

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

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1. NAME

Historic LAKE-LITTLE HOUSE

and/or Common

2. LOCATION

Street & Number

1607 Sheridan Street

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 515660

Northing 5328540

- not for publication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

William F. and Janet Perka

Street & Number

1607 Sheridan Street

City, Town

Port Townsend

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98368

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

6. FORM PREPARED BY

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Organization

Date

November 1984

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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 house is an unique example of a decorated Victorian cottage. It is a one and one-half story, wood frame structure with a new concrete basement and foundation walls. The roof is covered with wood shingles and its configuration is a T-shaped gable penetrated by a corbelled brick chimney and a gable roofed second floor porch on the main elevation. The exterior is clad with drop siding and cornerboards. Windows are typically one-over-one light, double-hung sash. Window surrounds have heavy moulded shelf head and decorative apron trim. The house features a distinctive shed-roofed porch located along the entire first floor facade, with a centrally located second floor porch above. The lower porch roof is supported by incised and chamfered posts with a cut-out pattern in the panel frieze. The distinctive porch railing is composed of panels with cut-out quatrefoils between simple vertical members. Simple band-sawn elements also decorate the porch pediment and the railing of the second story porch. Recent additions to the rear wing include a two-story polygonal bay and a shed-roofed side porch. These alterations are unobtrusive and in character with the main portion of the house. An interior stairwell includes a railing and wall panels composed of the same cut-out quatrefoil design that appears on the front porch.

Verbal boundary description:

Acreage: Less than an acre

Eisenbeis Addition, Block 106, Lots 7-8

8. SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates	1890	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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a. History

The two lots on which the house was built were purchased by A.G.E. Lake in September of 1889 for \$625. In March of 1890 the property was sold for \$1,800, indicating that the house had been built during the intervening months. Two other owners had short term interests in the property, which finally came into the possession of Minnie E. Little in September of 1890. She and her husband owned it at least until 1910, when upon his death his estate valued it at \$1,000. The quick changes of ownership in the years 1889-90 are indicative of the rampant real estate speculation in Port Townsend at that time.

b. Evaluation of Significance

The second floor porch configuration and the decorative elements of this house are quite unique in Port Townsend. Conversations with local residents and former owners indicate that all of the ornamentation is original. A porch frieze with a cut-out pattern of different design appears of the Frank Hastings House (1889) in the historic district, but it is not a common feature among Victorian houses in Port Townsend. It would also appear to be unusual for a relatively simple house, apparently built on speculation, to have been so generously embellished.

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