

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Fletcher (Alfred P.) Farmhouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1007 Third Street _____ not for publication

city, town Lafayette _____ vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Oregon code 41 county Yamhill code 071

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Ann Mishler

street & number 1007 Third Street

city, town Lafayette _____ vicinity of state Oregon 97127

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's office
Yamhill County Courthouse

street & number

city, town McMinnville _____ state Oregon 97128

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Inventory of Historic Prop. has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Salem _____ state Oregon, 97310

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Alfred P. Fletcher Farmhouse was erected in 1905 on the site of former Oregon legislator A. R. Burbank's Gothic Revival cottage and brick cellar (1882) following a 1905 fire which destroyed the earlier house. A vernacular version of the Colonial Revival, the present house contains the paneled entry stairhall typical of its period and style and has as its most distinctive feature a classical-columned wrap-around veranda. Detailing is simple and classically inspired throughout. The architect is unknown.

The house occupies a portion of a 6.7 acre tract in what was the Joel Perkins Donation Land Claim; Township 4 South, Range 3 West of the Willamette Meridian, Yamhill County. It is bordered a short distance on the west by a proposed register nominee, J.M. Kelly House, to the south by Southern Pacific Railroad right of way, acres of fir trees and historic plantings to the east, and US Highway 99 W to the north.

Excluding the veranda, the two-storey house is basically rectangular, fifty by thirty-five feet. The eight foot deep veranda follows the contours of the house on the north and west elevations. The brick foundation supports the framewall construction. All elevations are sheathed in wood channel siding. Most windows are large in scale, one over one sliding sash with corniced frames. Some groundstory windows have leaded panes with diagonal membering. The roofs are cedar shingled hipped over each of the various bays. The north and east elevation roofs are pierced by short, hipped dormers with ribbon windows. The north (front) elevation is divided into two bays. The western-most bay is slanted through both stories. To the left is the main entrance, a singledoor with one large glass panel which is framed with cornice molding similar to that of the windows. The columned veranda begins on this elevation. The Roman Doric columns support impost blocks which support the unadorned freize. The low-pitched hipped roof follows the articulation of the porch as it projects from the walls according to their contour. The exception occurs at the northwest corner, which curves outward and is further supported by thin turned posts. The porch continues around the west elevation and terminates at the beginning of that elevations' slant bay projection. This bay is identified to that of the west elevation with the exception of double doors on the upper floor, which do not appear to be original. The east elevation is punctuated by two bay windows, one slanted, which lead to the dining rooms and stair landing. The brick cellar, originally constructed in 1882, and the oldest structure on the property, is to the south of the east elevation. It contains appromaxately 9,000 bricks and exhibits double walled construction, creating dead air space for the retention of cool air, thus serving as a refrigeration unit. Currently, a stone fireplace has been added to permit its use as a guest house. The appearance of the South elevation of the house differs little from the other elevation. There is a balconied porch served by a circular iron staircase (not original) below which appears another porch entered through twenty-light french doors. This portion of the house was added at an unspecified date but is compatible to the original structure.

The interior is substantially unaltered. Particularly interesting is the entry hall and stairway, which is intrically paneled. Adjoining the stair is what appears to be a centered built-in desk or cabinet with bench seating. This room leads directly into the parlor through a columned, open wall with paneled partitions. At the ceiling level, the panels on either side of the central arch are open and decorated with ball and spindle motifs. To the left of the hall is the dining room, with an original sideboard, now painted. The kitchen has two small doors for the receipt of fire wood from an exterior storage space. Original lath and plaster walls are extant, through some have been wallpapered. A back stairway is very small and is alleged to have been built for a Chinese servant of the Fletcher's.

