

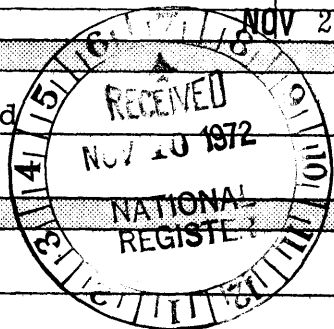
Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington	
COUNTY: Pierce	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	NOV 21 1972



**1. NAME**

COMMON: Nathaniel Orr Home and Orchard

AND/OR HISTORIC: Orrmount

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 1807 Rainier Street

CITY OR TOWN: Steilacoom

STATE: Washington	CODE: 53	COUNTY: Pierce	CODE: 53
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Orr

STREET AND NUMBER: 1807 Rainier Street

CITY OR TOWN: Steilacoom

STATE: Washington	CODE: 53
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER: 1046 County-City Building

CITY OR TOWN: Tacoma

STATE: Washington	CODE: 53
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: None

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Construction began on this two-story frame house in 1853 and was completed in 1857. Originally, the lower floor of the house was the first wood-working shop in the City of Steilacoom. Mr. Orr also owned a wagon shop which was elsewhere in town. In 1868, Mr. Orr was married and moved his wagon shop and cabinet-making shop to its present location on the same property and converted all of the house to living quarters. The home is furnished with much of the original furniture some of which Mr. Orr made and other items from Mrs. Orr's dowry.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

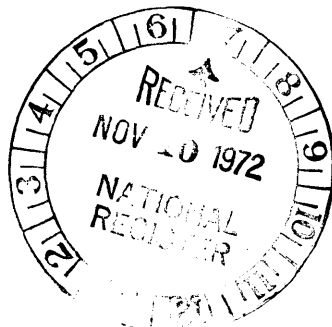
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric            | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic               | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>Local history</u>                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture           | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation           |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Nathaniel Orr departed Abingdon, Virginia, in 1849, for the West after graduating from Emory and Henry College in Emory, Virginia. In Missouri, he learned the wagon-making trade adding to his useful trade of tailoring. He then added still to his talents by staying for a period of time with Henderson Lueling, Southeast of Portland, to learn the skills of a nurse man.

Arriving in Steilacoom in 1852, he came then with orchard stock which was planted on the hill overlooking Puget Sound and which he was later to name Orrmount. Original trees from his stay with Lueling are still producing fruit on this property.

In addition to being the principle source of orchard stock in the Puget Sound area (He and Hugh Pattison of Fern Hill supplied all the farmers in this area with fruit stock) he was the town's first wagon maker, coffin maker, woodworker and cabinet maker. He was one of those persons instrumental in forming the Steilacoom Library Association which was the first library in the state other than the State Library in Olympia. Mr. Orr served in Company D, First Regiment of Washington Territory Volunteers from October, 1855 to Jan. 31, 1856.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Tacoma Weekly Ledger, 25 Dec. 1896, pg. 3, C.6  
 Orchard Identification, Larry L. McGraw  
 Oregon Historical Society Horticulturist, Portland,  
 Oregon

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

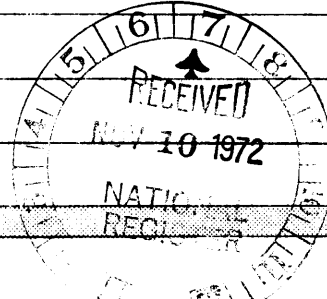
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NE	° ' "	° ' "	122	35	42
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

NO  
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1 acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Mrs. Donn Laughlin**

ORGANIZATION: **Steilacoom Historical Association** DATE: **Nov. 19, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER: **P.O. Box 99**

CITY OR TOWN: **Steilacoom 98388** STATE: **Washington** CODE: **53**

**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 & Recreation Commission

Date 10/17/72

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

Robert H. Utley  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/21/72

ATTEST:  
William J. Murtagh  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 11-17-72

