

A.J. TUCKER BLACKSMITH SHOP

Amos Jackson (Jack) Tucker, Builder & Contractor, 1919

In 1916, A.J. Tucker arrived in Central Oregon from Brookings, Oregon and began building some of Bend's earliest stone structures. In 1919, he constructed his most significant single-story lava rock building at the NW corner of NW Greenwood and NW Harriman as his own carpenter and blacksmith shop, which opened on March 1, 1920. He had originally planned to build a second story to the shop for apartments, but his untimely death in 1921 prevented such a plan. Tucker's wife, Elfrieda, managed the use of the building until 1967 when she sold it to Deschutes County. The Deschutes County Pioneer's Association used the building as a museum until they moved their collection and services into the historic Reid School in the early 1980's. The building was then used by Deschutes County for a variety of functions including the Law Library and Circuit Court. It was razed in 2024 for the courthouse expansion.

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