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SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM  
COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic

PEARSON HOUSE

and/or Common

2. LOCATION

Street & Number

1939 27th Street

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 515580

Northing 5329360

- not for publication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

Harold S. and Martha Rohring

Street & Number

1939 27th Street

City, Town

Port Townsend

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98368

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dorothy Wallace, former owner, telephone interview 11/5/1984

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

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 simple rectangular, two-story, wood frame structure with a post and pier foundation. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The majority of the original siding is presently covered by asbestos shingle siding, although fancy butt wood shingles are in place at the gable ends. Windows are tall, narrow, one-over-one light, double-hung sash with elaborate surrounds that include heavy bracketed entablature heads. At the wide eaves beneath a boxed cornice, ornate curved brackets with drop finials alternate with recessed panels of the frieze and circular soffit ornaments. Additional turned and jig-sawn ornament adorns the front porch, which has turned posts and balusters and bracketed eaves. The gable end features an elaborate bargeboard with sawn and layered ornament and projecting turned spindles. A one-story bracketed wing, covered by a hip roof, extends from the rear elevation.

Verbal boundary description: Jas. Hussey's Addition,  
Block 4, Lots 9-10

Acreage: Less than an acre

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

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Specific dates    c. 1889                    Builder/Architect    Unknown

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### a. History

According to a long-time former owner, the house was built about 1889 by the Pearson brothers for their mother. Reportedly, all of the ornament was custom made at the site, and in later years the lathes and other wood working tools were still housed in a shed on the premises. The asbestos shingle siding was applied prior to 1951.

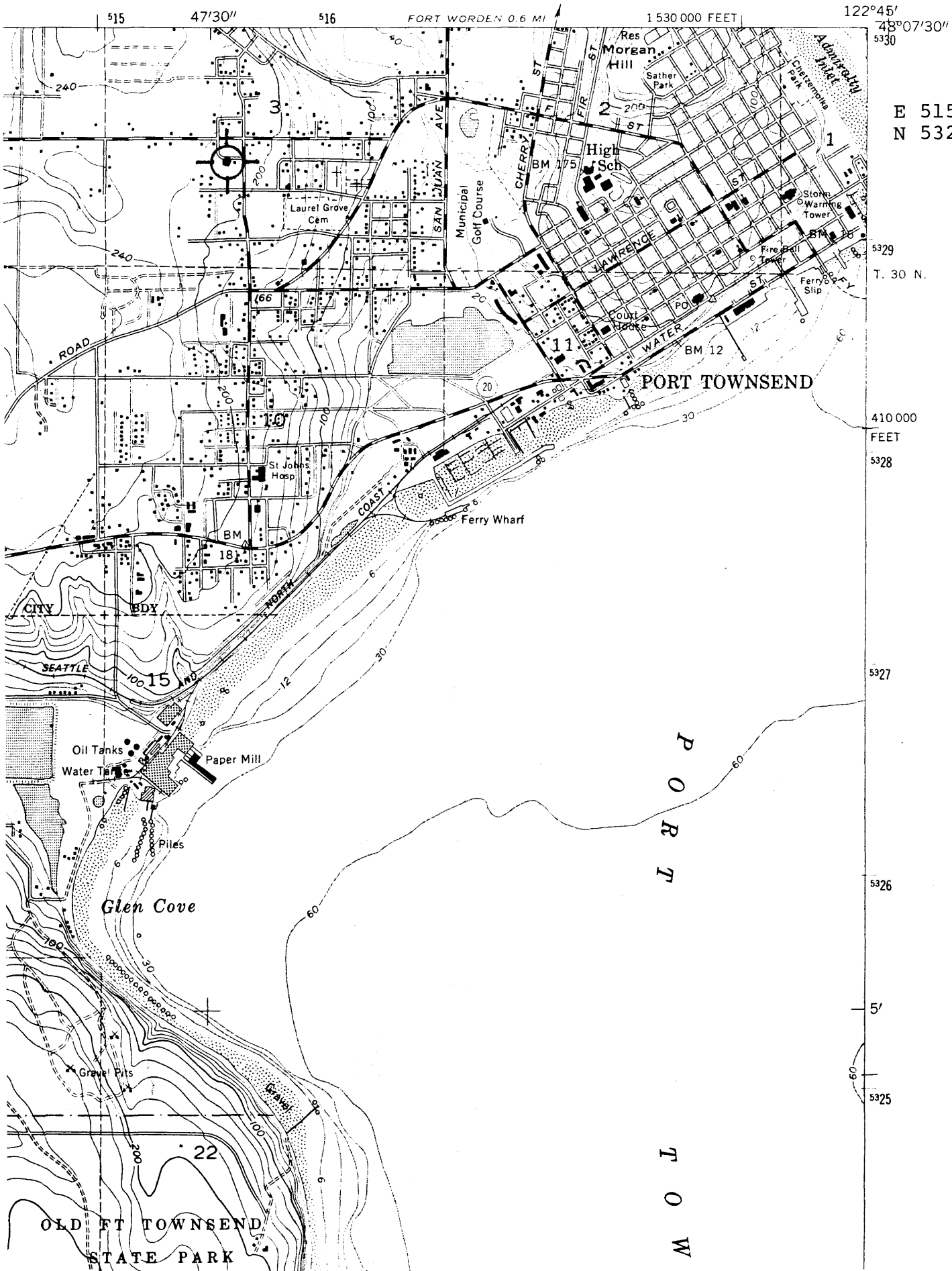
### b. Evaluation of Significance

The Pearson House is the most richly ornamented of the modest vernacular residences which were so common in Port Townsend during the late Victorian period. The variety of decorative elements on such a small building is quite exceptional, and it gives the Pearson House a distinctive place in Port Townsend's building history.

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