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In 1965 the residence was purchased by the present owners. The exterior has been re-painted to establish its original white color. A south porch collapsed soon after the acquisition and has been partially replaced. Interior work has sought to retain the original flavor of its period. However, a slate floor has been added to the kitchen and a brick patio with a small fish pond has been added to the south exterior. Tiffany lamps have been hung throughout the house. Additionally, green shutters have been attached to most of the elevations. An asphalt driveway was installed in approximately 1974 for access to the highway which the house faces.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
1882 Brick Cellar	Unknown
1905 Residence	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Alfred P. Fletcher farmhouse is significantly associated with the history of the city of Lafayette and of Yamhill County. It was the home of former Lafayette major Alfred Fletcher, son of Oregon pioneer Francis Fletcher. Additionally, the site is associated with A. R. Burbank, Oregon pioneer and State legislator.

The Honorable A.R. Burbank, born April 15, 1817, in Ohio, came to Oregon in 1853 and was a merchant in Lafayette. He served two terms in the Oregon House of Representatives, from 1855-1856 and later in 1872. He initiated the woolen and flour mill industries in Salem and was therefore significant to the city's economic development. He also was a member of the Washington Territory territorial council and served as its president during its last session. In 1885 he moved permanently to the small farm within the site of the current Fletcher Farm.

A former Democrat, Mr. Burbank changed parties in anticipation of the dissolution of the union, and became chairman of the first meeting of the Republican party held on the Pacific Coast at Monticello, Washington Territory. He and his wife, Mary, managed the Monticello House for nine years. They had one daughter, Eva, who drowned at the age of nineteen. In addition to the above functions, Mr. Burbank was a prominent figure in the development of the Pacific coast in three states: California, Oregon and Washington; he held many minor governmental and state positions.

The Burbank residence, a rural Gothic cottage was constructed circa 1882 on the site of the current Fletcher house. The house was sold to Mr. Fletcher near the turn of the century and he lived there until it was destroyed by fire in 1905. Fletcher immediately built the present residence on the same site. The brick cellar, built by Burbank in September, 1882, is still in good repair. Mentioned in Mr. Burbank's diary, it contains approximately 9,000 bricks, is 41 by 16 feet and took three weeks to construct.

Francis Fletcher, Alfred's father, a farmer, was one of Oregon's earliest overland immigrants. He settled in Yamhill County in 1840. Born in England in 1814, he emigrated to Canada in 1825. He entered the United States in 1832 and in 1839 joined the Peoria Party bound for Oregon. After many hardships and delays he settled in Yamhill County, eventually becoming one of the original families to found the city of Lafayette. He was present and voted in the historic Champoeg convention of 1843 which led to formation of the Provisional Government of Oregon. He married Elizabeth Smith in 1843, became a trustee of Willamette University (Salem) and died in Dayton, two miles from the present farmhouse. His home recorded for the Historic American Buildings Survey in 1934, is currently listed in the National Register.

Alfred P. Fletcher, builder of the house which demonstrates the means of the second generation of the pioneer Yamhill County forming family, was born July 26, 1854 in Lafayette. He was a real estate dealer and one time Mayor of Lafayette as well as a farmer. He died January 30, 1933 at his home and is remembered as a progressive, upright citizen who was instrumental in the town's development.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Corning, Howard, ed. Dictionary of Oregon History (Portland: Binsford and Mort, 1956), 85.
Fuller, George W., History of the Pacific Northwest, (New York, 1931), 325-326.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property 6.7 acres

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Dayton, Oregon

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Being a part of the Joel Perkins Donation Land Claim #39 in Township 4 South, Range 3 West of the Willamette Meridian in Yamhill County, Oregon, and being more particularly described as follows: (continued)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ann Mishler

organization _____ date October 5, 1979

street & number 1007 Third Street telephone (503) 864-2806

city or town Lafayette state Oregon 97127

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local


As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

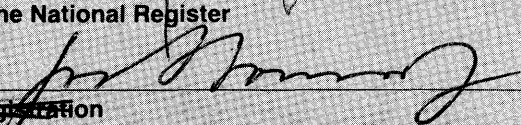
title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date 7 February, 1980

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

 date 8/25/80

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:  date 8/20/80

Chief of Registration

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The Fletcher's daughter Eva, (named after Eva Burbank) was married at the residence at high noon, September 23, 1914. The wedding was held outside under awnings with decorations of fall leaves and flowers. Pictures of the event are at the Yamhill County Historical Society.

