

# Ashland Schools



In addition to church buildings, a growing town needed a larger, more substantial schoolhouse. This South School was built on the corner of Gresham and East Main Streets in 1880 at a cost of \$1,600. It consisted of four rooms. The two-story building was eventually moved and recycled as the Vendome Hotel.



A few years after south-end needs were met, another school was constructed at 400 North Main Street, appropriately called the North School. Built in the mid-1880s, it was vacated in 1905 when a new brick building was erected a few blocks away at 200 North Main Street. The pictured structure stood empty for six years seriously deteriorating, until it was finally demolished.

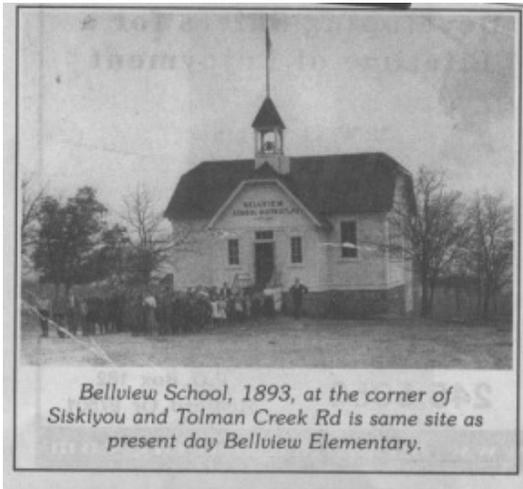
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The Ivy Walls in 1940.



Ashland Senior High School.



Bellview Elementary School



Ashland Junior High School



Lincoln Elementary School

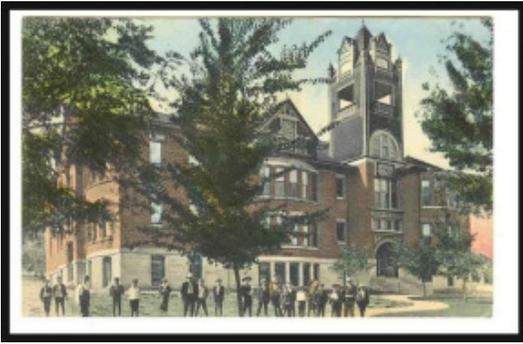


The rock was used to mount their horses.



In this photo is the same or a similar stone as it appears today at Briscoe School. It looks like may be the same stone!

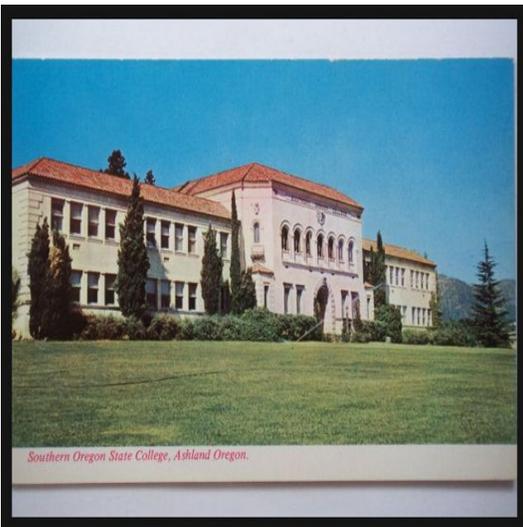
Above and to the left, the caption read "The Ashland Normal School", which was begun in 1872. The normal school location was changed several times through the years and it is now Southern Oregon University on Siskiyou Blvd. But what is interesting is the "uppin block" or horse dismounting stone that is visible in the lower right hand corner of this old photo. I enlarged that part of the photo in the second picture. The ladies to get on and off horses or to get in and out of carriages used this stone. If this is the same stone, then it shows that there has been a school at the Briscoe School site since this 1872 school was built, then the high school was there in 1905 becoming Washington School around 1911 when our high school was built, and finally Briscoe School was built there sometime in the late 1940's. I suspect some of you will remember the year when Briscoe School was opened,



Washington School



School bell from the original Washington School.



Southern Oregon College (Now the Administration building there).



Carnegie Library (Ashland City Library).