

Bakeoven/Bake Oven

I am very thankful to Cheri who was the prior coordinator.

History

(see also, Flanagan below)

According to the 1910 Polk City Directory, "Population 20. A village settled in 1874, fifty miles southeast of The Dalles, and eight northwest of Shaniko, the banking and shipping station. Long distance telephone connections Pacific Telephone Telegraph Co.'s service. Express American. Stage from Dufur and Shaniko tri-weekly. Mail via Shaniko.

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Bakeoven **by Jess Fleming**

After Henry Wakerlig sold the Bakeoven ranch and post office to Malcolm Moody, Mr. Thorp became the postmaster with the post office in his farmhome. Then George Mickle became the next postmaster and moved the office to his farm-home; from there it went to the Claud Wilson farm home. In 1914 my father Frank Fleming moved the Bakeoven post office to his Dead Dog ranch, about half way between Flanagan and Bakeoven, where my mother Eva Fleming became postmaster. After their retirement to The Dalles in 1918 I became acting postmaster of Bakeoven until the office was closed March 30, 1918. Jim Hinton and Tom Ward are now the owners of Bakeoven, which is a part of their 90,000 acre ranch. The original house, Inn or hotel burned although the blacksmith shop still stands. There are no buildings at Flanagan. The Bakeoven, Flanagan and Criterion districts are now served mail by a Star-contract route out of Maupin which goes out The Dalles-California Highway (97) to Shaniko and returns to Maupin over the Bakeoven-Flanagan road, on a twice a week service basis.

Some of the old timers of Bakeoven that I remember are: Harry Adams, stage and freight operator; L.C. Albrecht, the blacksmith; George Von Borstel, sheepman who retired to Germany and whose son Henry Von Borstel was deported to Germany from 8 Mile creek during World War II; Tome Brady was a shepherder; "Uncle Tom" Burgess, the likeable store and Inn keeper; J.M. Davis and Herman Isenburger moved away early; John Farrar went over to Antelope; John Flanagan moved away early; Emil Hachler went over to Wapinitia.....

The connection between Bake Oven/Bakeoven and Flanagan seems to

be shared post offices: The Bake Oven post office was established Dec 1875, but was discontinued in Oct. 1913 and moved to Flanagan. Flanagan in turn was discontinued July 1914 and Bakeoven was re-established at the same time.

Flanagan

Population 150. A country postoffice first settled in 1905, on the DesChutes river. It is forty miles southeast of The Dalles and eighteen miles southeast of Shaniko, the banking and shipping station. There is a Free Methodist church. Has daily connection with The Dalles and Shaniko, tri-weekly with Dufur also Pacific and Farmers' Telephone & Telegraph Company service. Thomas Flanagan, postmaster.

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