

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: Washington | |
| COUNTY: Jefferson | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER 71-553-0006 | DATE 5/14/71 |

1. NAME

COMMON:
City Hall and Jefferson County Historical Society Museum

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Water and Madison Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Port Townsend

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| STATE Washington | CODE 53 | COUNTY: Jefferson | CODE 031 |
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Port Townsend

STREET AND NUMBER:
Water and Madison Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Port Townsend

STATE:
Washington

CODE:
53

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Jefferson and Cass Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Port Townsend

STATE:
Washington

CODE:
53

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS Acreage: 0.5

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal
 State
 County
 Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

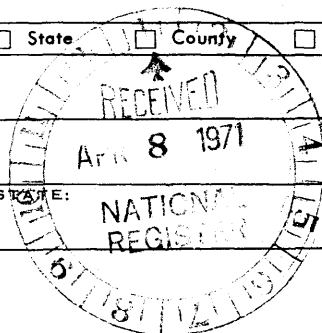
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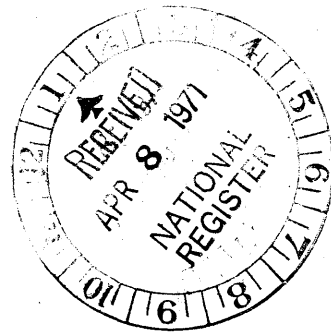
7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Port Townsend City Hall and Jefferson County Historical Museum is a brick and stone structure designed by the firm of "Batwell and Patrick". Built in 1891 as the Seat of Government for the City of Port Townsend, its design is simple, functional and victorian in general appearance. Materials used include native fir for the framework, hewn stone used at the base of the building, over basement windows, in and around the other windows and bricks made at a local brick yard. Some of the walls are two feet thick and all crosswalls are of masonry. Originally this structure had three stories until nature dealt the building a serious blow in the form of a violent south wester in 1945 which severely damaged the tower and third floor roof structure. The decision was made to remove the unusable third floor and replace it with a flat built-up roof. City offices occupy the main floor, with the council chambers on the second story. These chambers are unique, for they still contain the original oak desks and chairs for use by the council members. An ornate railing with swinging gate separates the council members from the public participants. Decorative wainscoting adorns the walls, while the doors are a design of that period. The basement houses the old city jail which is maintained as a museum exhibit in its original condition.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

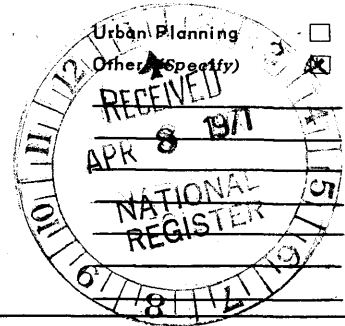
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1891

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> | Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Art | <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Military | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | | Music | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Present Seat of city government, the building was constructed in 1891 and now houses Jefferson County Historical Museum and old basement jail in which Jack London was once incarcerated.

Though built in 1891, the city hall was not finally paid for until January 1, 1947, bringing to a happy conclusion one of the most drawn-out and relatively costly financial transactions of its type in Washington State annals.

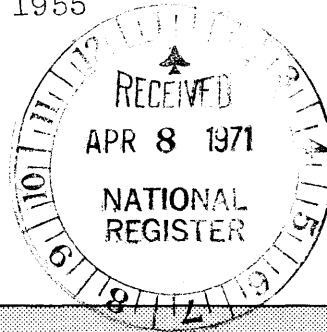
Records show that the original bond issue for financing the city hall in the sum of \$85,000 was approved by a city vote June 2, 1891 by a margin of 446 to 65. While the original city hall bond issue was in the sum of \$85,000, much, much more than that was paid, including all interest, by the time the deal was finally closed fifty-six years later.

The basement houses the old city jail where, according to the older inhabitants, Jack London was incarcerated on a drunken charge when he stopped here on his way to Alaska aboard the Snark. We have been unable to find the original record as the records have been carelessly preserved.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Port Townsend Leader June 2, 1955



10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | OR | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|----|--|-------------------------|--|
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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 Gerald A. Hunt

ORGANIZATION: Jefferson County Historical Society DATE: 1/22/70

STREET AND NUMBER: 5th and Wilson

CITY OR TOWN: Port Townsend STATE: Washington CODE: 53 ~~46~~

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
 Title: Director - Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
 Date: _____

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

Ernest Allen Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 MAY 14 1971

Date: _____
 ATTEST:
William J. Sturtevant
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: 5/3/71

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