

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

MAY 16 1985

1. NAME

Historic H.S. PETERSEN HOUSE

and/or Common GUIHER HOUSE

2. LOCATION

Street & Number
50th & Kuhn Street

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 516310
Northing 5330260
- not for publication

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
Joe L. Guiher

Street & Number
50th & Kuhn Street

City, Town Port Townsend - vicinity of State Washington 98368

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mrs. Bobbi Cleary, Bush Point, Whidbey Island, WA.; telephone interview
11/8/84 (daughter of John S. Petersen).

6. FORM PREPARED BY

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Organization -- Date November 1984

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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 _____

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

This cottage is a one and one-half story, wood frame structure, which rests on a post and pier foundation. It is T-shaped in plan, and each wing is covered by a wood shingled gable roof. A polygonal window bay projects from the west elevation, and another polygonal bay at the front (south) incorporates a small corner porch under its hipped-mansard roof. Exterior walls are covered with drop siding and wood shingles. Carved brackets and a paneled frieze enhance the western bay, and smaller eave brackets appear at the southern bay. Windows are typically tall, narrow, one-over-one light, double-hung sash. A small addition has been recently added to the rear of the house. An original windmill has been removed, although some original small outbuildings and fruit trees remain. ✓
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Verbal boundary description: California Addition
Block 10, Lot 5-6.

Acreage: Less than an acre.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates	1892	Builder/Architect	Builder, J.S. Petersen
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a. History This house was built by John Swan Petersen, a carpenter by trade, as his family residence. Petersen moved from Seattle to Port Townsend in 1889, apparently drawn by the opportunities of the building boom then occurring in the town. He chose to build his house on property located a considerable distance from the original Port Townsend townsite and its surrounding concentration of residences. However, at this time the Belt Line one of three streetcar lines built to connect such outlying areas with the downtown business district, ran within two blocks of Petersen's house. In later years, Petersen worked on the construction of the four Northwest coastal defense stations, Forts Worden, Flagler, Casey and Ward, while he continued to reside at this residence. In 1912, Petersen and his family returned to Seattle, at which time he worked on the construction of this Government Locks in the Lake Washington Ship Canal.

b. Evaluation of Significance This modest residence, located on the northern outskirts of Port Townsend, is the most remote of the remaining intact houses built during the boom period, which anticipated the expansion of residential development to such outlying areas. It stands within a few blocks of a long ago abandoned streetcar line. The establishment of such lines and the construction of homes in proximity to them reflect the degree of growth which the civic leaders of the town had anticipated and planned for. Petersen's home also exhibits elements of the prevailing architectural mode of the period incorporated in vernacular styles built with locally available materials.

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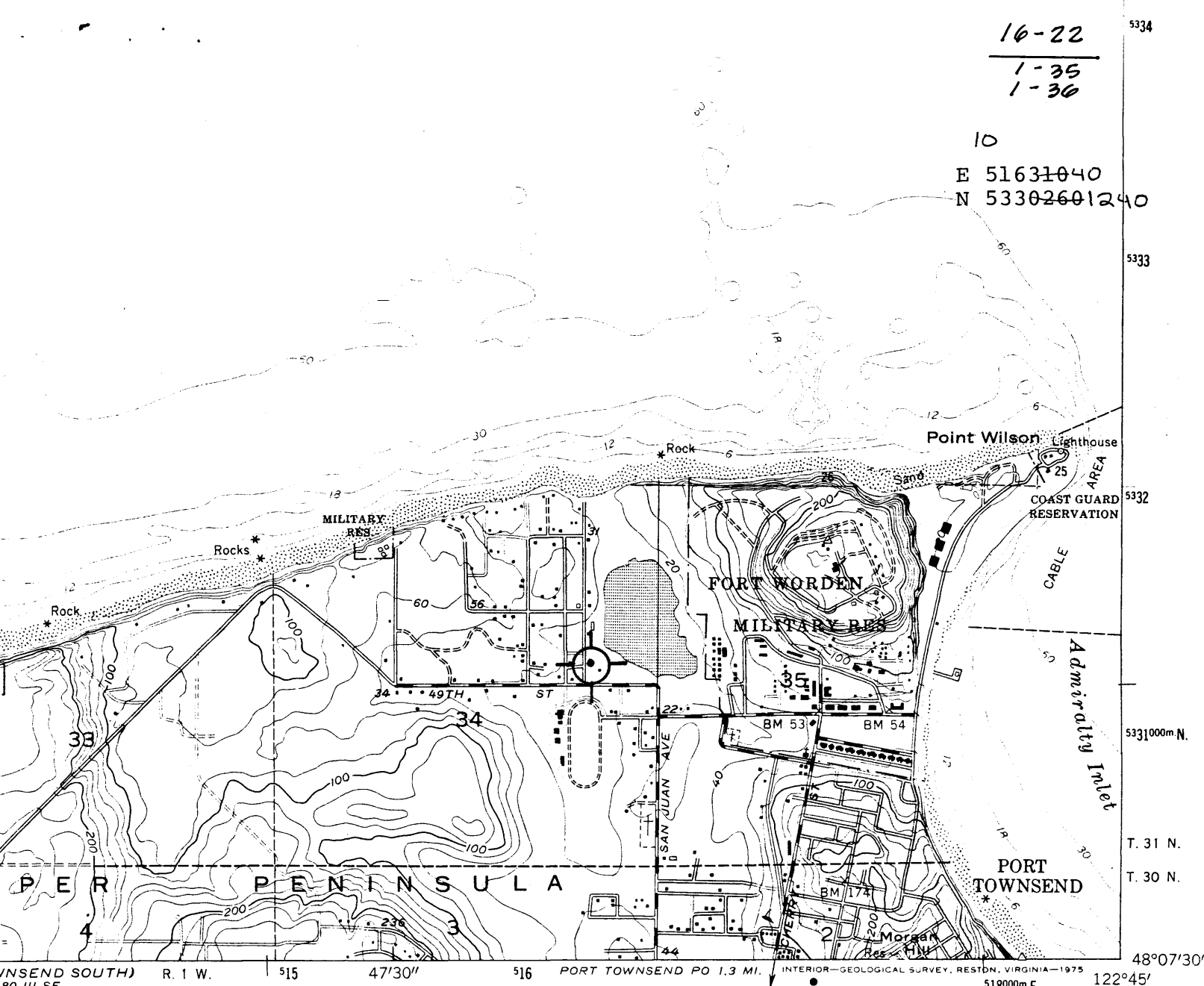
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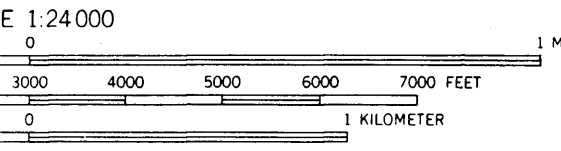
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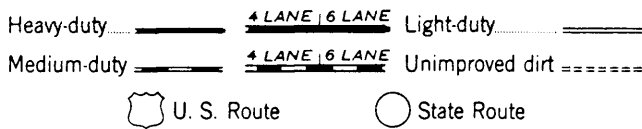
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

PORT TOWNSEND NORTH, WASH.

N 4807.5—W 12245/7.5

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

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

1953
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AMS 1480 III NE—SERIES V891