

**OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**

Note: For properties 35 years old and newer, starred (\*) sections are the only required fields.

\*County: **Benton**

*Street Address: <b>25398 DAWSON RD</b>				*City: <b>Bellfountain</b>			
USGS Quad Name:			UTM (NAD83) Zone: <b>10</b>		Northing:		Easting:
Township: <b>14S</b>	Range: <b>06W</b>	Section: <b>12</b>	Block:	Lot:	Map: <b>14612DD</b>	Tax Lot #: <b>01100</b>	
Historic Name: <b>Bellfountain School and Gym</b>					Grouping or Cluster Name:		
*Date of Construction: <b>c. 1908</b>		Other Name: <b>Bellfountain School</b>					
Historic Use or Function: <b>School</b>			*Current Use: <b>School</b>			Associated Archaeological Site: <b>Unknown</b>	

Architectural Classification(s): <b>Bungalow</b>		Plan Type/Shape: <b>Irregular</b>		Number of Stories: <b>1.5</b>	
Foundation Material: <b>Concrete block</b>		Structural Framing: <b>Wood</b>		Moved? <b>Unknown</b>	
Roof Type/Material: <b>Hip / Composition shingle</b>		Window Type/Material: <b>1/1 double-hung sash, primarily in groups</b>			
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: <b>Drop</b>		Secondary:		Decorative:	
Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: <b>The original portion of the school (east side) had been enlarged considerably by an addition off the west elevation.</b>					
Number and type of associated resources: <b>Gymnasium, two sheds (3)</b>					

Integrity:		Condition: <b>Good</b>		Local Ranking: <b>3C</b>		National Register Listed? <b>Unknown</b>	
Preliminary National Register Findings:		Potentially Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact but lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Altered (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Potentially eligible individually or in district <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Ineligible as it lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Not 50 years old <input type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable loss of integrity					

**Description of Physical and Landscape Features:**

Hipped roof bell tower on roof of older portion of school. Overhanging eaves. Hip roof dormers on north and east elevations. Cornerboards.

The Bellfountain School is located on the south side of Dawson Road, one tenth of a mile east of the Bellfountain Road intersection, in the town of Bellfountain. The school fronts north, facing the road. The Bellfountain Community Church (c.1900) (see inventory form #383) is located directly across the street.

Several large Big Leaf maples are located near the gymnasium building. Arborvitaes frame the windows on the school's main façade. A playground is located to the west of the school.

A gymnasium building is located to the east of the school building as are two shed-like structures with lap siding and hip roofs.

**Statement of Significance [Required ONLY for Intensive Level Surveys] (use additional sheets if necessary)**

Written by Mary Weber & Kathy Schutt in 12/13/1984:

The Bellfountain School and gymnasium are significant as a relatively intact example of a school complex built in a rural Benton County community shortly after the turn of the century. The Bellfountain School is one of only tow early 20th century schools in the southeastern portion of Benton county still being used as schools. many abandoned school buildings have been altered or adapted for other uses. The gymnasium, located to the east of the school, is architecturally unique in Benton County.

The current Bellfountain School, built in 1908, replaced an 1870's schoolhouse in this same location. The gymnasium was constructed in c.1913. There were three large classrooms in the new school building, a basement, and two smaller classrooms in the north end of the gymnasium. Originally, two of the rooms were used for the high school.

The Bellfountain School achieved notoriety in the mid 1930's when its high school basketball team was the only Class B basketball team in state history to win the Class A state championship.

