

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington	
COUNTY: Jefferson	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.9.46.0012	DATE 9/29/70

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Manresa Hall now known as Manresa Inn

AND/OR HISTORIC: Eisenbeis Castle

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Sheridan Street

CITY OR TOWN: Port Townsend

STATE: Washington      CODE: 46      COUNTY: Jefferson      CODE: 031

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Mr and Mrs Joshua N. Norris

STREET AND NUMBER: 925 Wilson Street

CITY OR TOWN: Port Townsend      STATE: Washington      CODE: 46

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER: Jefferson & Cass Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Port Townsend      STATE: Washington      CODE: 46

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

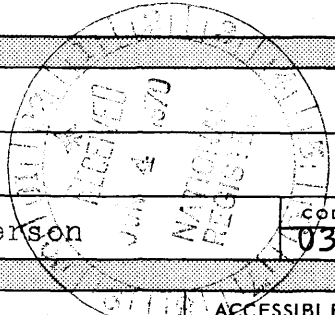
DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Today this structure consists of two main sections, the first section being the original residence of the Eisenbeis family, consisting of four stories and basement, and the second section having been added by the Jesuit Order in 1928. The walls in the original building are one foot thick and constructed of brick, and roofed with slate. The original building has three turrets across the front and suggests a Rhine castle.

The Eisenbeis residence consisted of a basement, three floors and attic, all of sturdy construction, with finely crafted hardware, redwood and oak paneling and tile fireplaces. The ornate woodwork and carved fireplace mantels were done by German artisans.

As one progresses to the third floor, it can be seen that the 12-inch thick walls continue upward; but as you ascend to the attic and enter the turret, you can observe that the walls are 18 inches thick, and, looking up into the turret, that the main timbers measure 40 feet in length.

This property was purchased by the Jesuit Order in 1925, and the second section was added and the entire combined building was given a uniform coat of stucco.

Under the Jesuit Order the building became completely self-sufficient, with laundry, paint shop, store room, plumbing shop, electrical shop, and a place for wood working and metal working, each equipped with all the necessary tools to do these many things. The Manresa Hall Library was a highly specialized one, with many works in Latin, Greek and many modern languages.

The steam heating plant is a marvel in itself, having been equipped with many safety devices, and is a low pressure steam plant serving approximately seventy radiators.

An elevator was installed in 1928, at a cost of \$3,400.00 and today would cost between \$35,000. to \$40,000.

At the end of the second main section is the chapel, with its leaded stained glass windows and 18-foot ceilings. The side altars in the chapel were used for saying individual masses. The main altar was constructed of Italian marble.

This building was sold late in 1968 to Mr and Mrs Joshua Norris, and is in the process of being remodeled into an Inn.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1892

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

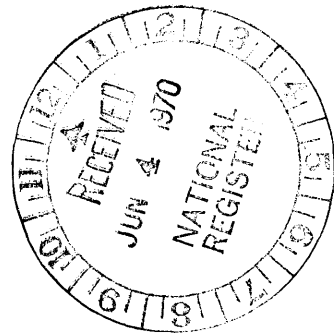
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric         | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <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            | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian            | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art      | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature           | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce            | <input type="checkbox"/> Military             | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications      | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation        |   |   |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Charles Eisenbeis, a master baker from Prussia, was the first Mayor of Port Townsend. He arrived here in 1858 and opened a shop to manufacture crackers and ship's bread. Mr Eisenbeis platted real estate tracts and erected business blocks, including the first stone building on Water Street, in 1873. He also built the Mount Baker block in the center of the city. He was interested in a brewery, brick yard, lumber mill, wharves and banks, and a great hotel on the hill, which never was occupied, owing to the financial crash.

At the peak of the boom in 1892, Mr Eisenbeis erected his four-story (with Basement), brick and stone residence roofed with slate.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Jefferson County Historical Society Research Library  
 "With Pride in Heritage" history of Jefferson County

**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							
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE					
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: LESS THAN TEN

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs Gerald A. Hunt, Corres. Sec'ry

ORGANIZATION: Jefferson County Historical Society DATE: 11/3/1969

STREET AND NUMBER: 5th and Wilson Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Port Townsend STATE: Washington CODE: 46

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Ann Allen Connally  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
 SEP 27 1970

