

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington	
COUNTY: Jefferson	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.9.46.0006	DATE 9/29/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Rothschild House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Taylor & Franklin Streets

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <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 type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
State Parks Department

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Olympia STATE: Washington CODE: 46

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Jefferson & Cass Streets

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

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Lots 5 & 7, Block 89

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 type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Long ago the house represented the height of elegance, and little work was required for its restoration by the Parks Department. The flowered parlor wall paper has a gold background, and is topped by a series of borders, one of crimson velvet, edged with a narrow molding coated with gold leaf. Above this is a border of figured paper and a wider molding also of gold leaf.

The house itself is built of native materials, and is of simple design of that era. Front windows upstairs reach to the floor, and open on a porch with a view. Woodwork was grained by hand with a paint brush.

As the house remained continuously in the same family, some of the Rothschilds' wedding presents are among the furnishings. Every room contains some article of interest to the connoisseur. Old clothing is stored in the tall wardrobes, a kitchen cupboard holds dishes of rare old English patterns, the Florence sewing machine patented in 1850 still is in working order, as is the piano, shipped west in 1886.

This is a near perfect example of a substantial early-day home with no extraneous objects brought in.

When this became the property of the State Parks Department, the grounds were landscaped, and old-fashioned roses and other plants popular in that certain period were planted.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

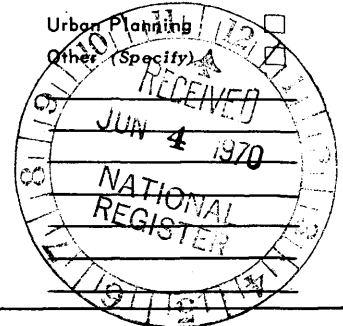
- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1868

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This dwelling was built by a Mr Tucker in 1868, for David C. H. Rothschild, a prominent Port Townsend merchant.

"The Kentucky Store", opened in 1858 by Mr Rothschild was one of the first establishments in the city to carry everything in stock from a "needle to an anchor". Rothschild was a native of Bavaria, joined the California stampede in 1847. After engaging in various mercantile and mining pursuits he made a journey to China and the East Indies. Upon his return he entered business in Port Townsend. In 1863 Mr. Rothschild married Miss Dorette Hartung, one of the survivors of the wrecked steamer Northerner. Shortly after his marriage he built the home on the brow of the hill overlooking the bay, where his daughter Emilie, city librarian, resided until her death.

Because of the generosity of Mr Eugene Rothschild, son of the builder, the house and site were deeded to the State to be preserved and restored to its original unique beauty. As the building was structurally sound, and required very little change in architecture or decoration, the Commission recognized the value in its restoration, which was started early in 1959.

The Rothschild Home was formally opened as a State Historic Structure in 1962, and has been visited by thousands.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"By Juan De Fuca's Strait", by James G. McCurdy
 "With Pride In Heritage" History of Jefferson County
 Jefferson County Historical Society Research Library.

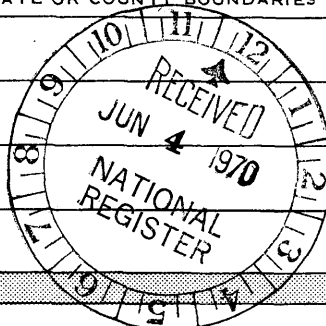
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE			LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"
	48°	06'	58"	122°	45'	23"

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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, Corres. Sec'ry

ORGANIZATION: Jefferson County Historical Society DATE: 11/30/69

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
 Title: Director
Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
 Date: _____