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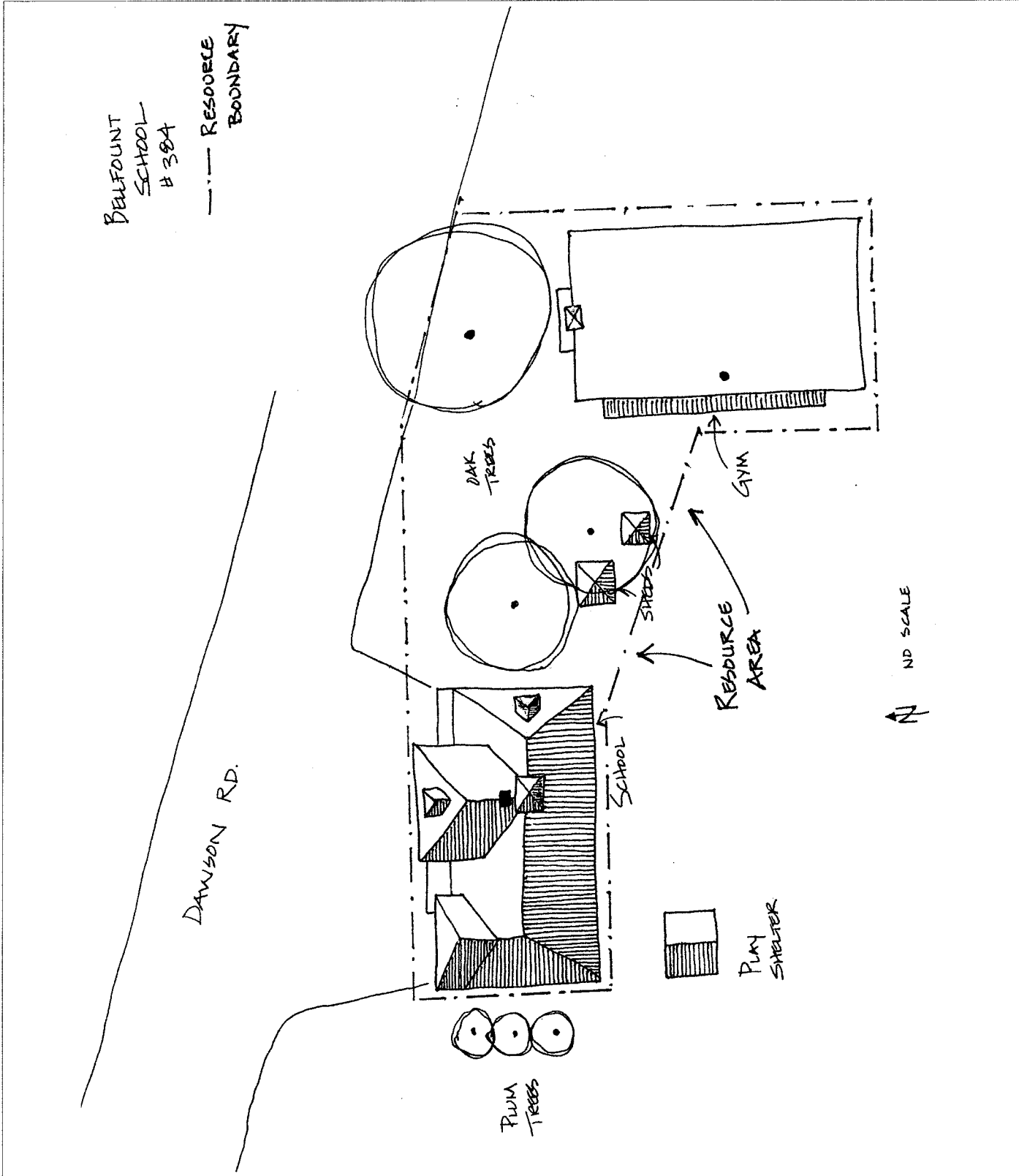
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Architect and/or Builder:	Owner Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed  Owner Info: <b>BELLFOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> <b>26214 FOSTER RD</b> <b>MONROE OR 97456</b>
Addition or Subdivision Name:	
Area(s) of Significance: <b>Education</b>	
Property Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> District	

<b>Documentation</b>		
Research Sources: <input type="checkbox"/> Title/Deed Records <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Records <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives <input type="checkbox"/> State Library <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Histories <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs	Local Library (specify):  University Library (specify):  Historical Society (specify):  Other (specify): <b>Benton County Historical Museum</b>

**Bibliographic References (books, articles, interviews, etc.):**

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