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**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

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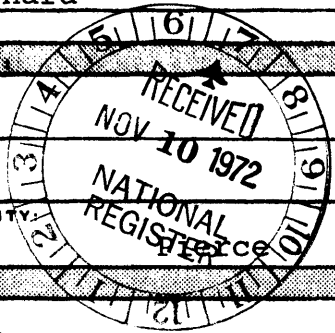
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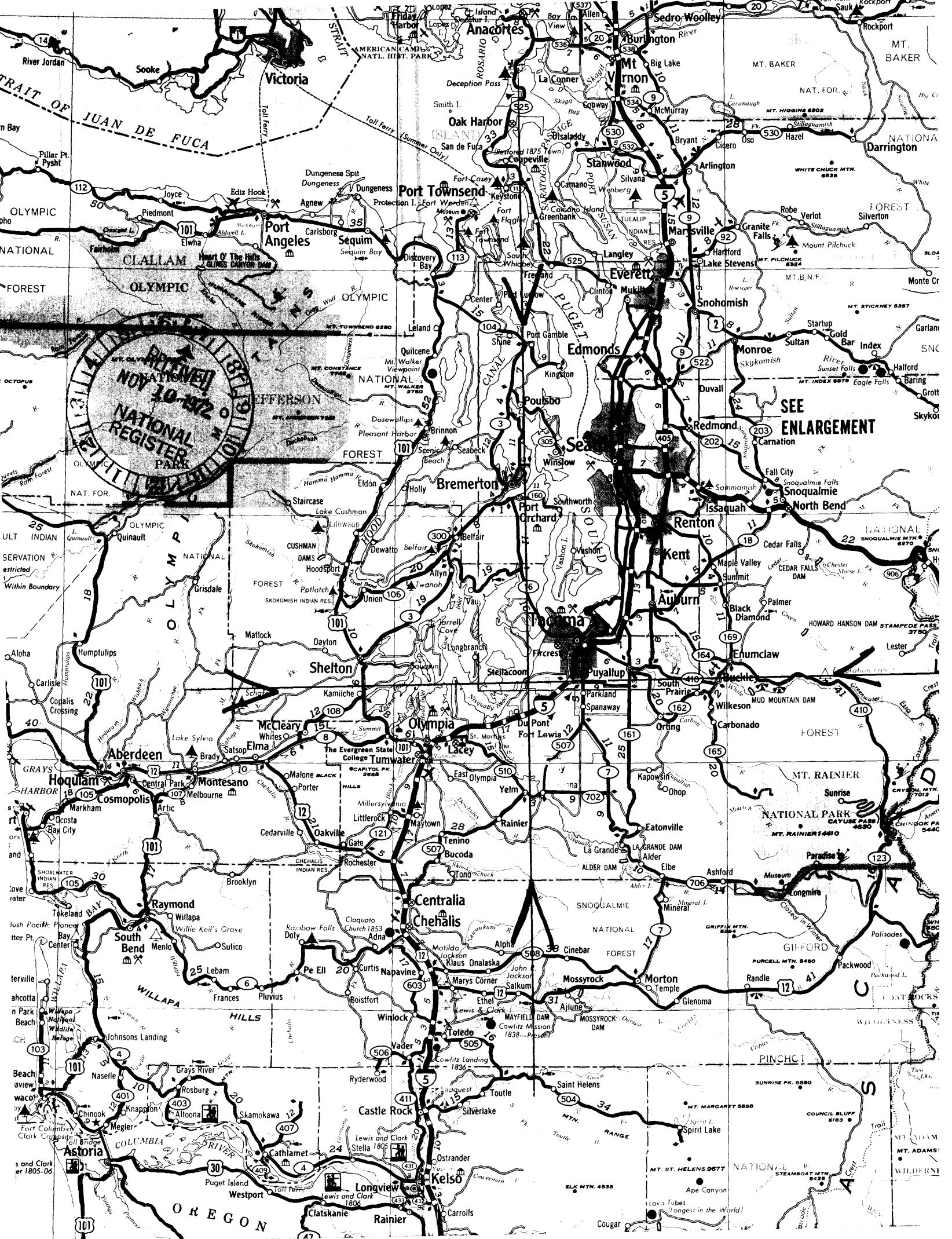
**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE: Washington State Highway Map  
 SCALE: 1" = 16 miles  
 DATE: 1967

