

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM
COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic Van Trojen House

and/or Common Ammeter House

2. LOCATION

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 514130

Northing 5315560

Street & Number

Van Trojen 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- not for publication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:

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name

Albert Ammeter

Street & Number

P.O. Box 313

City, Town

Chimacum

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98325

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ammeter, "Bud." Personal communication. November, 1982.

Hunt, Gerald. Washington--West of the Cascades, Vol. II. S.J. Clark Publishing Co., Chicago, 1917.

Jefferson County Historical Society. With Pride in Heritage. Professional Publishing Co., Portland, 1966.

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 _____

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

The Van Trojen House sits on 160 acres of cleared and wooded land several miles west of Chimacum. Van Trojen established a homestead on this land in the 1870's and built a small cabin. The present house was constructed after Van Trojen was married in 1879. The dwelling is one and one-half stories with a gabled roof and shed roof dormers on either side. On the front side of the house, the slope of the gabled roof extends out over the veranda which runs the length of the house. Peeled posts support the roof here. The exterior walls are clad in milled rustic siding and the roof has wood shingles. Van Trojen's house remains remarkably unchanged. Electricity was brought to the site only three years ago. The house and original homestead land continue to be owned by Van Trojen's heirs.

Verbal boundary description: Sec. 21, Township 29 North,
Range 1 West, W.M. Tax Parcel #901-21-2005.

Acres: less than one

8. SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates	c. 1879	Builder/Architect	John Van Trojen
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a. History

John Van Trojen, a native of the Netherlands, was sailing for the British Navy when in 1869, he jumped ship at Port Ludlow. After working at Port Ludlow, Van Trojen filed a homestead claim west of Chimacum. Van Trojen was married to Elizabeth Bishop, a daughter of a pioneer Chimacum settler, on August 8, 1879. To this union were born thirteen children.

b. Evaluation of Significance

The Van Trojen House is significant because of its representation of early homestead architecture. In Jefferson County, most early homestead structures are no longer existing or have been so altered that they no longer represent this type of architectural development. Even though the homestead was remote in relation to other developing homesteads, Van Trojen successfully farmed his land. He grew garden truck, had a dairy herd and creamery, was a stock breeder and poultry rancher.