

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington	
COUNTY: Jefferson	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.3.53.0002	DATE 3/24/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Point Wilson Light House

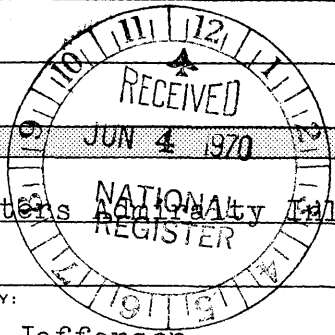
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Where Strait of Juan De Fuca enters Admiralty Inlet

CITY OR TOWN:
Port Townsend

STATE: Washington CODE: 53 COUNTY: Jefferson CODE: 031



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <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"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Government of the United States

STREET AND NUMBER:
Federal ownership only operated by U.S. Coast Guard

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Jefferson & Cass Streets

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:
Port Townsend Washington 53 46

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 10 acres

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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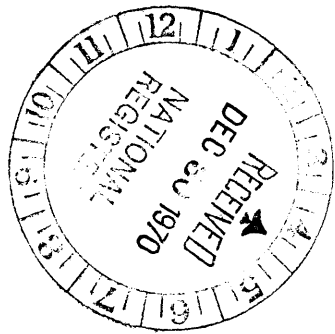
7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Point Wilson Light, near Port Townsend, is little changed since first in service. Several years ago, the old oil lantern at Point Wilson Light gave way to electricity. A modern fog signal house was also constructed to handle the larger machinery formerly housed inside the lighthouse structure. The present fog signal is a chime diaphragm. When in operation it is now synchronized with the station radio beacon for distance finding.

From its classic octagonal-shaped tower shines one of the most important lights on the inland waterways of Washington.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

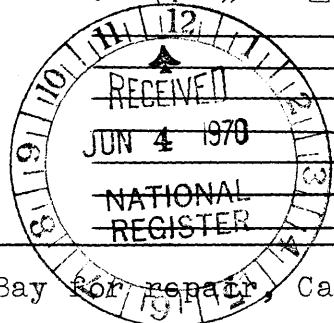
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) December 15, 1879

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal | Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political | <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric | Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi- | | Other (Specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic | Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | losophy | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Agriculture | Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Art | Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Commerce | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human- | | | |
| Communications | Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> | itarian | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Conservation | Military | <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Music | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

While leaving his ships in Discovery Bay for repair, Capt. Vancouver extended his explorations in the cutter Pinnace, skirting the shoreline to the eastward. After pushing on about eight miles, he rounded the tip of a sandy promontory, to which he gave the name of Point Wilson.

Every mariner entering or leaving Puget Sound has to take Point Wilson into his reckoning if he does not wish to leave his vessel stranded upon its sandy shores. In clear weather it is an easy matter to give it a wide berth, but in a dense fog-- that is another matter.

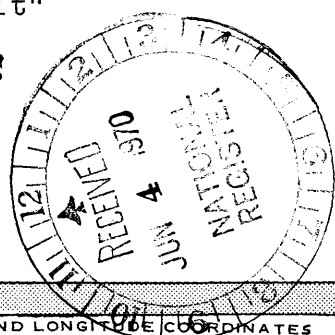
Seafaring men had been navigating their vessels past this obstacle without a lighthouse or a fog signal to aid them. As a result of continued pressure, the light-house department erected a beacon at the tip of Point Wilson in 1879, with a deep-toned whistle to assist in keeping vessels at a safe distance. The first keeper at the Light station was David M. Littlefield, a Civil War veteran.

From Point Wilson went one of the first distress reports of the sinking of the palatial coastwise liner "Governor", on April 1, 1921, after colliding with the freighter "West Hartland". Eight lives were lost, and the entire Puget Sound area was shocked over the sinking of one of the finest liners on the coastal run, just off Point Wilson Light.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

James G. McCurdy's "By Juan De Fuca's Strait"
 Gibbs, Jr. "Sentinels of the North Pacific"



10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
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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: Mrs Gerald A. Hunt

ORGANIZATION: Jefferson County Historical Society DATE: 11/15/69

STREET AND NUMBER: 5th and Wilson Streets,

CITY OR TOWN: Port Townsend STATE: Washington CODE: 53 48

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. Odegard
 Charles H. Odegard

Title: Director
 Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Date: _____

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

Annex A Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: MAR 24 1971

ATTEST:

William J. Huntley
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: FEB 8 1971

PORT TOWNSEND NORTH, WASH.

