

# Hoff's / Log Cabin / Baker City / Oregon

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In 1899 there was seventeen liquor establishments and saloons in Baker City according to the 1889 Mercantile Agency Reference Book. The town had its share of miners but apparently was never just a mining town. According to Miles Potter in the book Oregon Golden Years "it was a colorful town, with all night saloons, gambling houses, and hurdy-gurdy dance halls patronized by gamblers, miners, ranchers, cowboys, and shearers with a section of downtown was set aside as a red-light district." (1) The town grew fast and by 1900 about ten thousand people

Log Cabin embossed in the middle. The Variant was purchased by Garth Ziegenhagen from Ralph Van Brocklin at the Reno National Bottle Show in 2006.

(1) Oregon's Golden Years by Miles F. Potter 1978

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Log Cabin Saloon - Mike Hoff in white apron

## Baker City variant Hoff's Log Cabin (on left)

were living in Baker City.

Oregon has many towns now but only a few can match the colorful past of Baker City.

Mike Hoff started his Baker City Log Cabin Saloon in 1902 and probably ran it until prohibition in 1915. These two olympia style flasks had to be made before 1911 when the name was changed to Baker. It has since changed back to Baker City.

When John Thomas published his book "Whiskey Bottles and Liquor Containers From the State of Oregon" in 1998 only the one flask was known with



Log Cabin Saloon - Mike Hoff in white