

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM  
COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic  Chimacum Post Office

and/or Common

2. LOCATION

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 517380  
Northing 5317305

Street & Number

Chimacum-Center Road

- not for publication

City, Town

Chimacum

- 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: rental

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name

Loren S. Turner

Street & Number

5229 South Orchard Terrace

City, Town

Seattle

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98118

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bishop, Kathleen Adams. Personal communication. January, 1983.

Ramsey, Guy Reed. Postmarked Washington: Jefferson, Clallam and Mason Counties. The Depot, Burtonsville, Maryland, 1978.

6. FORM PREPARED BY

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Organization

Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

Date

February 1983

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State

Washington 98504

## 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

The Chimacum Post Office sits beside the county road at what is commonly called "Chimacum Corners." The building is a large, one and one-half story structure with a gabled roof penetrated by shed roof dormers on either side of the structure. It was built for various uses: the old post office occupied one corner while the remainder was rented to tenants. There are three entrances on the front facade, one on the south side, and one on the rear gabled end. All entrances have porches--the front facade has an open veranda running the width of the building. The building is entirely sheathed in milled rustic siding. The building remains virtually unchanged; recent work has been completed to make the building suitable for tenants.

Verbal boundary description: Lots 7 and 8, Block 1,  
Clark's Chimacum

Acreage: less than one

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

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Specific dates	c. 1899	Builder/Architect	unknown
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### a. History

The Chimacum Post Office, built around 1899, was put up by the Bishop family. The first post office in Chimacum was established in 1878 but closed one year later. The post office was reopened eight years later in 1887, but once again was closed and the mail sent via Port Hadlock in 1891. The Chimacum Post Office was re-established in 1899 when it was located in this building. Alfred Bishop, Sr., was postmaster from 1899 until he resigned in 1911. At this time, the post office was transferred to Alfred Van Trojen's store at Chimacum. Early in Kathleen Bishop's tenure as postmaster, she moved the post office back to this building. This lasted a short while until a new post office was built.

### b. Evaluation of Significance

The Chimacum Post Office is significant because it is the only remaining element of a community center that at one time was strong at Chimacum. There once was a hotel, store, blacksmith shop, and school at Chimacum Corners. All of these old buildings are gone now--only the old Chimacum Post Office remains.