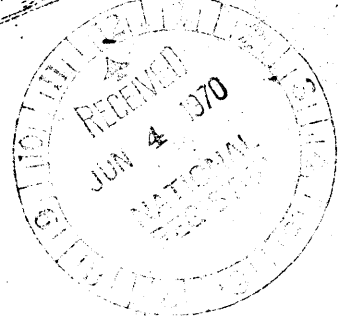
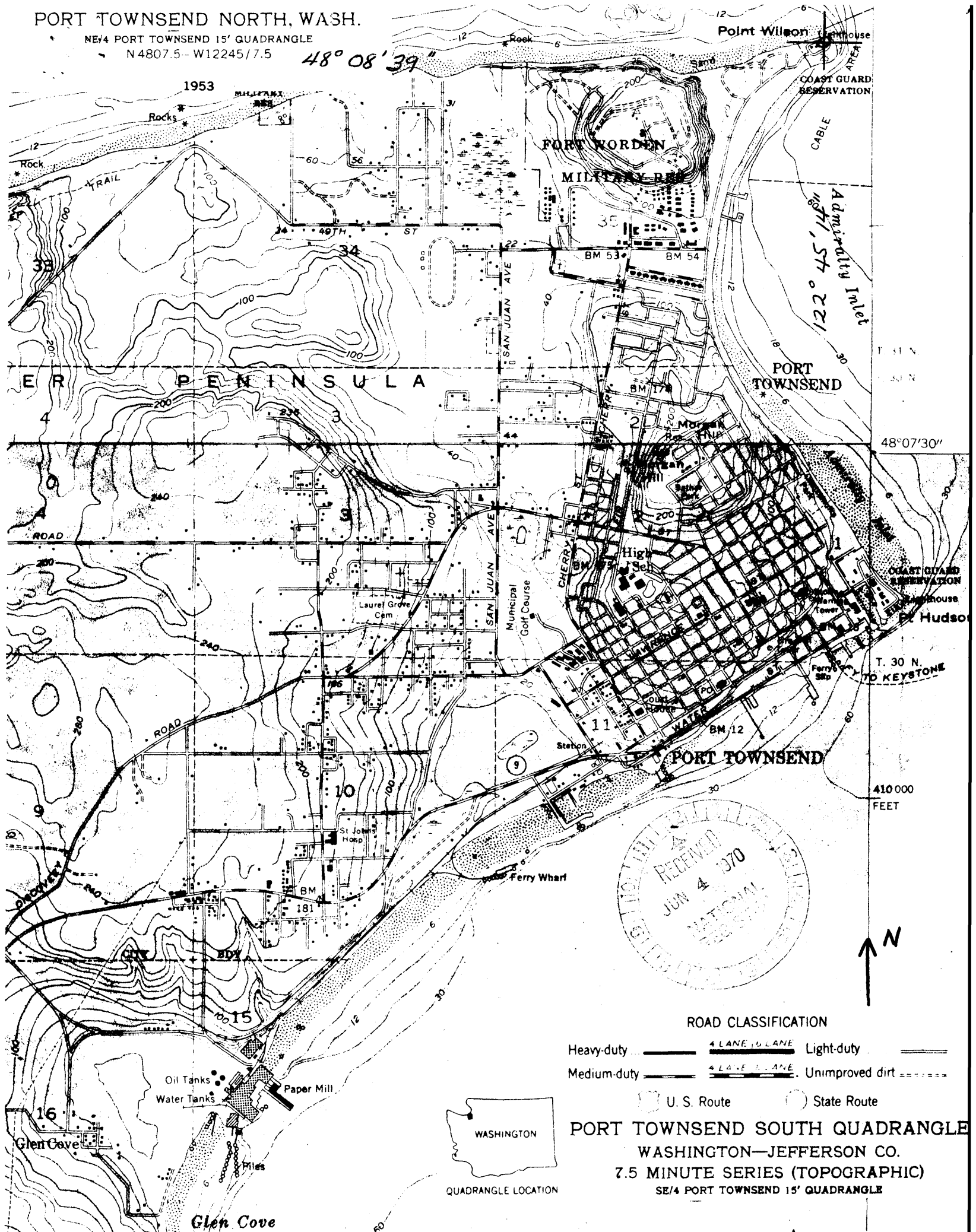
NE/4 PORT TOWNSEND 15' QUADRANGLE

N 4807.5 - W 12245/7.5

48° 08' 39"

Point Wilson Lighthouse
COAST GUARD RESERVATION

Admiralty Inlet
122° 57' 22.1"



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ————— 4 LANE 16 LANE Light-duty —————
Medium-duty ————— 4 LANE 16 LANE Unimproved dirt -----

U. S. Route ○ State Route ○



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

PORT TOWNSEND SOUTH QUADRANGLE
WASHINGTON—JEFFERSON CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 PORT TOWNSEND 15' QUADRANGLE

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