**4. REQUIREMENTS**

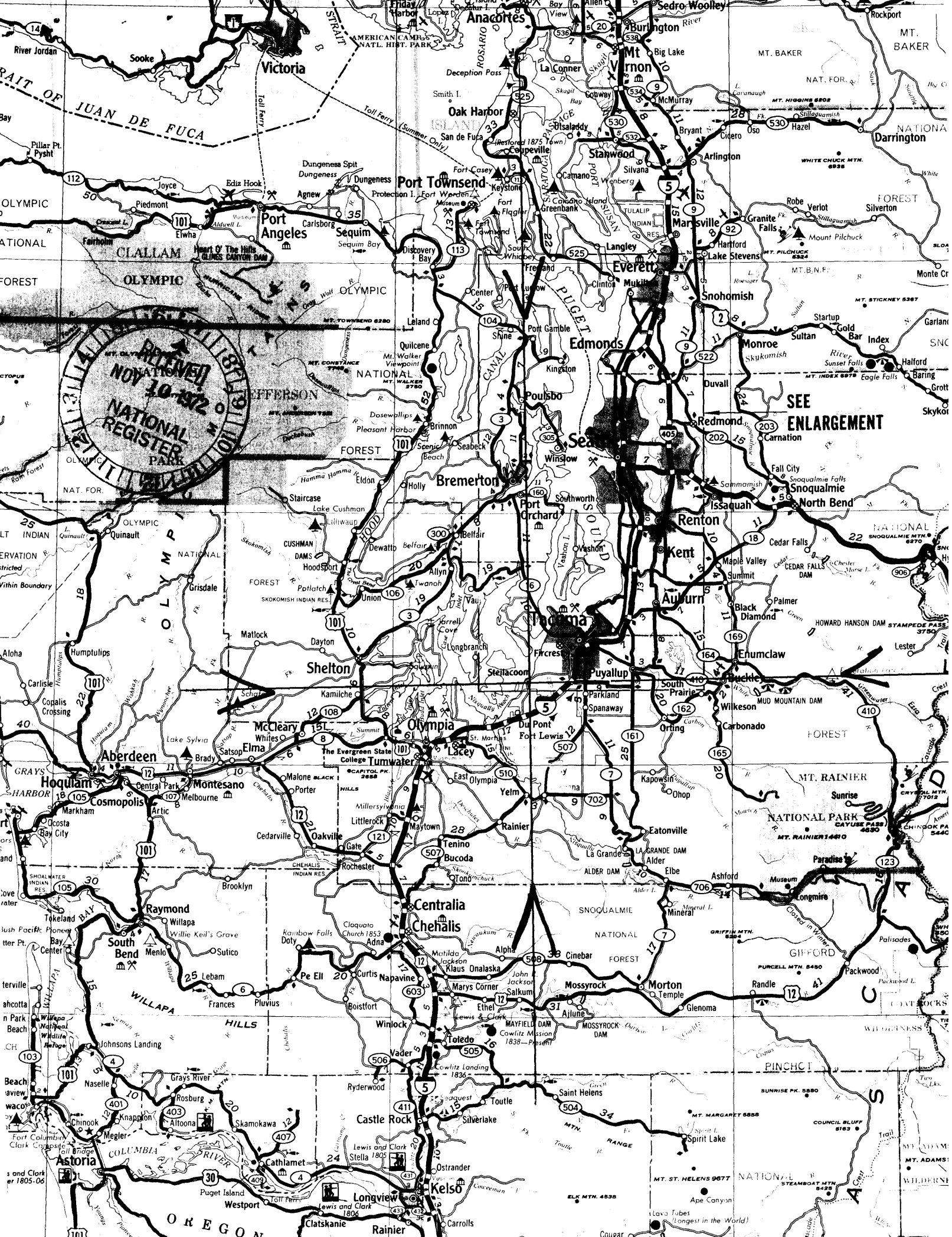
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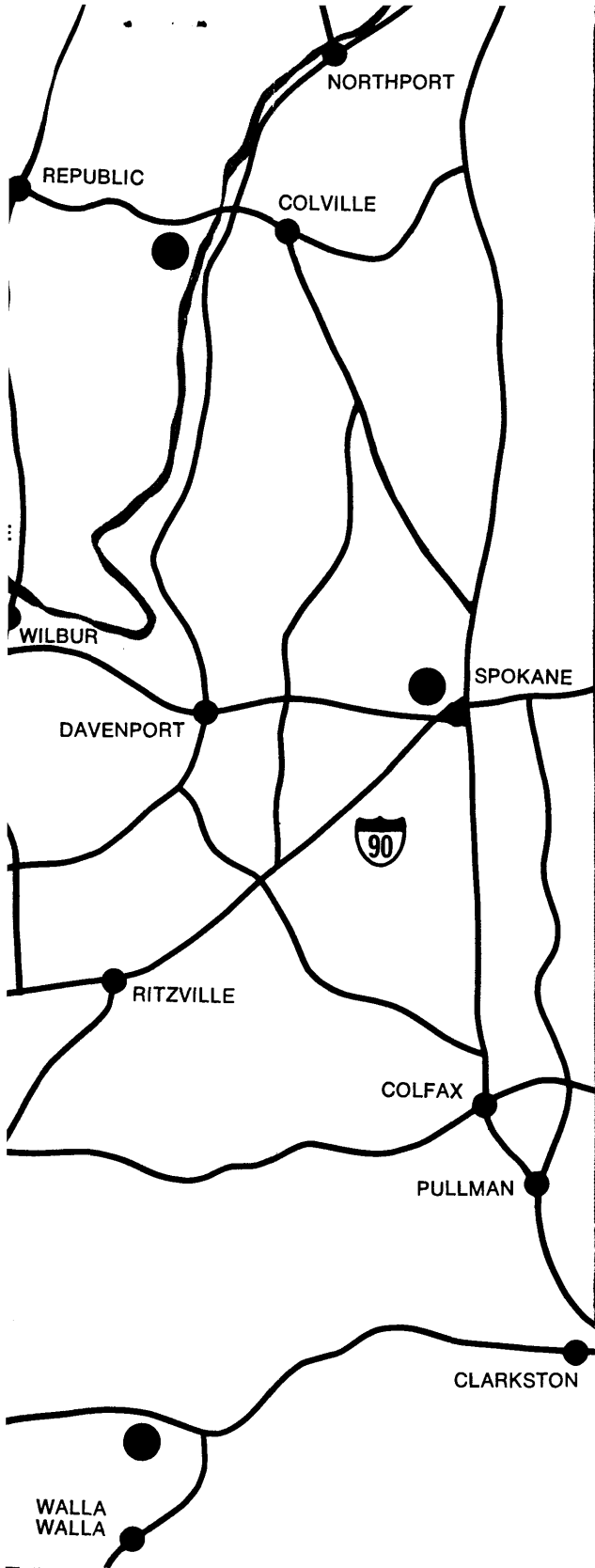
1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
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## ● OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

The Olympic National Park has often been termed Last Wilderness because its 1400 square miles of mountains, forest lands and rugged ocean beaches remained largely unchanged for centuries. You can totally divorced from civilization in this country in a few minutes walk from your car. Be sure to visit Hurricane Ridge, a short distance from Port Angeles breathtaking view of the snow-capped Olympic Mount deep-blue Lake Crescent, dominated by Storm King Mountain; spend pleasurable moments on trails leading to the fabulous Hoh River Rain Forest; bathe in mineral at Sol Duc Hot Springs; visit the Indian village on the coast, and the Ocean Strip area at Kalama many trails lead to driftwood-strewn beaches, and Lake Quinalt area (bordering the park) with its Grove and rain forest.

