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DATA SHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Tokeland Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Kindred Avenue and Hotel Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Tokeland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3rd - The Honorable Donald L. Bonker

STATE

Washington

VICINITY OF

CODE

53

COUNTY

Pacific

CODE

049

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Walfred and Betty Smith

STREET & NUMBER

Kindred and Hotel P.O. Box 117

CITY, TOWN

Tokeland

VICINITY OF

STATE

Washington

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Auditors Office, Pacific County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Cowlitz and Vine

CITY, TOWN

South Bend

STATE

Washington

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Washington State Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

January, 1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Olympia

STATE

Washington

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tokeland Hotel stands on Toke Point, a windswept peninsula off the north shore of Washington's Willapa Bay. Tokeland is a small rural community, its buildings well-separated by trees, shrubs and open spaces. The hotel itself is situated well off Kindred Avenue, the main highway through town. The present-day "front" elevation of the hotel faces west, while the "rear" elevation commands a northeasterly view of the bay, across a landscaped lawn. To the north of the hotel property is a large frame tavern which is regularly open for business. It once served as the resort's club house. Directly adjacent to the hotel building on the north is a dilapidated barn. A bungalow-period home, much remodeled, borders the property on the southeast.

The present-day Tokeland Hotel is the result of at least three additions to the Kindred family farmhouse, first built in 1885. The original structure was a two-story wood frame building with a gabled roof and a brick fireplace built into the north wall. It was approximately 40 feet by 65 feet and had a covered porch extending 5 feet from the east elevation facing the bay. This original dwelling was constructed with materials shipped from the Willapa Bay area. Lumber was transported by small craft from a mill in South Bend. The exterior walls were clad with shiplap, 6 inches by 1 inch in dimension. The interior walls were formed of vertical rough-sawn planks, 10 inches by 1 inch, covered with burlap and wallpaper.

In 1899 the Kindreds built a two-story addition which gave the structure an "L" shape. At about this time they formally opened for business as the Kindred Inn. In 1910 a second wing of approximately the same size as the farm house was constructed, leaving the building "C" shaped. Gas lighting was installed and a second large fireplace was built. The roof was covered with split shakes until ca. 1950 when composition shingles were applied over the original material, weathered by years of wind and rain. Currently the shake roof is being replaced by the owners.

Interior remodeling and the addition of a plumbing system were undertaken by Maude Kindred almost continually through the 1920's and 1930's. Gas was replaced by electricity, and the central dining area was extended out to the edge of the porches on the east facade. For all practical purposes the front elevation facing the bay became the rear, leaving the Tokeland Hotel much as it appears today externally. At least two coats of paint preceded the present barn red that was applied in 1974.

The Tokeland Hotel contains some thirty rooms each of which features at least one large window. There are eighteen sleeping rooms on the second floor. Much of the hotel's original furniture remains, including oak bedroom sets, dining tables and chairs. Hand-painted murals in the dining room are set off by large areas of dark-stained woodwork and continuous tongue-in-groove wainscoting.

The current owners of the hotel are rehabilitating the structure to its original use, as their time and finances allow. Guests are served each weekend in the spacious dining room, and a number of sleeping rooms have been made liveable once again. Water leakage has caused the deterioration of much of the building's original fabric. A great deal of original wallpaper has been removed, owing to the severe water damage. Wooden elements have suffered to some extent from rot, but the foundation blocks of aggregate cement remain in sound condition.

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The hotel's kitchen facilities have been modernized over the years without effecting the structure itself. On the whole, the architectural integrity of the Tokeland Hotel has remained relatively undisturbed, despite its continual evolution as a functioning seaside resort.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY (resort)	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1885, 1899, 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tokeland Hotel is significant historically as one of the oldest resort hotels in the state of Washington. The founders of the hotel were Elizabeth Brown Kindred and William Stingly Kindred, both from pioneer families of the Northwest. Elizabeth Brown was born in 1862 at Bruceport to George and Charlotte Brown. Her father had settled in 1858 on Toke Point which was then rich in oysters and inhabited only by natives of the Willapa tribe. One of their number, Chief Toke, gave the area its name. Lizzie, as she was always known, grew up with the young people of this tribe as her only childhood companions. Her interest in them and their affection for her contributed to the priceless native basket and artifact collection which she displayed at the hotel until her death in 1931.

