

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

MAY 16 1985

COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic F. C. HARPER HOUSE

and/or Common

2. LOCATION

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 517765

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- not for publication

Street & Number

502 Reed Street

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           Peter H. Albrecht and Lynn Anderson

Street & Number

502 Reed Street

City, Town

Port Townsend

- vicinity of

State

Washington

98368

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Port Townsend Weekly Leader, January 3, 1890, p.9

Seattle Times, May 22, 1952

6. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title       Kathryn Krafft and Shirley Courtois

Organization     ----

Date

November 1984

Street & Number

4021 E. Highland Drive

Telephone

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City or Town

Seattle

State

Washington

## 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 F.C. Harper House is located along the northeastern edge of the Morgan Hill neighborhood. It is a two-story, frame structure and bears on a recently constructed concrete masonry foundation. The wood shingle hipped roof is penetrated by three gables. Two-story polygonal bay windows with hooded roofs are located on the face of two of the gable-roofed wings. The exterior walls are covered by drop siding and the windows are one-over-one, tall, narrow double-hung sash. In addition to the prominent bay windows, the house includes other elements typical of the Queen Anne style: decorated barge boards, decorative panels between milled soffit brackets and heavy window head and apron trim. The main elevation, dominated by a two-story bay window, is balanced by the recently rehabilitated front porch which wraps around the southwest corner of the house. It features chamfered and bracketed porch posts with a turned baluster guardrail. A one-story gable-roofed addition to the rear of the house has been extensively remodeled and a deck area constructed. A recently

(see continuation sheet)

Verbal boundary description: Mountain View Addition,  
Block 22, Lot 6-7.

Acreage: Less than an acre.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

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Specific dates	1889	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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a. **History** Frederick C. Harper (1855-1936) was a native of New Brunswick, Canada. He moved to the Pacific Coast in 1887, stopping in the Sacramento Valley before settling in Port Townsend, where he established a mercantile business, F.C. Harper & Co. Like many others during the city's brief boom period, he was also engaged in real estate and was a partner in the firm of Ward, Harper & Hill. In 1889 he built this substantial house on Morgan Hill for about \$2,500.

When the Port Townsend boom collapsed, he relocated his mercantile business to East Sound on Orcas Island, and in 1894 he was elected state senator for San Juan and Skagit counties. In 1897 he became involved in hotel management in Seattle, and later (1900) established the Harper Brick & Pottery Company and founded the town of Harper in Kitsap County.  
(see continuation sheet)

b. **Evaluation of Significance** The Harper House was built by one of Port Townsend's prominent businessmen, who later played an important role in the development and commerce of other communities in the state. It is one of the finest examples of Victorian residential architecture outside the historic district, and represents the kind of substantial home which the town's entrepreneurs favored during Port Townsend's brief boom period. Its present owners were the recent recipients of a local award for outstanding restoration.

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7. DESCRIPTION (continued)

installed redwood entry door was custom made and the design was based on a late nineteenth century builders catalog pattern. Intact original interior finishes include typical four-panel "Port Townsend doors" constructed of cedar with redwood panels, fir door and window trim within the entry and second floor corridors, and a fir and redwood paneled stairwell with ornate newel posts and balusters.

8. SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

a. History

He served as Collector of Customs for the Puget Sound district from 1904 to 1911, and in later years was involved in real estate and investments in Seattle.

After the turn of the century the Harper House was owned by Colonel McElroy, one time commander of Fort Worden, who removed the Victorian door and window frames of the downstairs dayrooms and installed the heavier millwork of his day.