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Alfred P. Fletcher (1854-1933) occupied the nominated property from the time the burned farmhouse of A. R. Burbank was replaced by the present house in 1905 until Fletcher's demise in 1933. A well-known Lafayette area farmer, Fletcher was the son of Yamhill County pioneer Francis Fletcher. The younger Fletcher was active in civic affairs, serving as mayor of Lafayette 1908-1909 and as city councilman thereafter. According to proceedings of the council, Fletcher's term as mayor appears to have been distinguished by his being responsible for hiring a health officer and implementing quarantine measures during an epidemic of measles.

The area of historic farm holdings proposed for nomination to the National Register is 6.7 acres containing the Fletcher Farmhouse of 1905, the Burbank brick cellar of 1882, the site of the Burbank barn, a creek, virgin stands of fir and second growth timber, and a number of poplars planted by Fletcher after 1905. The current owners of the property have planted 1,000 fir seedlings in the two acres immediately surrounding the house on the north and west to reinstate the natural setting. The woodlot acreage will be expanded in the future partly as a buffering measure to mitigate against commercial encroachment in the near neighborhood.

The farmhouse is situated on a rise of land which is the highest ground of the property. Oriented to the north, it is set back several hundred yards south of Highway 99W, the main route through Lafayette. The land slopes toward Henry Creek to the east. The community of Lafayette lies to the north and west. The Yamhill River lies to the south. Having deteriorated badly, the barn associated with the Burbank period of occupancy was torn down in recent years. Another building associated with A. R. Burbank--the so-called "goat house"--still stands among the trees near the site of the old barn. The small outbuilding measures approximately 6 x 10 feet and is presently used for tool storage. The property is traversed by Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way, which runs behind the house. An asphalt-paved driveway providing access to the farm from Highway 99W is lined with walnut trees which date from an early period.

The brick food storage cellar built by A. R. Burbank in 1882 is located 15 feet from the southeast corner of the house. The walls, being three bricks thick, provide the necessary insulation from summer heat, and the building served efficiently as a cooler in the historic period. Quotes from Burbank's diary illustrate the construction process: "Sept. 10, 1882. On Thursday, the 7th, I commenced building a brick cellar house on top of the ground. It is 14 x 16'... Sept. 17, 1882. Mr. Hurley and Mr. Wall have been working on the cellar with me... Mr. Anderson helped lay brick on the cellar for the last three days. It has taken about 9,000 brick to build it... October 1, 1882, Sunday, We have put on the carpenter work on our cellar building and about finished it this week." In recent years the building has been used as a guest house and children's play house with minor concessions to these adaptive uses. A fireplace was added to the south end wall. The tongue-in-groove door was whitewashed and shutters were added to enhance the entry. Glazing in one of the windows was replaced with stained glass.

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Beginning at an iron pipe marking the Northeast corner of that certain tract conveyed from Kelly to Robb by deed as recorded on Page 656 of Volume 160 of the Records of Deeds of said Yamhill County, said iron pipe being on the Southerly right of way line of the Oregon State Highway No. 99W, as is now located and constructed, and running thence along said Highway right of way line on the following courses and distances: South 53°40' East, 145.0 feet; North 82°00' East, 180.0 feet; North 24°35' East, 47.0 feet; and South 78°17' East, 376.6 feet to an iron axle set on the Highway right of way line in County Survey No. 3169; thence South 15°42' West along the Westerly line of County Survey No. 3169, 293.5 feet to the Northerly right of way line of the Southern Pacific Company railroad; thence along said Railroad right of way line, South 80°39' West, 267.2 feet to point of curve to the right; thence along a curve to the right, the long chord of which bears South 85°54' West 314.3 feet; thence North 1°04' East 20.0 feet; thence along a curve to the right, the long chord of which bears North 79°15' West 261.0 feet; thence North 32°22' East along the East line of the said Robb tract; thence North 32°22' East along the East line of the said Robb Tract and County Survey No. 3143, 339.3 feet to the place of beginning, being County Survey No. 3294 and recorded in Book "K", Page 76, County Survey Records of Yamhill County, Oregon.

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