

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM
COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic Hanna Rover House

and/or Common Nieminen House

2. LOCATION

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 517180

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Street & Number

Chimacum-Center Road

- not for publication

City, Town

Center - 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

George Nieminen

Street & Number

Route 2, Box 846

City, Town

Quilcene

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98376

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ainsworth, Nathalia. Personal Communication. January 1983.

Huntingford, George. Personal Communication. January 1983.

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

The Hanna Rover House is generally laid out in an L-shaped floor plan. Attached to the rear of the house is a one-story extension with a hipped roof. Although it appears this extension is an addition, an informed source (Ainsworth, 1983) reports that it was early construction. The main section of the house is two stories in height with a central gable and intersecting gable on the wing. The gable end of the wing creates the front, and most visual facade. The corners of the wing have been cut, which heightens the vertical dimension of the house. The gable end wall has two windows set on the second floor and a larger window with decorative panes on the first floor. In the corner of the L is a covered porch. The porch roof is semi-pyramidal and is supported by turned posts. The porch is decorated with a balustraded railing. Sitting directly in the corner of the L is the main entrance. The house is entirely sheathed in milled rustic siding with wood shingles on the roof. The house is a superb example of vernacular farmhouse construction.

Verbal boundary description: Sec. 26 (east of county road), Township 29 North, Range 1 West, W.M. (Tax #3)

Acreage: less than one

8. SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates	c. 1912	Builder/Architect	Dick Williams
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a. History

Charley (Dick) Williams built this house around 1912. Williams and his wife, Hanna, however, did not move into the house until 1917. Apparently, Hanna did not want to move into the house because it meant leaving their original house on the farm. The Williams family homesteaded the land and owned 320 acres; they operated a small ranch and sold their milk to William Bishop's creamery at Chimacum. Dick Williams died in 1919 and his wife later remarried under the name of Hanna Rover. Hanna lived in this farmhouse until the early 50's. About eight years ago, the family sold the house and land.

b. Evaluation of Significance

The Hanna Rover House is significant because of its splendid example of advanced farmhouse construction. The house's form is rooted in the vernacular tradition of homestead houses built throughout America in the 19th Century. Its simple construction is hidden, however, by the carpenter's use of decorative details and the ability to avoid square corners and shapes.