

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

MAY 16 1985

1. NAME

Historic J. N. LAUBACH HOUSE

and/or Common

2. LOCATION

Street & Number
613 F Street

UTM References:
Zone 10 Easting 517260
Northing 5329520
- not for publication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
C. H. (Barney) McClure

Street & Number
613 F Street

City, Town Port Townsend - vicinity of State Washington 98368

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Letter from Robert R. Wheatley, president, Pioneer Title Company of Jefferson County, outlining preliminary title search. 11/19/84

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 cottage is a one-story, wood frame structure on a post and pier foundation. The hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles and is penetrated by a corbelled brick chimney. Rectangular window bays are located on the north facade and on the west elevation. An open porch at the front has chamfered posts supporting a pedimented gable. Mouldings surrounding recessed panels appear in the porch frieze and above and below the windows of the two bays. Additional ornamentation is provided by curved brackets on the porch and bays. The exterior walls are covered by drop siding with cornerboards. Windows are one-over-one and two-over-two light, double-hung sash. A one-story, hip roofed addition and deck are located at the rear of the house.

Verbal boundary description: Webster's Addition,
Block 1, Lots 1 & 3.

Acreage: Less than an acre

8. SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates c. 1884 Builder/Architect Unknown

a. History

J. N. Laubach purchased four lots of Block 1 in Webster's Addition for \$450 in February of 1884. He and his wife Ida later (1895) sold these and the remainder of the lots in the block to the First National Bank of Port Townsend. Analysis of the detailing of the house would seem to indicate that it was built soon after the property was purchased in 1884. If this is correct, the Laubach House along with the Henry Bash House are the two oldest residences outside the historic district that remain essentially intact. The house is presently owned and occupied by Barney McClure, a former mayor of Port Townsend and a noted jazz musician.

b. Evaluation of Significance

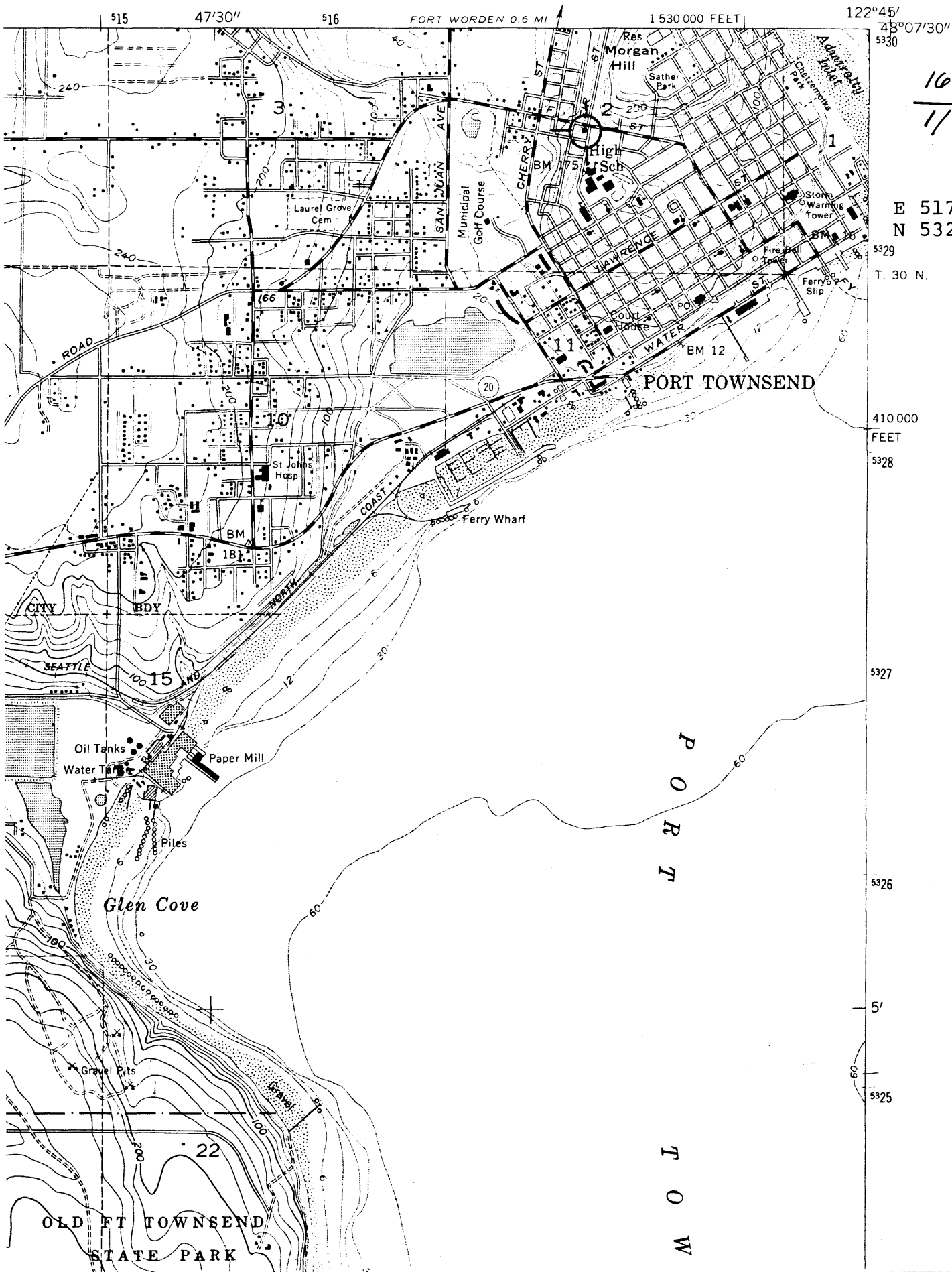
The Laubach House is probably one of the oldest residences outside the historic district that still retains its historic appearance. The handsome Italianate bay windows and porch detailing add interest to an essentially simple vernacular cottage.

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