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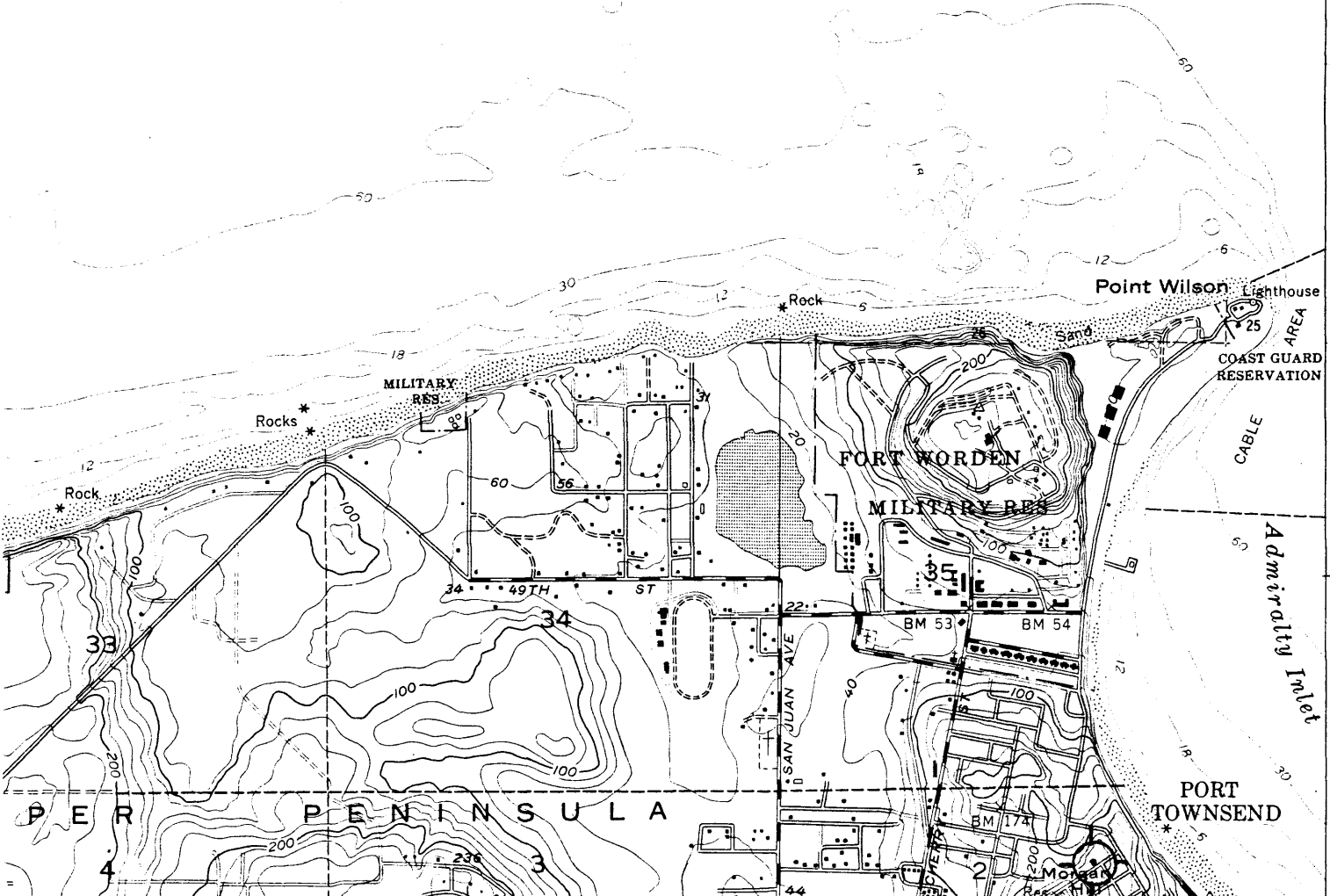
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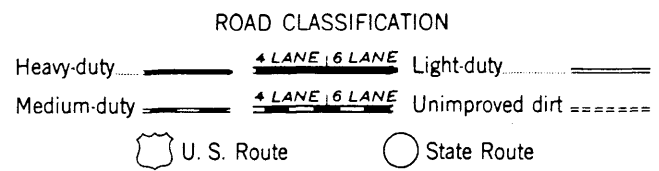
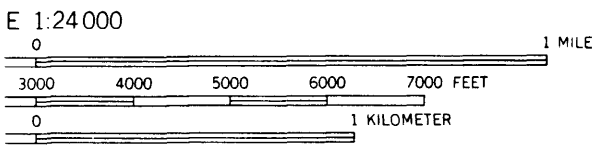
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

### PORT TOWNSEND NORTH, WASH.

N 4807.5—W12245/7.5

INTERVAL 20 FEET  
 VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
 DATUM IS MEAN LOWER LOW WATER  
 E APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
 TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 FOR COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
 MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

1953  
 PHOTOREVISED 1973  
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