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

Ann Allen Crowley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

SEP 29 1970

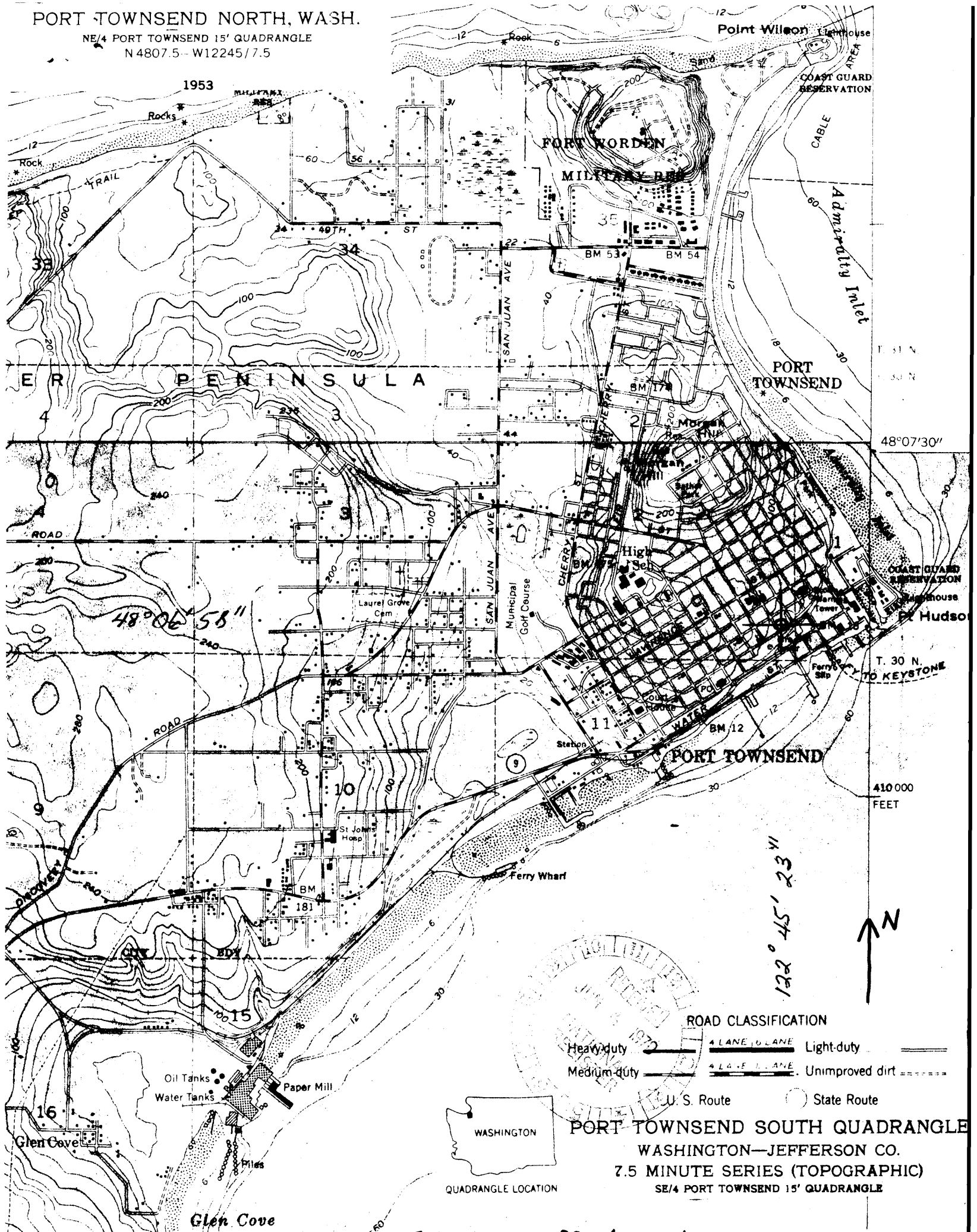
Date _____

ATTEST:
William J. Mustang
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: JUL 8 1970

PORT TOWNSEND NORTH, WASH.

NE/4 PORT TOWNSEND 15' QUADRANGLE
N 4807.5 - W 12245/7.5



1953

FORT WORDEN
MILITARY BASE

Point Wilson Lighthouse

COAST GUARD RESERVATION

CABLE

Admiralty Inlet

ER PENINSULA

PORT TOWNSEND

48°06'58"

48°07'30"

PORT TOWNSEND

T. 30 N. TO KEYSTONE

410 000 FEET

122°45'23"



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

U. S. Route

State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

PORT TOWNSEND SOUTH QUADRANGLE

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

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