
.S661p  
Vol. 2      *Pine Valley vignettes : vol. II* by Sybyl Smith. c1996. Continuing a collection of stories previously printed in the Hells Canyon Journal.
- Oregon  
979.575  
.S851      *Baker County Sketch Book* by Gordon and Patricia Stewart. c1956. A collection of brief articles telling of a historical landmark or incident in Baker County history.
- Oregon  
979.575  
.S934c      *Community spirit : ranchers and millworkers in Unity, Oregon* by Maxine A. Sullivan. c1990. A detailed description of Ellingson Lumber Company history in the community of Unity, Oregon.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.S956      *A trip into history with the Sumpter Valley Railway 1890-1990*. 1990. A centennial guide to the Sumpter Valley Railway and its historic journey through the valleys of gold and timber.
- Oregon  
979.575  
.V242r      *Roy looks back at Anthony* by Roy Vanderwall. c1969. Recollections of Anthony Lakes by the operator of the “baby” pomalift.
- Oregon  
979.575  
.V928b      *Bluebirds and buttercups* by Natalie Volney. c1986. Stories about a small girl growing up in the mountains of Eastern Oregon.
- Oregon  
979.575  
.W288      *The uncowboy of Hereford, Oregon : Frank Warren's memoirs* by Frank Mack Warren. c1993. Recollections of his life history.
- Oregon  
R 979.575  
.W527      *An illustrated history of Baker, Grant, Malheur and Harney counties with a brief outline of the early history of the state of Oregon*. 1902.
- Oregon  
979.575  
.W411      *Asian American history in Baker City, Oregon* by Priscilla Wegars. c1998. U.S. Forest Service and BLM sponsored Baker City's diversity day talk and presentation on May 15, 1998.
- Oregon  
979.575  
.W411      *The Ah Hee diggings : final report of archaeological investigations at OR-GR-16, The Granite, Oregon “Chinese Walls” site, 1992 through 1994* by Priscilla Wegars. c1995. Recorded work of archaeological investigations for the U.S. Forest Service contract with the University of Idaho.
- Oregon  
979.575  
.W527      *History of Baker County settlement to 1863*. Overview of history and lives of early settlements of Baker County taken from *An illustrated history of Baker, Grant, Malheur and Harney counties*.

Oregon            *Memories : ninety years of Baker City* by Loy Winter Wisdom.  
979.575            c1976. Baker City history recalled by a pioneer daughter.  
.W811

Oregon            *Sagebrush heritage* by Robert J. White. c1987. 25 years of life  
979.575            stories recorded for his grandchildren.  
.W587s

### **City Directories**

Directories available for the following years: 1899-1900, 1901, 1903, 1905, 1908-09, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1917, 1920, 1925, 1928-29, 1930-31, 1932-33, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1946, 1948, 1950, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

### **Historic Photos**

Available in hard copy binders: *Denham Family Photo Collection*  
*McCord Photo Collection*

Available online: Digital Archive of Historic Photographs  
[www.bakerlib.org/webphoto](http://www.bakerlib.org/webphoto)

### **Magazines**

Available on microfilm: *Oregon Historical Quarterly* vol. 1-82

Available in hard copy: *Oregon Historical Quarterly* Sept. 1923-Fall 2010

### **Newspapers**

Available on microfilm:

*Baker City Herald* June 5, 1901 – December 31, 1917

*Baker City Herald* June 23, 1994 – June 2008 (current two years hard copy)

*Baker County Reveille* November 10, 1880 – December 21, 1887

*Baker Daily Record* May 19, 1927 – May 17, 1931

*Baker Democrat Herald* February 1, 1929 – September 11, 1989

*Baker Morning Democrat* February 15, 1890 - January 31, 1929

*Bedrock Democrat* May 18, 1870 – December 28, 1891

*Blue Mountain American / Sumpter News* February 26, 1897 - Aug. 15, 1917

*Eastern Oregon News* June 30, 1933 – December 1, 1939

*Haines Record* November 20, 1925 – October 23, 1931

*Record Courier* June 16, 1930 – December 2007 (current three years hard copy)

**Videos**

- 979.575  
VHS                    *The Baker County comeback.* A 13 minute video outlining a 20-year plan for economic recovery.
- 979.575  
VHS                    *Discover downtown historic Baker City.* A 15 minute documentary promoting life and business in this historic city.
- 979.575  
DVD                    *Proving up & settling down : stories of life in Hells Canyon.* c2006. Idaho Power Company. First-hand accounts of life in America's most majestic and remote location.
- 979.575  
VHS                    *The story of the Sumpter Valley gold dredge.* c1999. Friends of the Sumpter Valley Dredge. A 30 minute video documenting the history of the dredge.
- 979.575  
DVD                    *Sumpter Valley Railway 1890 to 2004.* c2004. Crosstie Productions. History of a logging railroad which became a common carrier with regular freight and passenger schedules.

**Yearbooks**

- Oregon  
R 030                    Baker Alternative School *Panther.* 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993
- Oregon  
R 030                    Baker College *Beacon.* 1970
- Oregon  
R 030                    Baker High School *Nugget.* 1903 1904, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1946, 1947, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
- Oregon  
R 030                    Baker Junior High *The Viking.* 1970
- Oregon  
R 030                    Burnt River High School. 1977, 1978, 1981, 1982
- Oregon  
R 030                    St. Francis Academy *Chimes.* 1930, 1947, 1948, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1970



**Other**

Locked  
Cabinet

*Hendrix File.* An indexed collection of newspaper clippings regarding mining in Eastern Oregon.

File  
Cabinet

*Pearl Jones history files.* Local newspaper clippings compiled by local historian. Organized by family name and subject.

Oregon  
R 979.575

*Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Baker City.* 1903