

Post Headquarters of Fort Mackinac,
Mackinac Island, Mackinac County,
Michigan.

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POST HEADQUARTERS OF FORT MACKINAC
Mackinac Island, Mackinac County,
Michigan.

OWNER - State of Michigan

CUSTODIAN - Mackinac Island State Park Commission - Mr. Manfred Burleigh, Chairman.

DATE OF ERECTION - Approximately 1853.

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDERS: Artisans and soldiers attached to Fort Mackinac.

PRESENT CONDITION: Fair

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION: Limestone foundation and light wood frame, first and second stories. The building is plastered and has a roof of wood shingles.

OTHER EXISTING RECORDS: None, except for references contained in the War Department files and in Edwin O. Wood's "Historic Mackinac".

ADDITIONAL DATA: The Post Headquarters building originally housed the offices of the Commanding Officer, the Adjutant and the Quartermaster. It was connected to the Quartermaster's store on the north by a short passage. The present building was built on the site of a former storehouse which either burned or was demolished between the dates of 1842 and 1853.

The inside chimney is original but a fireplace was added in 1933, at the time the building was converted for use as an apartment. The old steep stairway with its walnut rail and the extremely wide boards of the second floor are interesting.

The above information was taken from a report compiled by the writer on the history of Fort Mackinac. It was prepared for the National Park Service during 1934 and entailed months of careful research.

Signed "Warren L. Rindge"

District Officer

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