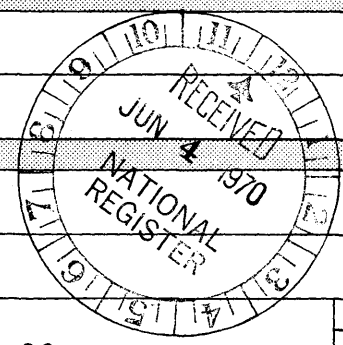


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington	
COUNTY: Jefferson	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.9.46.0008	DATE 9/29/70



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
~~The~~ Leader Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
~~The~~ Fowler Building

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
226 Adams Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Port Townsend

STATE: Washington      CODE: 46      COUNTY: Jefferson      CODE: 031

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
Frank W. Garred

STREET AND NUMBER:  
631 Pierce

CITY OR TOWN: Port Townsend      STATE: Washington      CODE: 46

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Jefferson and Cass

CITY OR TOWN: Port Townsend      STATE: Washington      CODE: 46

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Lot 4, Block 42

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Enoch Fowler Building was built in 1874 by the Carkeek construction people of Seattle for Capt. Enoch S. Fowler, retired sea captain and merchandiser. It is recognized as the oldest standing two-story all-stone building in the state of Washington. Material used was sandstone quarried at Scow Bay (Kilisut Harbor ) several miles from Port Townsend. In later years, because of the stone's porosity, the outer surface was covered with cement to improve the building's appearance and to counteract erosion.

All of the original vaults and other facilities used by county offices earlier, were removed in the 1920's. The exterior of the building is changed on two sides by application of stucco, but the front remains in its original appearance. The name and date plate, high on the front of the building, which was placed there in 1874, remains in its original condition.

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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

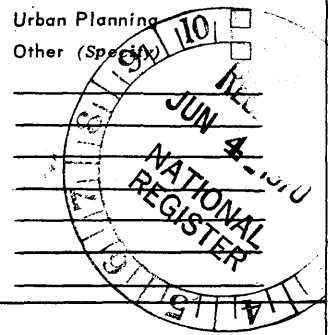
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1874

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |                |              |                                     |                |                          |                 |                          |
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| Prehistoric    | Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic       | Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | losophy        | <input type="checkbox"/> |                 |                          |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Enoch S. Fowler was born in Lubec, Maine, in 1813 and took to the sea at an early age. He came to the Pacific Coast in 1849, in the vessel "Quaddy Belle". Fowler acted as mate aboard the brig "George Emery", which had previously brought Plummer and Bachelder to the Sound.

He made Port Townsend his home port in 1852, but continued to follow the sea, operating the schooner "Cynosure" between San Francisco and Puget Sound. In 1857 he left the sea and married the widow of Captain Caines.

Captain Fowler became one of the most prominent and progressive men of the settlement. In 1859 he built the first dock at which a vessel could land safely and was the promoter of many local enterprises. In 1874 he constructed the substantial stone building on Adams Street now occupied by the Leader Inc.

The building was used only a few years as a store before Jefferson County acquired it and it became the Jefferson County Court House, serving that purpose during the territorial days and until 1892, when the present brick court house was completed and occupied. Part of the Fowler Building served as the Masonic Temple in the early days.

After the county offices were moved, this building became a Seamen's Bethel under direction of Chester Terry. It later was used for a variety of other purposes, and like many other old buildings here, it was unoccupied during various intervals when the town had more business space than its needs required.

The building was occupied in 1916 by the Leader Company, publishers of the Port Townsend Leader, newspaper established in 1889. The Leader Company subsequently purchased the building from the county. The newspaper occupies the entire ground floor for its offices and printing plant. The former county offices on the second floor have been renovated and converted to apartments.

The Leader, an independent daily, was founded by W. L. Jones, Oct. 1, 1889. Winslow M. McCurdy eventually took over the various interests and became the sole owner of the property. Prior to his death in 1928, Mr McCurdy incorporated the newspaper and Ray O. Scott and Fred A. Willoughby joined him in the ownership and management of the publication. Management and ownership next went to Richard F. McCurdy, who sold his interest recently to Frank Garred. The Leader has long been regarded as one of the substantial newspapers of the state.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

"By Juan de Fuca's Strait" by James G. McCurdy  
 Statement of Richard F. McCurdy, former publisher and owner of  
 The Leader, Inc.

