

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM  
COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic

Hans Swanson House

and/or Common

2. LOCATION

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 522100

Northing 5309330

Street & Number

Swansonville Road

- not for publication

City, Town

Port Ludlow <sup>vic.</sup> (Swansonville)

X 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

Samuel B. Swanson

Street & Number

City, Town

Port Ludlow

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98365

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

Swanson, Jean. Personal Communication. January 1983.

Swanson, Sam. Personal Communication. June 1982.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

The front facade of the Hans Swanson House is highly decorative. Triangular forms dominate the facade and the house as a whole, giving the basic box structure with cross gables a vertical direction. A covered veranda occupies the front facade. The veranda roof is supported by turned posts and scrollwork brackets. Triangular windows are set at the apex of each gable end. There are returning eaves and the house is clad in milled rustic siding. The only noticeable exterior changes are a concrete block chimney and a modern window in the rear of the house.

Verbal boundary description: NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  (less Tax #1)  
Sec. 8, Township 28 North, Range 1 East, W.M.

Acreage: less than one

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

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Specific dates	1909	Builder/Architect	Hans Swanson
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### a. History

This house was built by Hans Swanson, a native of Norway, who settled at Port Ludlow around 1890. Swanson worked as a stevedoring superintendent for the Puget Mill Company at the Port Ludlow mill. He chose to settle at this site because he wanted land to farm and wanted to be removed from the life of a mill town. A community settled around Swanson and became known as Swansonville, in honor of the first settler. Swanson first built a small house; he then began building the present house and completed it by 1909. His wife, Helene, is said to have taken care of the dairy herd while Hans worked at the mill. He later retired and occupied his time tending the small dairy farm. Hans Swanson died in 1946 at the age of ninety-two.

### b. Evaluation of Significance

The Hans Swanson House is significant because it was the home of Hans Swanson, founder of the small community of Swansonville. Swansonville is approximately two miles from where the large Port Ludlow mill was located. There was a community that developed around the mill, but it was not suitable for farming and family life. Hans Swanson chose to be removed, and together with his wife Helene, they raised eight children away from the life of a mill town.