

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM
COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic Nelson House

and/or Common Freeman House

2. LOCATION

Street & Number

Freeman Road

City, Town

Nordland *v. c.*

State

Washington

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 522895

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- not for publication

- vicinity of

County

Jefferson

3. CLASSIFICATION

Ownership: public private both

Status: occupied unoccupied work in progress

Present Use: agriculture commercial educational entertainment government
industrial military museum park private residence
religious scientific transportation other: storage

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name

George A. Barker

Street & Number

4105 Flagler Road

City, Town

Nordland

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98358

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Russell, Karen and Jeanne Bean. Marrowstone. Port Townsend Publishing Co., Inc.,
Port Townsend, 1978.

6. FORM PREPARED BY

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7. DESCRIPTION

Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed
Circle one: unaltered altered
Circle one: original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance
attach photo

This house was constructed in 1900 by Tollef Sole. The house is a small, one story wood structure with a hipped roof and clad in milled rustic siding. The house sits close to the waters of Kilisut Harbor just south of the Nordland townsite. There is a wood burning furnace located in the full basement. The main facade of the house faces the water and views of the Olympic Mountains although the driveway approaches from the rear. Decorative elements are limited to the front facade. Here, a separate porch roof extends out past the main roof and encompasses a bay window. Decorative scrollwork adorns the porch support brackets.

The house is presently not in a liveable condition; the building is now used as a storage shed. Very few changes, however, have occurred to the structure. Some of the windows are boarded up and temporary animal cages presently block the view of the front facade. The house is suffering from dry rot, termites, and a leaky basement, according to the caretaker.

Verbal boundary description: Sec. 5, Township 29 North,
Range 1 East, W.M. Parcel #921-05-1034.

Acreage: less than one

8. SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates	1900	Builder/Architect	Tollef Sole
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a. History

Tollef Sole was hired in 1900 to construct this house for P.H. and Pauline Nelson when they moved to Marrowstone Island in 1900. There was known to be an ample supply of fresh water at the site because it was the drilling site for Capt. Morgan's search for coal in the 1890's. The Nelsens lived in the house until 1912 when the house was sold to Capt. Malmsten who in turn rented and leased the property for the next five years.

"Stanley and Carrie Robbins Freeman and their sons, Roy and James, arrived in Nordland from Arkansas in the spring of 1917. While living temporarily in the Twiggs house, they made arrangements to purchase the former P.H. Nelson house from Capt. Malmsten." (Russell and Bean, pages 88-89)

b. Evaluation of Significance

The Freeman House is significant because it is representative of the craftsmanship of Tollef Sole, an early settler and craftsman of Nordland. The Freeman family also became very active in the local community. Roy Freeman was the first president of the Nordland Community Club in 1923. The Freeman Place was also an active small farm; they raised cattle, poultry, and crops for market.

History (continued)

The Freemans lived in the house for a number of years. Stanley Freeman died in 1942 followed by his wife, Carrie, and son, Roy, in 1956. James Freeman died in 1965.