

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM
COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic

Capt. Peter Shibles House

and/or Common

J.L. Baumuck House

2. LOCATION

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 517370

Northing 5319950

- not for publication

Street & Number

Curtiss Street

City, Town

Hadlock

- 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

J.L. Baumuck

Street & Number

P.O. Box 11

City, Town

Hadlock

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98339

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wright, E.W. Lewis and Dryden's Marine History of the Pacific Northwest. Antiquarian Press, Ltd., New York, 1961 (first published in 1895).

Newell, Gordon, ed. The H.W. McCurdy Marine History of the Pacific Northwest. Superior Publishing Co., Seattle, 1966.

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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 Capt. Shibles house is L-shaped in plan with a central gable roof and intersecting gable roof on the wing. The exterior walls are clad entirely in milled rustic siding. Most windows are one-over-one double-hung sash. There are two entrances to the house--one on each side of the central gable. The house sits upon the bluff overlooking Port Townsend Bay. The house was originally intended to have the main facade facing the water; today, the main entrance is on the reverse side. The interior walls have horizontal wainscoting; a newel post, turned railing, and spindles are on the staircase to the second floor.

Verbal boundary description: Lot 13, Block 1, Port
Hadlock.

Acreage: less than one

8. SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates	c. 1895	Builder/Architect	unknown
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a. History

The house was constructed circa 1895 by Capt. Peter Shibles, master mariner, captain of the steamer "Louise," and later master of the Milwaukee Railroad's steel steam tug "Milwaukee." Capt. Shibles was a Puget Sound navigator from 1882 until his death in 1939. The "Louise" was a steamer built in 1884 by the Washington Mill Company when it was still located at Seabeck. Peter Shibles was a mate on the "Louise" in 1884. He was afterward mate on the steamers "Josephine" and "Richard Holyoke." Shibles then became master of the "St. Patrick" for two years before mastering the "Louise." After the Washington Mill Company closed the mill at Port Hadlock, Capt. Shibles became the master of the tug "Milwaukee," which spent most of her 42 year career operating in car barge service between Seattle and Port Townsend.

b. Evaluation of Significance

The Capt. Peter Shibles house is the only residence in Port Hadlock that has been left substantially unaltered and is associated with the era of the Washington Mill Company. Because a railroad never made it to Port Hadlock, the Washington Mill Company was dependent on ocean-going vessels to transport manufactured products. In 1888 the Washington Mill Company had forty-four cargoes shipped from the Port Hadlock mill. The mill company had a sizeable fleet of company-owned vessels and employed the masters directly. Shibles was a mate on the "Richard Holyoke" when the tug was donated by the Washington Mill Company to an alliance of the four largest milling companies on Puget Sound--the Puget Sound Tug Boat Company, in 1891. He was soon afterwards master of the Washington Mill Company's steamer "Louise."