Date \_\_\_\_\_

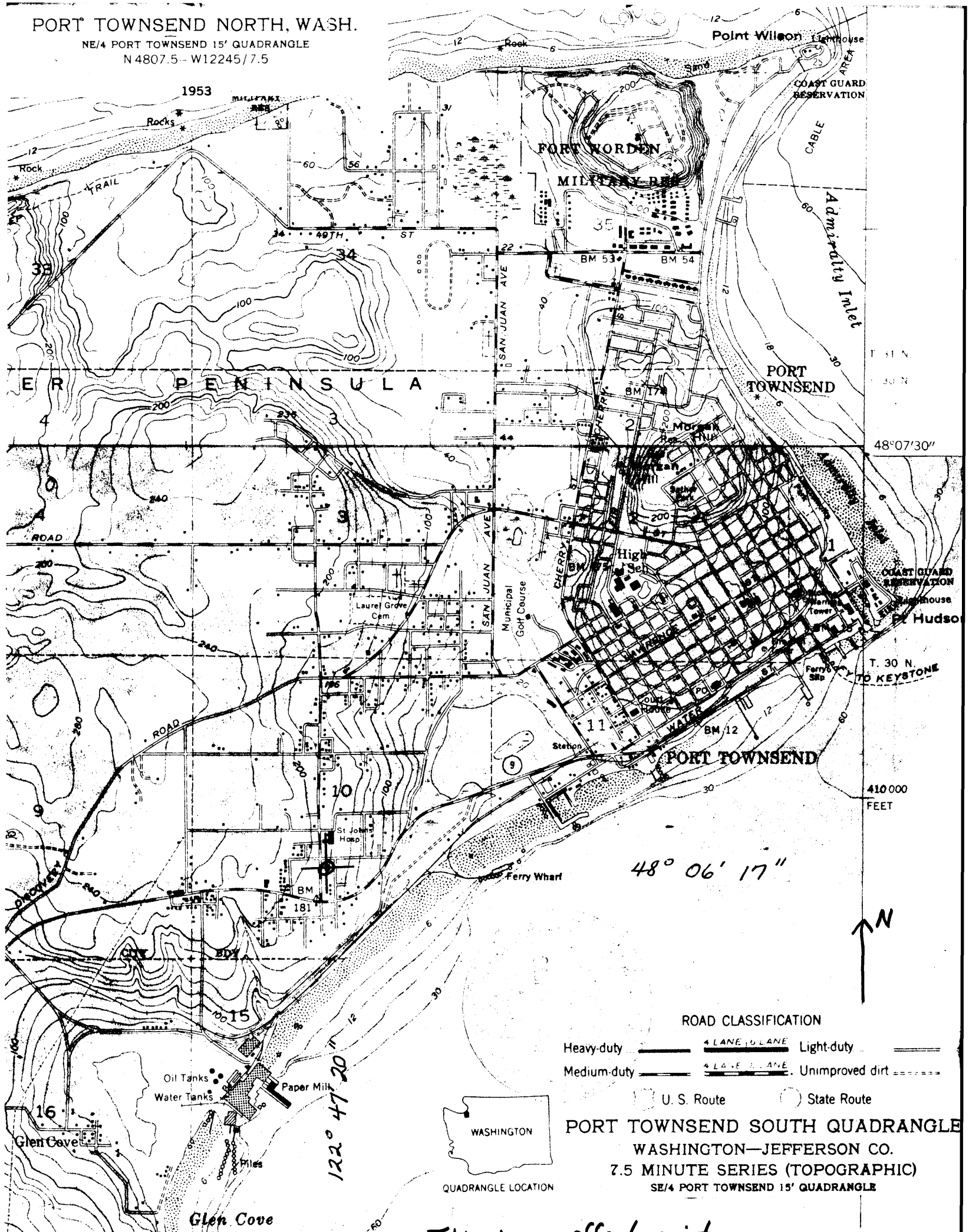
ATTEST:  
William J. [Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date JUL 8 1970

NO  
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PORT TOWNSEND NORTH, WASH.

NE/4 PORT TOWNSEND 15' QUADRANGLE  
N 4807.5 - W12245.7.5



1953

Point Wilson Lighthouse  
COAST GUARD RESERVATION

FORT WORDEN  
MILITARY RESERVE

ER PENINSULA

PORT TOWNSEND

48° 07' 30"

122° 47' 20"

48° 06' 17"



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		4 LANE 2 LANE	Light-duty	
Medium-duty		4 LANE 2 LANE	Unimproved dirt	

U. S. Route

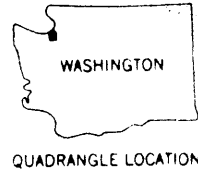
State Route

PORT TOWNSEND SOUTH QUADRANGLE

WASHINGTON—JEFFERSON CO.

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SE/4 PORT TOWNSEND 15' QUADRANGLE



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

This is an offset print.