In 1880 Elizabeth married William S. Kindred, whom she had met while he worked on the construction of the North Cove Lifesaving Station on Willapa Bay. William was born in 1857 in Clatsop County, Oregon. His grandfather had come to Oregon Territory with the Captain C. Gilliam party in 1844. In 1845 they moved to Puget Sound with Michael T. Simmons, George Bush, and other Americans who founded Tumwater and later Olympia. William's father, B. C. Kindred, was one of the first pilots on the Columbia River. It was from his father's home in Portland that William came north to Toke Point in 1880.

In December of 1884 William purchased his father-in-law's 900-acre homestead, as well as his dairy and oyster business. The following year he and Lizzie built the farmhouse which forms the south wing of the Tokeland Hotel. Inspired by an ever-increasing flow of travelers to the area, the Kindreds added a two-story wing in 1899 and formally opened their home to the public. At first the family called their hospitable establishment "The Kindred Inn;" but shortly thereafter the name was changed to the Tokeland Hotel. From 1898 to 1915 William Kindred served as Tokeland's postmaster and the hotel functioned as the community's official post office.

Paralleling the growing lumber industry around Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor, Tokeland grew increasingly popular as a recreation area. The leisurely resort atmosphere that developed at the inn on Toke Point was in noted contrast to the bawdy recreation offered by saloons and brothels in Aberdeen, Raymond, and South Bend. The completion of the north wing in 1910 left the hotel much as it stands today.

Interior remodeling and improvements continued through the 1930's to keep pace with the luxurious summer cottages built on the Point by the "sawdust aristocracy." The hotel's clientele came not only from the regional lumber capitals but from as far away as Idaho and California. The inn was especially well-known for its cuisine which featured fresh oysters, razor clams, crab, and fish. In time, the hotel's facilities were expanded to include a club house, a gun club, and a golf course.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Aberdeen World, Articles from the 1920's to date.

Interviews with Ruth Dixon, President, Pacific County Historical Society, Inc. Materials on file at Pacific County Historical Society Museum, South Bend, Washington

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ca. 3 1/2

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING								

B

ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING								

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Tokeland Hotel is located just north of Kindred Avenue, at a point midway along and directly east of Hotel Road in Tokeland, Washington.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Sullivan

ORGANIZATION

Western Washington University

DATE

May 25, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

c/o History Department

TELEPHONE

(206) 676-3446

CITY OR TOWN

Bellingham

STATE

Washington

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Jeanne M. Welch

TITLE

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

December 15, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER.

ATTEST:

W. J. ...
Charles ...

DATE

4/10/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Due to its remote location and its proximity to Canada, Willapa Bay was not seriously effected by Prohibition. During those years the Tokeland Hotel reportedly offered attractions to guests beyond good food and comfortable lodging. When Prohibition was lifted in 1933, Maude Kindred had the club house relocated to the lot adjacent to the hotel, for use as a tavern and dance hall. The Tokeland fared well during the Depression years. Roads from Aberdeen and later from Raymond were constructed during that period, replacing the steamers Reliable and Shamrock that once brought vacationers to the Toke Point dock.

The hotel remained in the Kindred family until 1943 when William Kindred passed away. Since 1950, when the Hawthorne family took over its operation, the building has served primarily as a restaurant. After a period of inoperation during the late 1960's and early 1970's, the current owners are working to restore full hotel services.

The Tokeland Hotel is the oldest building on the Point and is the only remaining remnant from the early resort era on Willapa Bay. The majority of the present furnishings date from the early days of the hotel, and there have been no major structural changes since the Kindred family's period of ownership.