

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: Washington | |
| COUNTY: Douglas | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER MAR 16 1972 | DATE |

1. NAME

COMMON:
Pangborn-Herndon Memorial

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Three (3) miles northeast of East Wenatchee CONG. DISTRICT #5

CITY OR TOWN:
Honorable Thomas S. Foley

STATE: Washington CODE: 53 COUNTY: Douglas CODE: 017

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both County | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | <u>Memorial</u> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Douglas County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: Washington CODE: 53

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: Washington CODE: 53

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Douglas County Engineers

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Douglas County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: Washington CODE: 53

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Designed by artist Walter Graham, this memorial/monument consists of a column of native basalt estimated to be at least 15 million years old...found in Moses Coulee about 20 miles from the present site. The column is about 14 feet high, and is set in a concrete base about 3 feet high, making the total about 17 feet high. It is roughly 36 inches in diameter and weighs 14 tons.

The column is topped with 36 inch wings cast from molten aluminum, and is exactly as it was found - not altered in any way. It is roughly hexagonal in shape, and slants at the top, with the wings being placed on the highest point.

This unique monument stands on the brow of a hill over-looking the Wenatchee Valley, the Columbia and Wenatchee Rivers, and the snow-covered Cascade mountains hundreds of miles in the background. Both monument and view are a magnificent sight, and attract a constant stream of visitors.

Sponsored by the Chelan County Heritage Committee, it is located about 1/2 miles from Fancher Field Airport, and is reached by a wide, well-engineered blacktopped road which encircles the monument. There are a total of 7 acres of land which was deeded to the Heritage Committee by the WenAirCo Company, owners of Fancher Field, for the monument and a possible day-use park. The Heritage Committee in turn deeded the land to Douglas County.

The physical appearance of the area is practically exactly the same as it was in 1931 when Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon landed their plane in completion of the first non-stop flight across the Pacific Ocean from Japan to the United States. An open field, covered with grass and native vegetation on the hillside, the monument stands alone. The nearest buildings are those of Fancher Field, behind a hill about 1 mile distant.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Landing, 10/5/31 - dedicated 5/5/69**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This monument was erected in commemoration of the first successful non-stop flight across the Pacific Ocean from Japan to the United States.

Taking off from Sabishiro Beach, Japan, Aviators Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon II flew 4,558 miles in 41 hours and 34 minutes, landing at the (then) Wenatchee Airport on October 5, 1931. The flight was made in a small, single-engine plane, and since retractable landing gear had yet to be invented, the landing gear was jettisoned over the ocean in order to lighten the load and decrease wind resistance. However, the landing without gear was so smoothly accomplished that the only damage to the plane was a bent propellor, which is now in the North Central Washington Museum, in Wenatchee, along with other mementos of the event.

The Japanese erected a monument at the site of the take-off at Sabishiro Beach some years ago in recognition of this history-making flight, and a delegation of 16 Japanese from Japan shared in the dedication ceremony of the monument at Wenatchee on May 5, 1969. Heading the delegation from Japan was Governor Shunkichi Takeuchi, of Aomori Prefecture, and Sei Konuma, Managing Director of the Aomori Broadcasting Company. Mr. Takeuchi was a reporter for a Japanese newspaper in 1931, and he covered the story of the flight for his paper at that time.

Eight other aviators had attempted the transpacific flight, but all had failed to complete the trip which made international aviation history and provided valuable contribution to the progress of aviation.

The 7 acres of property owned by Douglas County include the actual spot on which Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon landed their plane upon completion of their non-stop flight across the Pacific Ocean from Japan, and according to estimates the monument stands within 50 feet of the actual landing spot.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

World Book Encyclopedia Volume 1-A (Famous Airplane Flights)
 "Famous First Flights that have made History" by Lowell Thomas
 World Almanac "Notable Ocean and Intercontinental Flights"
 "Information Please" Almanac Atlas and Year Book by Dan Goldenpaul

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | | | | | | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7 acres

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:
Vera M. Weaver, Chairman Pangborn-Herndon Memorial Committee

ORGANIZATION: **Chelan County Heritage Committee** DATE: **9/3/69**

STREET AND NUMBER:
809 Highland Drive

CITY OR TOWN: **Wenatchee** STATE: **Washington 98801** CODE: **53**

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
 Charles H. Odegaard

Title Director - Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Date September 24, 1971

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

James A. Gurnally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAR 16 1972

Date _____

ATTEST:
William J. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date **JAN 27 1972**