

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

NOV 16 1984

1. NAME

Historic JOEL EDWARDS HOUSE

and/or Common --

2. LOCATION

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 515930

Northing 5329210

- not for publication

Street & Number

913 - 25th Street

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

Allen E. Beach

Street & Number

6329 Sandpoint Way N.E.

City, Town

Seattle

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98115

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allen E. Beach, owner and grandson of Joel Edwards, telephone interview 11/8/84.

6. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title

Katheryn Krafft and Shirley Courtois

Organization

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Date

November 1984

Street & Number

4021 E. Highland Drive

Telephone

(206) 325-9346

City or Town

Seattle

State

Washington 98112

## 7. DESCRIPTION

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

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

This is a small, simple one and one-half story, wood frame structure on a new concrete masonry unit foundation. The asphalt shingled roof is a simple gable with a central gable on the south slope. The exterior is clad with drop siding and cornerboards, and windows are typically one-over-one light, double-hung sash with simple surrounds. A one and one-half story gable roofed wing extends to the rear with a one-story addition attached to it. A small entry porch is centrally located on the main elevation. It is covered by a shed-roof with a central gable pediment and includes chamfered posts, a handrail and a narrow spindle frieze constructed of dimensional lumber. This house is essentially in its original form, with no important features removed or added. The fence was recently built, based on an original fence evident in historic photographs in the possession of the owner.

Verbal boundary description:    Columbia Addition,  
Block 4, Lots 10 & 11

Acreage:

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

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Specific dates	c. 1890	Builder/Architect	Joel Edwards, builder
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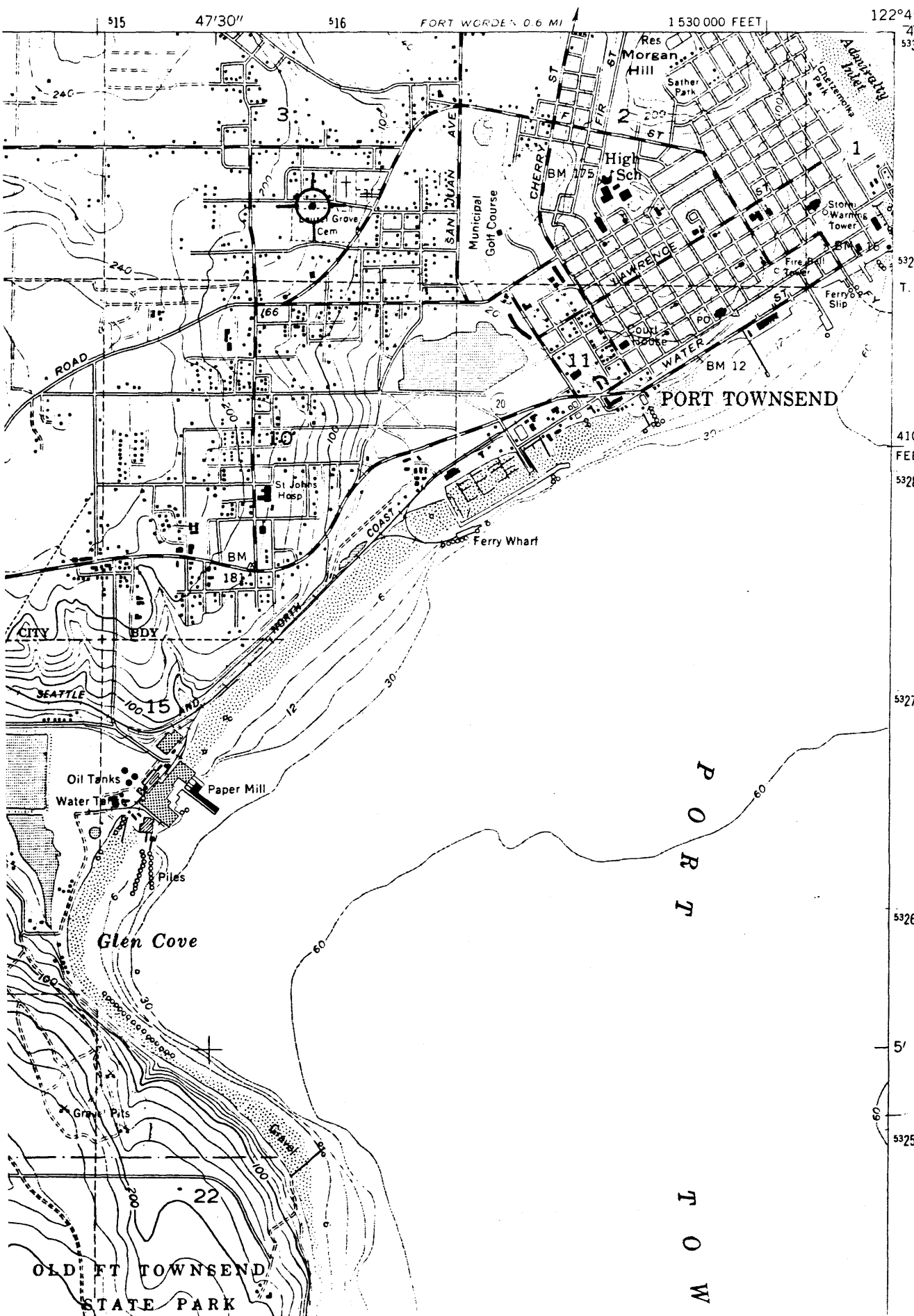
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a. **History** This house was built by Joel Edwards, a builder by trade, as his family residence. Mr. Edwards came out to Port Townsend from Kansas during the boom period and undertook the construction of several houses. A house almost identical in plan and detailing is presently located to the east of the Edwards House. Joel Edwards helped build it for a neighbor according to the same plan. The plan of the house appears to be an outgrowth of simple carpenter gothic style, a type which Mr. Edwards may have been familiar with and have seen or built while in Kansas. Aside from working on and building homes in Port Townsend, Mr. Edwards also served on the city council (c. 1900) and was employed for a period as a street car conductor. He lived in the house until his death about 1930. Since then the house has remained in the continual ownership of his descendants.

b. **Evaluation of Significance** This house is typical of the simple unadorned residences built by or for the numerous middle class workers drawn to Port Townsend to partake in the economic opportunities of the boom period. Representing a vernacular type, this residence may be one of those brought to Port Townsend by builders and carpenters influenced by the house forms common in the geographic areas of their origins or previous experience. It is significant as an intact example of the small "cottages" built in great numbers during the city's brief boom period.

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