

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	1656 Clearwater Lane Springfield, Lane County		historic name: Clearwater, Jacob, Farmhouse
assoc addresses:			current/other names:
location descr:			block/lot/tax lot:
		twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	building	height (stories):	2.0
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant	total elig resources:	2
prim constr date:	c.1864	second date:	
		total inelig resources:	0
		NR Status:	Individually Listed
		date indiv listed:	07/03/2017
primary orig use:	Single Dwelling		orig use comments:
second orig use:			
primary style:	Gothic Revival		prim style comments:
secondary style:			sec style comments:
primary siding:	Horizontal Board		siding comments:
secondary siding:			
plan type:			architect:
		builder:	Martin Clearwater
			Jacob Clearwater
comments/notes:			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Not associated with any surveys or groupings.			
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	07/03/2017		
ILS survey date:			
RLS survey date:			
	106 Project(s):	None	
	Special Assess Project(s):	None	
	Federal Tax Project(s):	None	
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>The Jacob Clearwater Farmhouse is a one- and one-and-one-half story building with a largely L-shaped footprint, a steeply pitched, cross-gable roof, and moderate eaves over a plain frieze board. The house is located at 1656 Clearwater Lane, Springfield, Lane County, Oregon. The 34-acre property is situated near the southern end of the Willamette Valley, on the north bank of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River, south of the City of Springfield. The house itself faces north, overlooking a driveway that extends south from Clearwater Lane. The box-frame house, which incorporates three layers of planks, is finished in lapped siding, and a combination of hand-hewn timber and log structural supports. These supports rest on a stone foundation. The composition roof on the house is a modern addition. The Gothic Revival house was constructed ca 1874. An early addition dates to the 1950s and a rear porch that was screened-in earlier has since been renovated. The front porch has been rebuilt, based on the original design, and a few windows have been altered. Despite these changes, the house retains very good integrity and conveys the reasons for its significance. A second contributing structure within the nominated area is a 30' water tank, dating from the mid-1930s. Non-contributing resources, outside the nominated area, include a ca 1950 barn and a mobile home.</p>			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p>The 1874 Jacob and Missouri Benner Clearwater House is locally significant under National Register Criterion C, in the area of architecture. The Clearwater family, including sons Jacob and James, participated in the western migration of the mid-to-late 1800s to Oregon, traveling the Oregon Trail, like so many before them. The family settled on 320 acres outside of Springfield, Oregon, along the Middle Fork of the Willamette River in the Willamette Valley, in 1865. They proceeded to clear the land and begin farming the land on which the Jacob Clearwater Farmhouse is still located. Jacob married Missouri Benner in 1888 and the couple and their family resided at this location, engaging in row crop cultivation, dairy and beef cattle ranching, and hop farming. Prior to his marriage, Jacob and his father constructed the house known as the Jacob and Missouri Benner Clearwater Farmhouse today. The house is an excellent, rural example of the Gothic Revival style in Lane County. It is one of only four previously identified, remaining single-family residences built before 1874 in Springfield. And although the style and type were once relatively common, the Clearwater Farmhouse is the only example of the centered gable subtype of the Gothic Revival style extant in Springfield today. The house retains good integrity, and clearly conveys its historic significance, evident in its appearance and style, including its massing, materials, and overall design.</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
Title Records	Census Records	Property Tax Records	✓ Local Histories
Sanborn Maps	Biographical Sources	✓ SHPO Files	✓ Interviews
Obituaries	✓ Newspapers	State Archives	✓ Historic Photographs
City Directories	Building Permits	State Library	
Local Library:	University Library:		
Historical Society:	Other Respository:		
Lane County Historical Society			
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