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 HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS
 State Historic Preservation Office
 Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310



County Benton
 Theme 10-A
 Name
 (Common) Finley Refuge Headquarters
 (Historic) Fiechter (John) House
 Address Finley Wildlife Refuge
Corvallis, Oregon
 Present Owner U.S. Government (Dept. of
 (Address) Interior)
 Original Use Residence
 Date of Construction c. 1855

Physical

historical significance:

The former John Fiechter house is now the headquarters building for the William L. Finley Wildlife Refuge. The building is a two story, wood frame structure in the Classical Revival Style. It has a low gable roof covered with shingles and a massive, central chimney with two fireplaces on the first floor. The fireplaces have their original mantles. The fireplace wall in the south parlor has a built-in cabinet on the left side as well as above the mantle. The interior is flushboard. A projecting window bay (probably an alteration) is located on the south elevation on the first floor. The building, which faces west, has two entry doors and a simple porch. It is set on a brick foundation. A wing of one story is located on the east (rear) elevation. While in good condition since restoration by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Failing Cabell, the fireplace and chimney are in a weakened state.

John Fiechter was born in 1822 in Baden, Germany. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1835 and arrived in Oregon November 15, 1846. Fiechter settled his claim on March 20, 1850, and married Syntha Ellen (?) March 21, 1850. He filed for U.S. citizenship in Benton County in September, 1851, and was granted it in 1854. By 1868 Fiechter was dead and his wife had remarried to Archibald Johnson. Abiathar Newton was appointed guardian of Fiechter's children.

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Oregon State Historic Preservation Office Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claims
 Please enclose map Township 13 ^N_S Range 5 ^E_W Section 29 Portland, Ore.: Genealogical Forum of
Portland, Ore., 1959, vol. 2, 45, see
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Fiechter (gann) House: Built-in cupboard, South Parlor