

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington	
COUNTY: Jefferson	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.5.53.0006	DATE 5/14/71

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
City Hall and Jefferson County Historical Society Museum

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Water and Madison Streets

CITY OR TOWN:  
Port Townsend

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

**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 type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
City of Port Townsend

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Water and Madison Streets

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

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Jefferson and Cass Streets

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

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS Acreage: 0.5**

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 type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" 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

*belt courses  
& window  
lintels*

The Port Townsend City Hall and Jefferson County Historical Museum is a brick and stone structure designed by the firm of "Batwell and Patrick". Built in 1891 as the Seat of Government for the City of Port Townsend, its design is simple, functional and victorian in general appearance. Materials used include native fir for the framework, hewn stone used at the base of the building, over basement windows, in and around the other windows and bricks made at a local brick yard. Some of the walls are two feet thick and all crosswalls are of masonry. Originally this structure had three stories until nature dealt the building a serious blow in the form of a violent south wester in 1945 which severely damaged the tower and third floor roof structure. The decision was made to remove the unusable third floor and replace it with a flat built-up roof. City offices occupy the main floor, with the council chambers on the second story. These chambers are unique, for they still contain the original oak desks and chairs for use by the council members. An ornate railing with swinging gate separates the council members from the public participants. Decorative wainscoting adorns the walls, while the doors are a design of that period. The basement houses the old city jail which is maintained as a museum exhibit in its original condition.



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

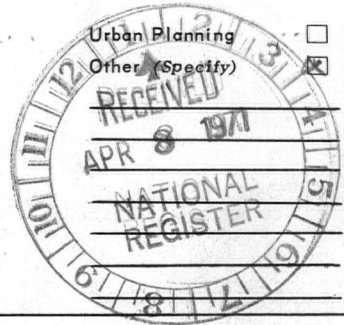
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)      1891

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |                |              |                          |                |                          |                 |                                     |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Aboriginal     | Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Prehistoric    | Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi-  |                          | Other (Specify) | <input checked="" 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.)

Present Seat of city government, the building was constructed in 1891 and now houses Jefferson County Historical Museum and old basement jail in which Jack London was once incarcerated.

Though built in 1891, the city hall was not finally paid for until January 1, 1947, bringing to a happy conclusion one of the most drawn-out and relatively costly financial transactions of its type in Washington State annals.

Records show that the original bond issue for financing the city hall in the sum of \$85,000 was approved by a city vote June 2, 1891 by a margin of 446 to 65. While the original city hall bond issue was in the sum of \$85,000, much, much more than that was paid, including all interest, by the time the deal was finally closed fifty-six years later.

The basement houses the old city jail where, according to the older inhabitants, Jack London was incarcerated on a drunken charge when he stopped here on his way to Alaska aboard the Snark. We have been unable to find the original record as the records have been carelessly preserved.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Port Townsend Leader June 2, 1955



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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		N48° 06' 58"	W122° 45' 07"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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

ORGANIZATION: Jefferson County Historical Society DATE: 1/22/70

STREET AND NUMBER: 5th and Wilson

CITY OR TOWN: Port Townsend STATE: Washington CODE: 53 ~~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.

Ernest Allen Connelly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
 MAY 14 1971

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ATTEST:  
William J. Sturtevant  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: 5/3/71

NO  
 4/11/71  
 CD

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

City Hall and Jefferson County  
Historical Society Museum

Jefferson  
71000868  
Wash

RECEIPT

PROPERTY

REGISTER NUMBER

STATE

DATE OF RECEIPT

3/22/71

YES

NO

REMARKS

71.553.0006 5/14/71

DATA PAGE

PHOTO (S)

PHOTO DESCRIP (S)

MAP (S)

MAP DESCRIPTION (S)

LOGGED

ACT. W/ E.D.G.

5/26/71

✓  
✓  
✓  
✓

RESUBMIT

4/8/71 3/23/71

Sure looks different than it used to! Went back once for a better  
pt 8, but still not vely good. Assume there's nothing more to  
be said!

