

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

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1. NAME

Historic

FERDINAND SCHLAGER HOUSE

and/or Common

2. LOCATION

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 517170

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Street & Number

810 Rose Street

- not for publication

City, Town

Port Townsend

- vicinity of

State

Washington

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:

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name

Brent S. Shirley

Street & Number

810 Rose Street

City, Town

Port Townsend

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98368

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Obituary of F.W. Schlager, Port Townsend Leader, October 5, 1939.

Obituary of Emma Schlager, Port Townsend Leader, December 18, 1941.

6. FORM PREPARED BY

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Organization

Date

November 1984

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State

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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 is a two-story, wood frame structure with a post and pier foundation. The hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles and is penetrated by two brick chimneys. The house was obviously constructed in two phases, the older rear portion about 1890 and the newer front section probably about 1910. The two distinct parts have been cleverly unified by the exterior cladding. The lower story is sheathed with drop siding, while the upper story is covered with wood shingles. Widely spaced brackets at the eaves and a continuous plain frieze further unify the two sections. Board skirting at the foundation level is a drop siding that has been vertically scored to simulate stone masonry. Variations in window size and shape define the two distinct portions of the house. Tall, narrow, one-over-one light, double-hung sash appear at the rear, while broader double-hung windows with geometric patterned upper sash appear at the front. A wide verandah across the front of the house is covered by a hip roof supported by fluted columns on a solid railing. Broad renovated steps lead down to the front yard lawn. A solid shingled railing encloses an open balcony above the porch at the second floor level. Interior finishes reflect

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Verbal boundary description:

Acreeage: Less than an acre. Pettygrove's 1st Addition, Block 4, Lots 1-3.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates c. 1890, c. 1910 Builder/Architect Unknown

a. History

Ferdinand Schlager was born in Germany in 1861. He immigrated first to Hawaii and then came to Port Townsend in 1888. He married Emma in 1890, and was employed for a number of years as a janitor at the U.S. Customs House. About 1910 he established the Key City Greenhouses, located behind his residence. Receiving some holly trees from Germany, he pioneered the raising of holly for commercial purposes in this area. He eventually had over 200 trees in production and annually shipped thousands of pounds of holly to all parts of the country. Emma Schlager was also a noted horticulturist and was credited with the creation of the aster dahlia. The Schlager sold the business and retired in 1938, one year before Ferdinand's death. They lived at the Rose Street address from 1890 until 1938, so it was evidently the Schlager family that expanded the original house, probably about 1910.

b. Evaluation of Significance

The house itself is an unusual juxtaposition of two distinct architectural periods and styles, which have been well integrated into a total design. The property's historical association with the Schlager family and their locally renowned greenhouse is also important in the context of Port Townsend's history.

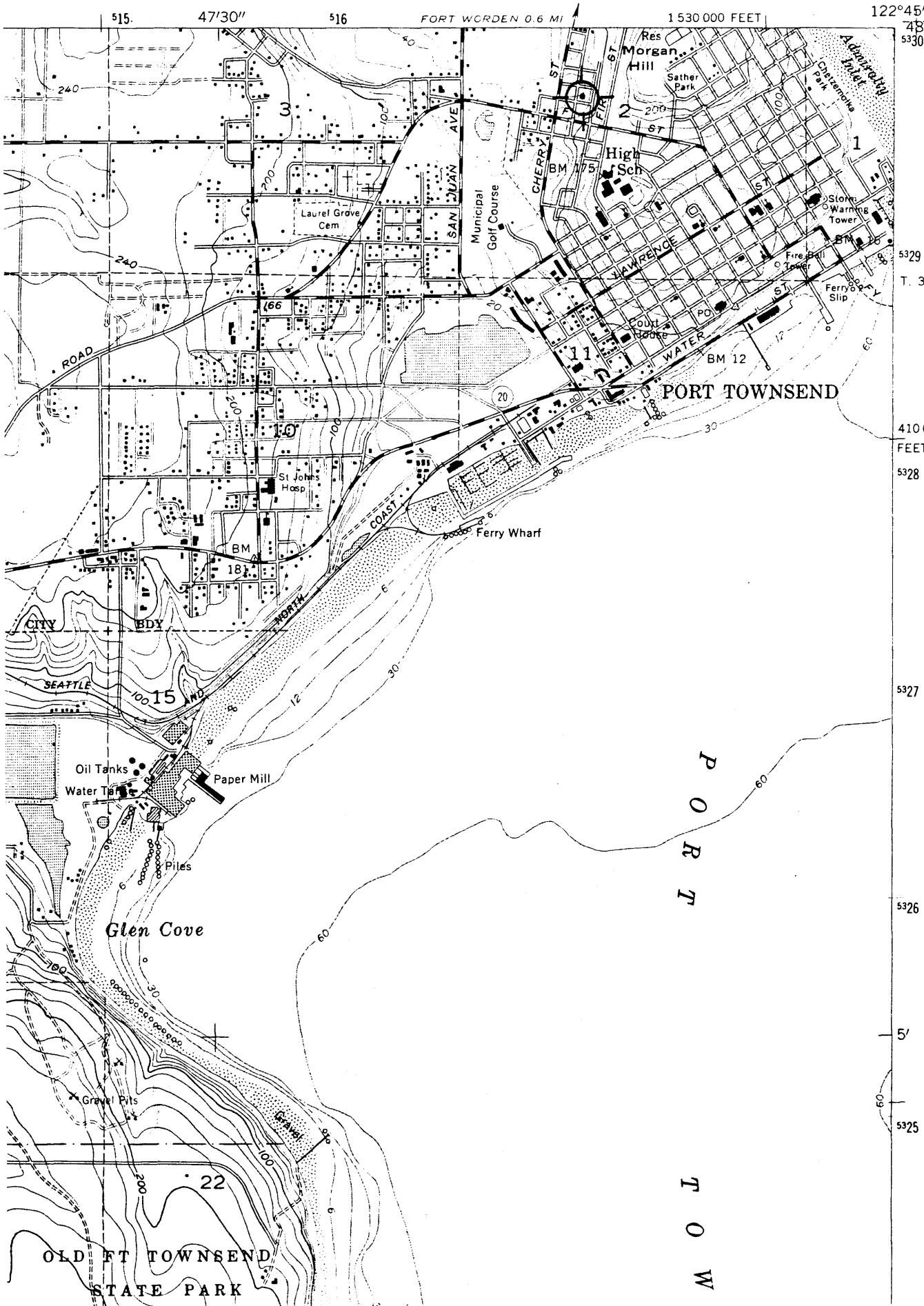
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7. DESCRIPTION (continued)

the different portions of the house. Typical Port Townsend four-panel fir and cedar doors and simple fir trim are located throughout the upper floor of the original portion of the house. A one-story hipped roof addition at the rear appears to be a relatively recent modification, and a kitchen window in the rear section was probably enlarged in the thirties or forties.

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