## ● MT. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

14,410-foot Mt. Rainier has long been Washington's renowned landmark and consistently one of its top tourist attractions. This perpetually snow-clad peak is as a symbol of the great natural beauty of the Cascade State of Washington. An excellent road leads from the fir (the principal western entrance) to Paradise at the base of the mountain, past rushing streams, glaciers and waterfalls. The new Vista House at Paradise affords panoramic views of the mountain and surrounding valleys. Meals and night accommodations at Paradise Inn. Trails lead to caves and skirt the mountain itself (the Wonderland). Wildflowers abound in the meadows in August and September. The Stevens Canyon road from the east, with Cayuse, Chinook and White Passes, has several overlooks. Sunrise Park, reached from Highway 2 east of Enumclaw, has day lodge facilities and scenic views. From here and at Chinook Pass, you get your most spectacular views of Mt. Rainier.

## ● NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK

When the U. S. Congress created the new North Cascades National Park in 1968, in the north-central section of Washington, it paved the way for the first general public use and enjoyment of some of the most scenic mountains in the world. Here there are over a million acres of newly created wilderness and recreation areas adjacent to the national park) of wildly rugged land, containing glaciers and hundreds of miles of rushing streams, ravines and forest areas, as well as numerous alpine lakes. Access to the main section of the new park was not opened, however, until the North-Cross State Highway was completed in 1972 or 1973. In the meantime, you can enjoy the scenic perimeter areas of the Upper Skagit Valley on the western side of the park and the colorful Cascade Valley on the eastern side. State Highway 20 from Pullman will take you east into the Upper Skagit (they call it "Bag Country") where you can visit such places as Lake, the Skagit Gorge, Diablo and Ross Lakes. In the eastern portion of the state, visit the beautiful Methuene where the new highway begins its ascent into the mountains. Here, too, you will find a spur road that will take you to the Hart's Pass country. Excellent accommodation is available at Mountain, overlooking the valley. You can also get to North Cascades National Park from Stehekin at the Lake Chelan by utilizing hiking trails from that area.

## ● PACIFIC OCEAN BEACHES

Like to prowl an ocean beach in search of Japanese net balls or unusual driftwood formations and other treasures from the sea? Like to dig clams in the mist of evening, surf fish, or ride horseback along hard-pack beaches? You'll find you can enjoy all these activities and more in Washington's 200 miles of ocean beaches. The Olympic Peninsula, just north of the Columbia River, has the world's largest single stretch of sandy beach—28 miles. Here you will find resort accommodations, trailer camps and excellent razor clam digging, surf and jet skiing. Visit Cape Disappointment and North Head lighthouse on Ilwaco and spend at least a day deep sea fishing for salmon. See the nation's largest rhododendron nursery on the Olympic Road and many cranberry farms. State parks are available at Ft. Canby, Twin Harbors and Ocean City. See the salmon at Grayland and Tokeland and visit the salmon fishing of Westport at the entrance to Grays Harbor where charter boats depart daily for ocean fishing grounds. Ocean Shores on the northern end of the Olympic Peninsula is an excellent entrance for a great variety of activities, including salmon fishing, horseback riding, clam digging and beach activities. This, Washington's largest ocean resort, has many modern motels and condominiums. Nightly entertainment. North of Ocean Shores you will find the resort of Copalis Beach, Pacific Beach and Moclips. You can also visit the Indian village of Taholah. The beaches of

