

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington
COUNTY: Lewis
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE JAN 11 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Jackson (John R.) House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Jackson Court House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
At Mary's Corner eleven miles south of Chehalis on Jackson Hwy. (US 12)

CITY OR TOWN:
Chehalis vic.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
#3 - Honorable Julia B. Hansen

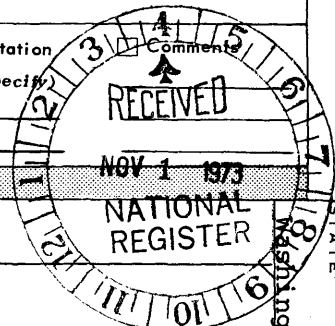
STATE: Washington CODE: 53 COUNTY: Lewis CODE: 041

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input 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:
Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 1128

CITY OR TOWN:
Olympia

STATE:
Washington

CODE:
53

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
15 North Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Chehalis

STATE:
Washington

CODE:
53

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: 1. Historic American Buildings Survey
2. National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: 1. 1933 2. 1935 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:
18th & C Streets, N.W.

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D.C.

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Erected in 1845, the John R. Jackson House has been restored to as near original condition as possible. Located eleven miles south of Chehalis on the old Pacific Highway, the building consists of log construction with a pole-beam ceiling. The house measures 16' by 26' and has a main living room and an upstairs loft. Some of the original Jackson furniture still remains inside. Today, the building is well fenced, well marked and easy to locate and visit.

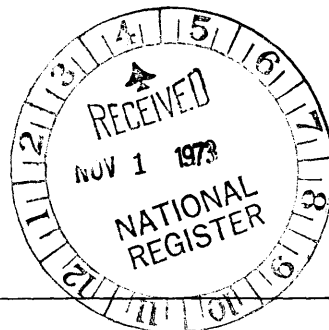
Restoration efforts began in 1915, and must be recorded as some of the earliest evidence of interest in historic preservation in Washington State. Under the auspices of a woman's club from the nearby community of Chehalis, a new foundation was supplied and the chimney reconstructed. The group also acquired some of the furnishings original to the house, which had become scattered, and returned them to their original location. In 1935, the Civilian Conservation Corps working through the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission built a cobblestone fence in the front of the house. Apparently at this time a split cedar shake roof was put on the house to replace the earlier covering.

The Jackson House became Washington's first State Park when it was acquired by the newly-formed State Board of Park Commissioners in 1915. Mr. Augustine Donahoe, and his wife Kate, donated .46 acres of land from the John R. Jackson Donation Land Claim, including the Jackson House, to the State of Washington on August 23, 1915. The Deed stated: "Provided, however, that in case the aforesaid premises are not used for historical purposes or are abandoned for that purpose then and in that event the same is to revert to grantors their heirs and assigns." Soon after, the home was restored. In the early 1950's, State Parks repaired the foundation and a slipping chimney.

Prior to the 1950's, the Jackson House was the only historic "structure" included in the State Parks' system, although the State did own a number of historic "sites".

Detailed records describing the original reconstruction project remain undiscovered by State Parks and may be nonexistent. The following facts, however, are known: The floor is original; the building has not been moved; much of the walls are original; and the reconstruction was begun soon after acquisition by State Parks in 1915. Furthermore, the south wall and the porch appear to have been reconstructed with entirely new materials.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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) **1845**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>SETTLEMENT</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input 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

The first American settler and land owner north of the Columbia River in what is now Western Washington was John R. Jackson, who established his homesite on the prairie divide between the Cowlitz and Chehalis River basins in October, 1845. A native of England, Jackson lived in New York and Illinois before settling temporarily in Oregon's Willamette Valley.

In July, 1845, Jackson and five companions headed north. Accompanying Jackson were W.P. Dougherty, organizer and charter member of the first Masonic Lodge in the Northwest and later a probate Judge of Pierce County; Major H.A.G. Lee, newly-elected Speaker of the House of Representatives under the Provisional Government; P.G. Stewart, member of the Executive Committee of the Provisional Government; and two men by the names of Watt and Holdray, active in public affairs at the time.

The group traveled down the Columbia River to present day Longview, then up Cowlitz River and onward to the confluence of the Skookumchuck and Chehalis Rivers, at which point the companions turned back. Upon reaching the divide, however, Jackson decided to build his home there.

Later, John R. Jackson was one of the group which met at Cowlitz Landing to formulate a petition to Congress for the creation of a northern territory, separate from Oregon Territory.

In addition to being an inn-keeper, Jackson operated a grocery store, was postmaster, justice of the peace, Captain in the Indian wars, and representative from Lewis County in the First Washington Territorial Legislature. Previously in 1846, he was also assessor for the Oregon Provisional Territory in the Vancouver District. In November, 1850, the First U.S. District Court held north of the Columbia River convened at the Jackson Home.

The extension of the Old Oregon Trail north from Cowlitz Landing became a military and post road. "The Highlands," as the Jackson Homestead was sometimes called, became the chief stopping place along this route. Hospitality of the Jacksons was extended to such army officers as U.S. Grant, George McClelland, and Phil Sheridan as well as Isaac Stevens, Washington's first Territorial Governor. Later, of course, these men were Civil War generals.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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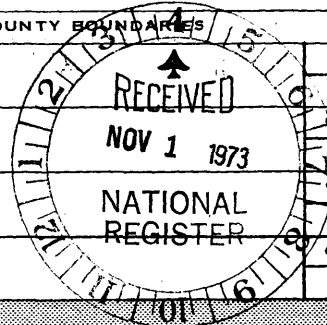
Lewis County Historical Society Museum files, newspaper items from the Chehalis Bee-Nugget, Chehalis, Washington.

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		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	46°	32'	32"	122°	49'	15"
NE	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
James O. Backman, Lewis County Liaison

ORGANIZATION: **Lewis County Historical Society** DATE: **7/10/72**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1070 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Chehalis** STATE: **Washington** CODE: **53**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 & Recreation Commission

Date October 26, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

AR Montrose
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 1/11/74

ATTEST:
Charles A. Harrington
Keeper of The National Register

Date 1-7-74

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State of Washington, Department of Efficiency, as of September 30, 1924, L.D. McArdle Director, Bulletin B: Plates and Descriptions of State Park Sites Owned by the State of Washington. In files of Ralph Rudeen, Chief, Interpretive Services, State Parks & Recreation Commission, Olympia, Washington.