Tech. OK!!!  
Derruck  
4/21/71

Demonstrates no historical significance and architectural integrity destroyed.

If a rejection. Rep. Pluken says people have 20,000 to match for restoration of 2nd floor. I'm tempted  
Would this qualify on architecture? I can't see  
history or commerce as especially significant.

(over)  
OK  
5/12/71  
4/12/71

Conference - if restored, bldg. would be pretty interesting architecturally.  
But - The form doesn't say much about architecture, or anything  
else. Chambers 4-14-71

OK  
Chambers  
4-22-71

OK form signed by Keeper

CHIEF, CAMP

EDC  
5-14

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR

Can this property qualify because it was  
the city hall? If this is our approach,  
we should know when it ceased serving  
this purpose.\*

ED  
4/14/71  
ok  
ED 4/22/71

Federal Register Entry

~~5/15~~ 7/6/71

Annual Edition Entry

~~5/15~~

logged  
Card

5/15  
5/15

WORKING NUMBER

3.22.71.2



Return for acreage,  
Pt 8. Pt 3/23/71

\* Still is City Hall, apparently - see photo.  
at least as of 1969  
4/22/71 Per R. Rudeen, they plan restoration.

District #2 -

Lloyd Meeds

to approve if there is substance in the proposal but does Dr. Murtagh think this advisable. Would he favor use of funds this way and should we list on a promise. Personally I think the project would cost well beyond \$180,000 est. There's more to do than just adding the 3rd floor.

Pete: Let's send to Dr. M and ask if we can discuss with him. Ben

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RETURNED. DATE March 23, 1971

NAME OF PROPERTY City Hall and Jeff. Cnty. Hist. Museum Society

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form(s) is(are) being returned to your office because the information checked below is lacking or has been incorrectly supplied.



Insufficient locational information.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Geographical location codes missing or incorrect.

Classification (Item #3) incomplete.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of property/location of legal description necessary.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

No Bibliography.

Acreage of nomination not given.

Comments: Please indicate in Part 5. *OK*

Longitude and latitude coordinates lacking, incorrect, or in wrong place.

Form is not signed by the State Liaison Officer (Item #12).

Photograph/map form(s) (16-301) required for each photograph/map.

Insufficient map coverage of property.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Description (Item #7),

Comments: Is the architect or builder known? *PL*

Statement of Significance (Item #8).

Comments: Please provide additional explanation of the historic and commercial significance with bibliographical references as appropriate. Were the circumstances of London's incarceration particularly significant? *OK*

Xerox forms unacceptable.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Other

Comments: Architecture has not been shown as an area of special significance, but are there features that might be considered unique or distinctly representative of a certain style?

The inadequacies noted above must be rectified prior to the initiation of our professional review process. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily indicate that the nomination will then meet all other National Register criteria.

Thank you.

*Handwritten signature*



A.D. MDCXXXI

CITY HALL  
1891  
PORT TOWNSEND WASH

TO  
65-1000

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE Washington	
COUNTY Jefferson	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 715,53.0006	DATE 3/14/71

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: City Hall & Jefferson County Historical Society Museum			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Water and Madison Streets			
CITY OR TOWN: Port Townsend			
STATE: Washington	CODE 53	COUNTY: Jefferson	CODE 031
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Swearingen Studio			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1969			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Swearingen Studio			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  Photo is taken looking toward the Northwest Photo # 1			

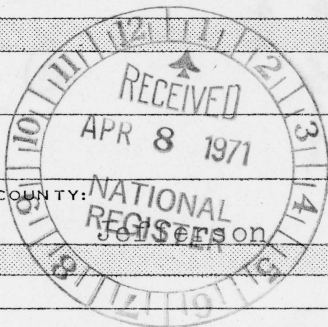




Photo # 2

NPS Number 5-14-71

Title: City Hall and Jefferson  
Co. Historical Society Museum

Loc. Jefferson Co., Wash.

