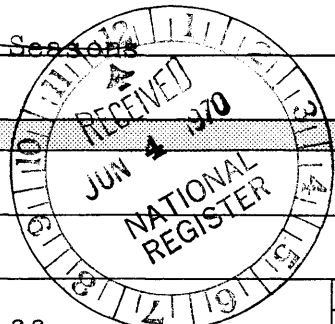


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington	
COUNTY: Jefferson	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.9.46.0007	DATE 9/29/70



1. NAME

COMMON:
Starrett House or House of The Four Seasons

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
744 Clay Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Port Townsend

STATE: Washington CODE: 46 COUNTY: Jefferson CODE: 031

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
George Nichols

STREET AND NUMBER:
744 Clay Street

CITY OR TOWN: Port Townsend STATE: Washington CODE: 46

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Jefferson & Cass Streets,

CITY OR TOWN: Port Townsend STATE: Washington CODE: 46

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Lots 1 & 3 Block 137

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)				(Check One)		(Check One)			
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>		Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

An example of "Carpenters' Gothic," is this residence which bears the name of "House of the Four Seasons" from a series of murals depicting the four seasons of the year, painted on the ceiling of its domed entrance.

Frescoes adorned the lower walls in the entrance hall also, and traces can still be detected, though they have long since been given an overcoating.

Ceilings are 12 feet, and no door molding went without a special motif for corner medallions in the principal rooms-- lions in the hall, a dove in one room, a fern in another, a geometric pattern in another. At one time the high ceilings in the dining room and living room were lowered. When the home was renovated a few years ago, the false ceilings were removed and the original frescoes of fruit now adorn the dining room and flowers are on the walls of the music room.

The staircase in the entrance hall is a free-hung spiral with two complete turns. Bannisters and newel posts were carved in five kinds of wood. The third floor windows in the tower, together with the railing, form an indoor widow's walk. The brass candle light fixture which formerly topped the newel post now graces a table in the house.

On the exterior, no gable went without carpentry adornment, some more elaborate than others, such as a star, a sunrise, wing-like scrolls and a heraldic design resembling a harp.

Originally the tower was topped with a weather-vane. Below this were eight little gables, and under and behind them the dome with painted panels of the seasons by artist George Chapman.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Erected in 1889

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
		Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Starret House, erected in 1889 and which also bears the name of the "House of the Four Seasons" was built by George E. Starrett, a native of Maine, who arrived in Port Townsend in 1885, and was a leading contractor and builder. His home was fascinating both inside and out. He hired the artist, George Chapman to paint the before-mentioned fréscoes of the four seasons, which can be observed high in the domed tower, from the entrance hall. These paintings have attracted much comment and attention in years past.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jefferson County Historical Society Research Library
 "By Juan de Fuca's Strait" by James G. McCurdy.

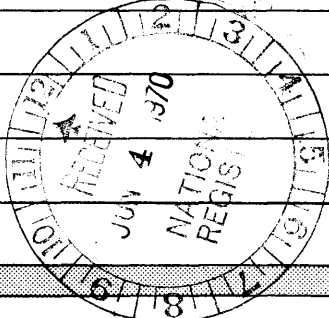
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"		
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"		
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"		

LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs Gerald A. Hunt, Corres. Sec'y

ORGANIZATION: Jefferson County Historical Society DATE: 10/6/69

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Port Townsend STATE: Washington CODE: 46

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Charles H. Odegaard
 Charles H. Odegaard
 Title: Director
 Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
 Date: _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

