

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM  
COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic

✓ Johnson House

and/or Common

Lybeck House

2. LOCATION

Street & Number

✓ 287 Flagler Road

City, Town

✓ Nordland

State

Washington

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 523240

Northing 5321615

- not for publication

- vicinity of

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

Paul Marks and Roberta Ellis

Street & Number

287 Flagler Road

City, Town

Nordland

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98358

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lybeck, Stanley. Telephone conversation. February, 1982.

Russell, Karen and Jeanne Bean. Marrowstone. Port Townsend Publishing Co., Inc.,  
Port Townsend, 1978.

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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 Johnson House is a one and one-half story wood structure, clad on three sides with milled rustic siding and the south side with shingles. The shingles were added to the south side shortly after the turn of the century to keep southerly winds from blowing through the milled boards. The roof is gabled and the front facade has a covered porch running the width, with decorative brackets on the porch supports. There are two entrances to the house: one on the front facade and one in the rear, a recent (1950's) addition to the house. This addition is now part of the kitchen; the addition is small and does not overwhelm the original plan. Moreover, the visual integrity of the original house is not lost, particularly due to the front facade (road side) not being interrupted with changes.

Verbal boundary description: Block 4, Nordland

Acreage: less than one

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

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Specific dates	1892	Builder/Architect	Johnson Bros.: Karl, Robert, and Ole
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### a. History

Johan and Louise Johnson joined their sons, Karl and Robert, on Marrowstone Island in 1892. They brought with them their youngest son Ole. Almost immediately, all three sons set to work on building a new house for their parents. They located the house in the newly-platted townsite of Nordland overlooking Mystery Bay. Karl was a skilled carpenter and probably did the majority of the work on the new home.

Johan Johnson was active in the local community until his death at 80 years of age in 1908. Louise Johnson was also active in the local community. In Louise Johnson's later years, illnesses forced her to be bedridden. She died in 1913, four hours after she bid her last farewell to her family. Her son, Ole, continued to live in the family home until his death in 1929. Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Lybeck moved to Marrowstone Island in 1931 and purchased the Johan Johnson Home, which had been vacant since Ole's death.

### b. Evaluation of Significance

The Johnson House is significant because the Johnson family was one of the first families to settle at Nordland and build permanent homes. The Johnsons and a few other families established Nordland as a strong and thriving community. The architectural design of the home is a notable example of Karl Johnson's craftsmanship, and was stylistically similar to many of the dwellings constructed early on Marrowstone Island.