

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM  
COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic

Tollef, Sole / (Solie) House

and/or Common

2. LOCATION

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 523005

Northing 5321540

Street & Number

275 Flagler Road

- not for publication

City, Town

Nordland

- 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

Margaret Solie

Street & Number

275 Flagler Road

City, Town

Nordland

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98358

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McMenamin, Elida. Personal Communication. January 1983.

Russell, Karen and Jeanne Bean. Marrowstone. Port Townsend Publishing Co., Inc.,  
Port Townsend, 1978.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance  
attach photo

When Tollef and Pauline Sole first arrived in Nordland in 1892, they did not have a place to stay, so Robert and Nanny Johnson shared their home with them. In 1899, the Soles bought a 10 acre parcel on the west side of Mystery Bay, and moved into a cabin already on the property. Tollef proceeded to build a new home on the property and completed it in 1901. After his wife, Pauline, died in 1905, Tollef added an L-shaped plan to the bay side of the house. This addition, completed by 1911, was larger, boxier, and less adorned than most houses Tollef Sole had constructed earlier. The addition is one and one-half stories high with intersecting gables. The addition intersects the original shed roof on the west side of the house. Milled rustic siding clads first floor exterior walls; wood shingles, with the second to bottom layer imbricated, adorn the second floor exterior walls. Decorative scrollwork on the rear entrance porch brackets are hallmarks of Tollef Sole's craftsmanship.

Verbal boundary description: Block 10, Nordland

Acreage:    less than one

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

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Specific dates	1901, 1911	Builder/Architect	Tollef Sole
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### a. History

Tollef and Pauline Sole, natives of Norway, arrived from their previous homestead in Tacoma in the fall of 1892. "Tollef had heard of the Norwegian community from a fellow fisherman at Neah Bay, and they decided to move so that Pauline could be closer to where her husband fished." (Russell and Bean, p. 22) The Soles bought their ten acres in the Nordland townsite from Alfred Swanson in 1899. The Soles had seven children and the burden of raising them fell on Tollef when his wife died of consumption in 1905. Tollef Sole died at his home in 1930.

### b. Evaluation of Significance

The Tollef Sole House is significant because it was the home of Tollef Sole, a master craftsman. Tollef built some of the most enduring and attractive homes on Marrowstone Island; he built and repaired boats from his boathouse on Mystery Bay; and he augmented his income by fishing in the local waters. Tollef Sole's contributions to the built environment in the area include his own home, the Carl Norman house, the Nelson or Freeman house, a schoolhouse on the island (no longer standing), the Karl Haakon Hanson House (no longer standing), and Forts Flagler and Worden. Indicative of Sole's craftsmanship are decorative scrollwork found on porch brackets. The Sole house has continued to be held by the Sole (the name was later changed to Solie) family.