Photo is taken looking  
toward the north



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE Washington	
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ENTRY NUMBER 915.53.0006	DATE 5/14/71

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Water and Madison Streets

CITY OR TOWN:  
Port Townsend

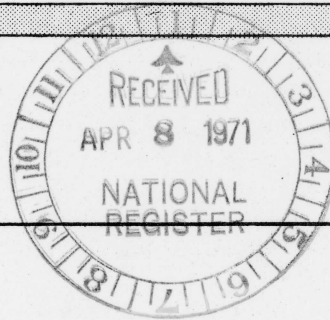
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT:  
DATE OF PHOTO: 1915 ?  
NEGATIVE FILED AT:

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  
Photo # 2 - photo is taken looking toward the north.



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE	
Washington	
COUNTY	
Jefferson	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
71553.0006	5/14/71

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STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: Water and Madison Streets,  
Port Townsend

STATE: Washington CODE 53 COUNTY: Jefferson CODE 031



3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' Quadrangle Port Townsend South

SCALE: 1: 24,000

DATE: 1953

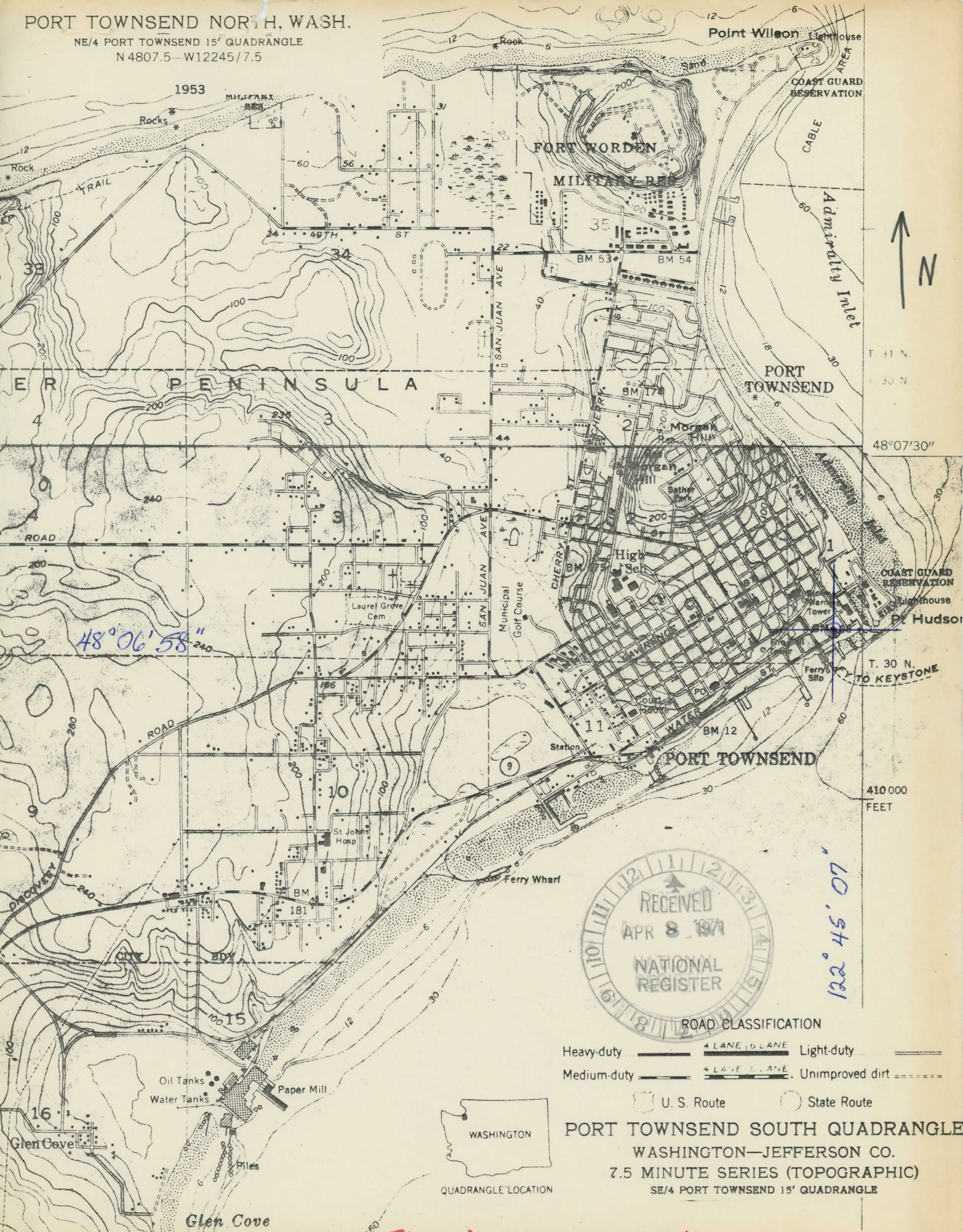
4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