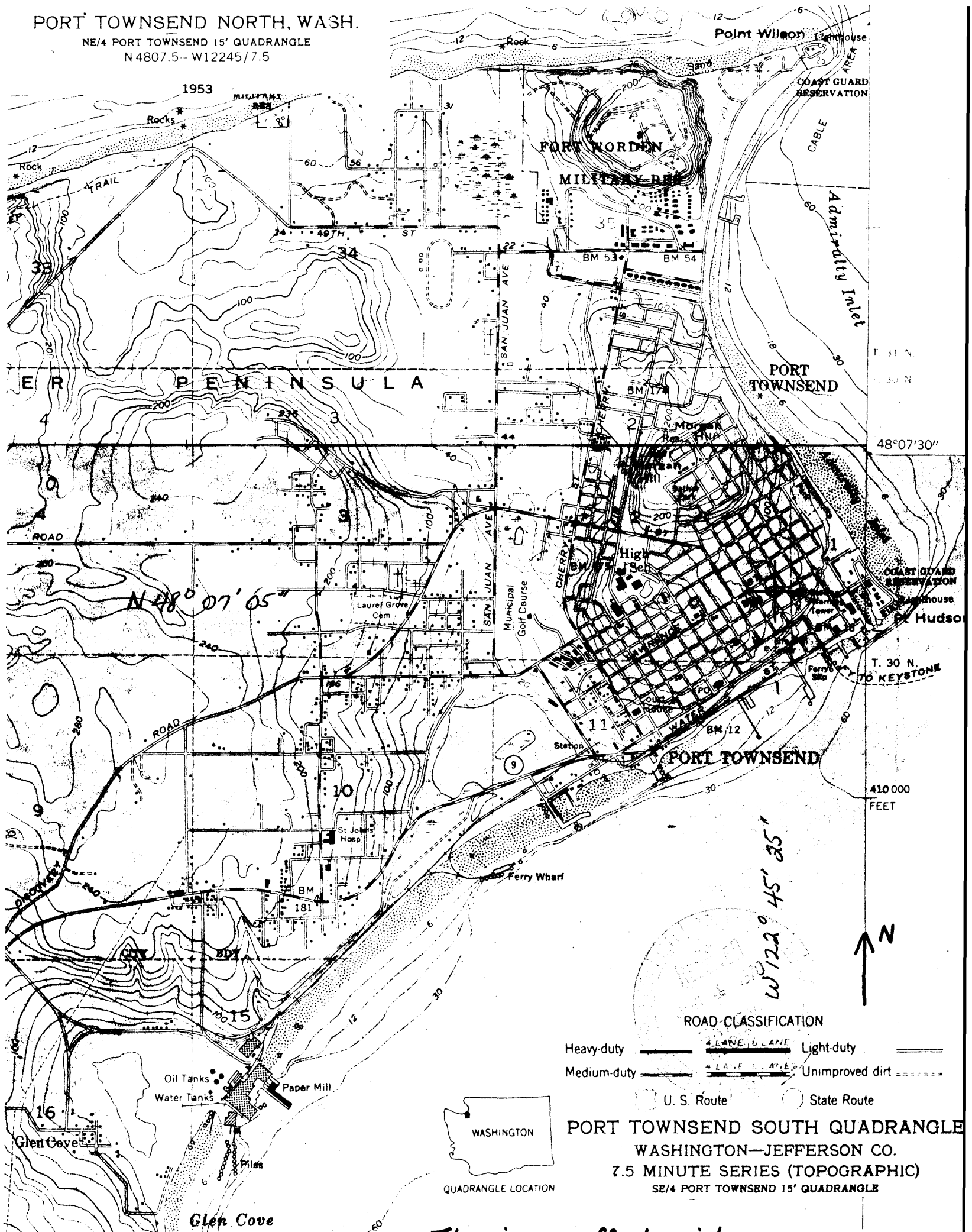
Alvin Allen Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 SEP 29 1970
 Date: _____

ATTEST:
William H. Kowal
 Keeper of The National Register
 JUL 8 1970
 Date: _____

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PORT TOWNSEND NORTH, WASH.

NE/4 PORT TOWNSEND 15' QUADRANGLE
N 4807.5 - W 12245.7.5



1953

Point Wilson Lighthouse

COAST GUARD RESERVATION

FORT WORDEN

MILITARY RESERVE

CABLE

Admiralty Inlet

ER PENINSULA

PORT TOWNSEND

T. 31 N
30 N

48°07'30"

N 48° 07' 05"

COAST GUARD RESERVATION

T. 30 N
TO KEYSTONE

PORT TOWNSEND

410 000
FEET

W 122° 45' 25"



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		4 LANE 6 LANE	Light-duty	
Medium-duty		4 LANE 2 LANE	Unimproved dirt	

U. S. Route

State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

PORT TOWNSEND SOUTH QUADRANGLE

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SE/4 PORT TOWNSEND 15' QUADRANGLE

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