

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

MAY 16 1986

COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic JOHN TRUMBULL HOUSE

and/or Common TRUMBULL HOUSE

2. LOCATION

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 515820

Northing 5328010

Street & Number

925 Wilson 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- not for publication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

Ruth E. Owens

Street & Number

925 Wilson Street

City, Town

Port Townsend

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98268

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Col. (Ret.) Stan Anderson, former owner, telephone interview 11/13/84.
Record of transfers of deed and titles in possession of present owner.
Historic photograph, c. 1900, from Col. Anderson.
Assessors' records and photo (January 1970).

6. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title

Katheryn Krafft and Shirley Courtois

Organization

Date

November 1984

Street & Number

4021 E. Highland Drive

Telephone

(206) 325-9346

City or Town

Seattle, Washington

State

Washington 98112

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 in the eastern portion of Port Townsend and commands an impressive view of Port Townsend Bay. It is a one and one-half story, wood frame structure with a brick foundation. The hipped and gabled roof is covered with wood shingles, and there is a central brick chimney. Exterior walls are covered by drop siding with corner-boards. Windows are generally double-hung and several include colored multiple lights in the upper sash. This Queen Anne style cottage features several distinctive architectural elements, including an elaborately detailed wrap around verandah with turned posts, brackets and spindle frieze, a railing with turned balusters, and a fish scale pattern shingled mansard roof. The verandah is a careful reconstruction based on historic photographs and investigation of historic building fabric left in place when the original porch was remodeled. Other distinctive features include two single story polygonal bay windows, decorated barge boards, wall brackets, and solid gable end ornaments in a sunburst pattern. Recessed panels with inset bullseye ornament are located around the base of the house. A one-story, gable roofed rear wing appears to be an older addition. A newer, although unobtrusive, garage is located adjacent to the rear wing. The interior of the house had been modernized by a previous owner. (cont'd)

Verbal boundary description:

Eisenbeis Addition, Block 192, Lots 1-2.

Acreage: Less than an acre.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates 1891

Builder/Architect

Unknown

a. History

The property on which the house is located was purchased by Victoria L. Trumbull from Joseph A. Kuhn in April of 1891 for \$2,000. She and her husband John then received a mortgage from Kuhn for \$1,500, presumably to build their house. Liens against the property by lumber dealers, contractors, and laborers during the summer months of 1891 indicate that the house was under construction at that time. These liens against the property were not resolved until 1903. John Trumbull was an attorney, in partnership in Port Townsend with his brother. Like many others, they came to Port Townsend during the boom period, but evidently fell on hard times when the economy collapsed.

b. Evaluation of Significance

The Trumbull House is a fine example of a Port Townsend Victorian residence, built by local craftsmen using locally available building materials. The careful reconstruction of its verandah and restoration of the existing historic building fabric make it once again a notable residence in the city. It bears some resemblance to the Mutty House, located in the historic district, but its prominent siting lends it somewhat greater distinction in the Port Townsend environment.

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7. DESCRIPTION (continued)

One interior wall was removed, creating a large living room from two former parlors. The original fireplace was replaced with one of white painted brick. Col. Anderson, the owner prior to Mrs. Owens, restored the interior millwork (window and door surrounds) which had been removed, so that a semblance of the historic character is evident. The rear kitchen wing has been completely modernized.

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