PORT TOWNSEND NORTH, WASH.

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



Point Wilson Lighthouse

COAST GUARD RESERVATION

FORT WORDEN  
MILITARY RES.

ER PENINSULA

PORT TOWNSEND

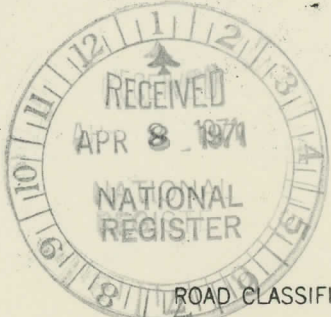
PORT TOWNSEND

St. Hudson

48° 06' 58"

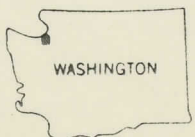
122° 45' 07"

410 000  
FEET



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty 4 LANE 10 LANE Light-duty
- Medium-duty 4 LANE 10 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

This is AN OFFSET PRINT.

DANIEL J. EVANS  
GOVERNOR

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THURSTON AIRDUSTRIAL CENTER

P. O. BOX 1128

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON 98501

April 6, 1971



Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
801 19th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Bill:

We are returning the nomination for "City Hall and Jefferson County Historical Society Museum" with the information requested by your office. Hopefully, this application is now complete as this is one nomination for which we have asked for a project grant.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph H. Rudeen, Chief  
Interpretive Services

RHR:kj

Enclosure

MAY 18 1971

130-11R

Hon. Henry M. Jackson  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Jackson:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Washington and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator Warren G. Magnuson and the appropriate Representatives also have been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Mr. Charles H. Odegaard, Director, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Post Office Box 1128, Olympia, Washington 98501, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

Enclosures

MAY 14 1971

Entered in the National Register

cc: Mr. Charles H. Odegaard, Director, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Post Office Box 1128, Olympia, Washington 98501  
Director, Pacific Northwest Region

Also notified: Hon. Warren G. Magnuson  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.  
Hon. Floyd V. Hicks  
Hon. Brock Adams  
Hon. Lloyd Meeds  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.  
HR  
PDHerrick:sam 5/5/71 BASIC FILE  
RETAINED IN HR

Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

WASHINGTON

Butterworth Building

King County  
Seattle, Washington

US Missouri

Kitsap County  
Bremerton, Washington

City Hall and Jefferson County  
Historical Society Museum

Jefferson County  
Port Townsend, Washington

2  
MAY 18 1971

H30-HR

Mr. Charles H. Odegaard  
Director  
Washington State Parks and Recreation  
Commission  
Post Office Box 1128  
Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear Mr. Odegaard:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Henry M. Jackson and Warren G. Magnuson and the appropriate Representatives are being informed. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for each of the property owners. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register

MAY 14 1971

cc:

HR

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