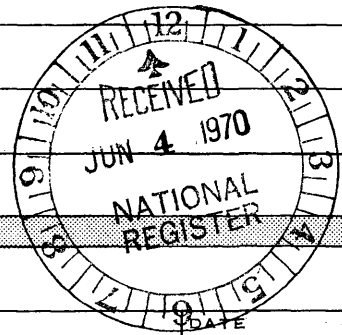
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs Gerald A. Hunt

ORGANIZATION: Jefferson County Historical Society

DATE: Nov. 19, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: 5th and Wilson Streets,

CITY OR TOWN: Port Townsend

STATE: Washington

CODE: 46

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Charles H. Odegaard  
 Charles H. Odegaard

Title: Director  
 Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

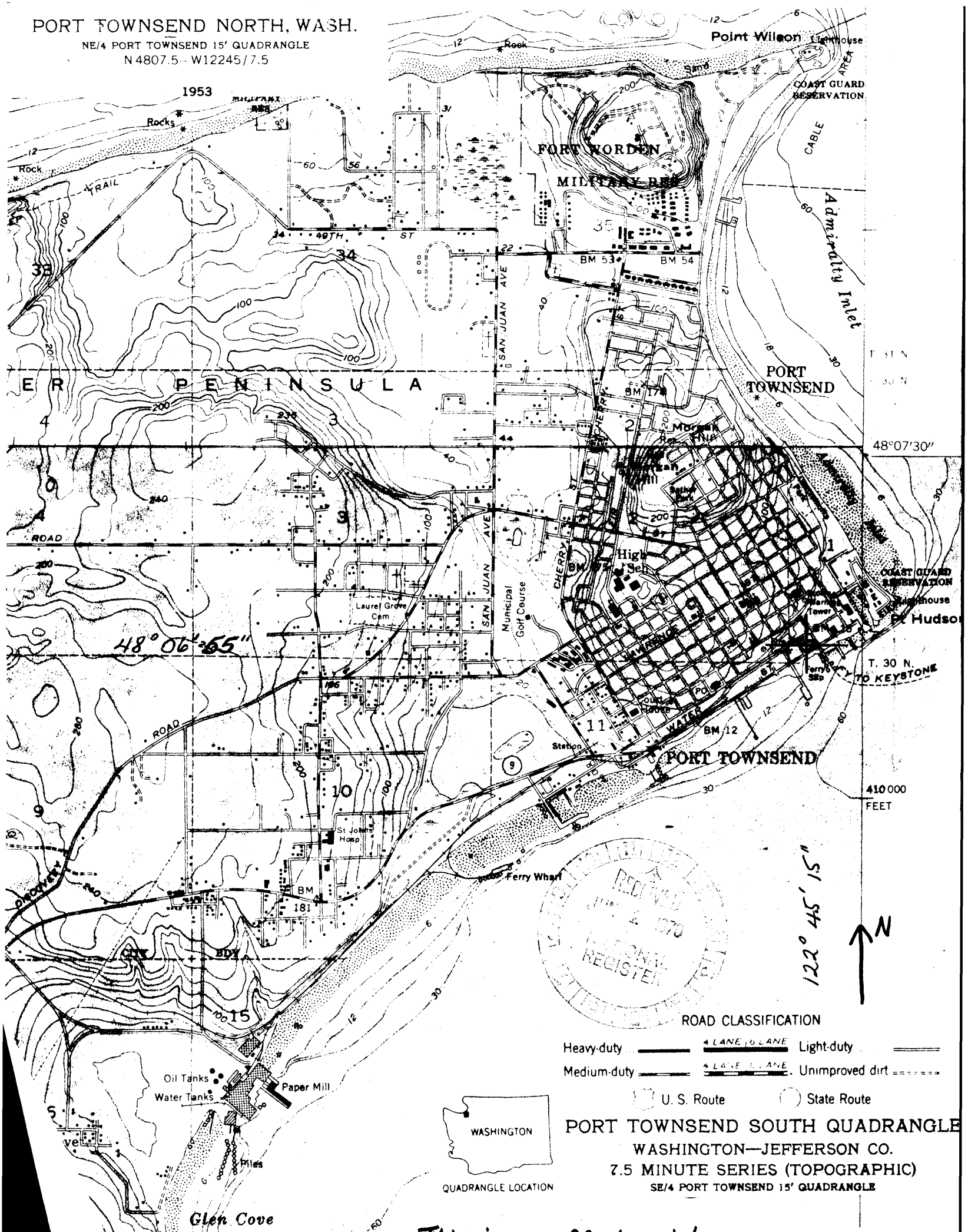
Ernest Allen Connelly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
 SEP 29 1970

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
William J. Huntley  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: JUL 8 1970

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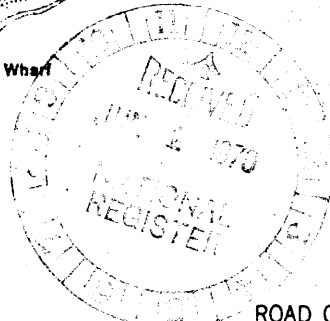


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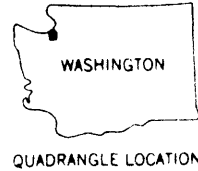


ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty 4 LANE 2 LANE Light-duty
- Medium-duty 4 LANE 2 LANE Unimproved dirt

- U. S. Route
- State Route

PORT TOWNSEND SOUTH QUADRANGLE  
WASHINGTON—JEFFERSON CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SE/4 PORT TOWNSEND 15' QUADRANGLE



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