

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington	
COUNTY: Snohomish	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
APR 14 1972	

1. NAME

COMMON: (Schooner) "Equator" ↓

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 14th Street Yacht Basin CONG. DISTRICT # 2

CITY OR TOWN: Everett Honorable Lloyd Meeds

STATE: Washington CODE: 53 COUNTY: Snohomish CODE: 061

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Not Used <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Equator Incorporated

STREET AND NUMBER: 4730 Glenhaven Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Everett STATE: Washington, 98201 CODE: 53

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: Snohomish CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Condition Survey - "Equator" by Captain A.F. Raynaud, Marine Surveyor, Seattle, Washington

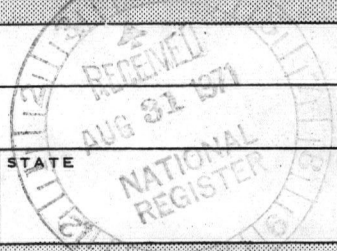
DATE OF SURVEY: Feb. 21, 1968 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Methven Corporation

STREET AND NUMBER: 1020 - 14th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Everett STATE: Washington CODE: 53

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This historic vessel was abandoned on the Snohomish River jetty at Everett in 1958 among other ship and barge hulks. The deck house and all machinery, the propeller, shaft and fittings had been removed, and only the bare hull of the vessel remained. Before and after the vessel had been removed from the breakwater and put into drydock a survey was made of the accessible areas of the hull and the condition of these areas appeared to be reasonably sound. During the course of years many changes were made to the hull structure. The stem is now plumb, and this may have been in the original design, as many small schooners were built in that manner. The stern is certainly not the original, and this should be cut back to a point where the stern can be rebuilt to conform to the original design. The big factors in restoring the "Equator" would be the rebuilding of the stern, redecking, caulking and rerigging. The vessel was undoubtedly a two-masted, gaff-rigged schooner, with possibly one or two top masts, and carrying three head sails forward. Crew quarters were forward and consisted of the minimum comforts. The after quarters probably consisted of three or four small state rooms, a small salon or dining room, store room, and possibly a toilet room. The carrying of cargo was this vessels main function.

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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)

1888 until present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Designed and built by Matthew Turner in Benecia, California in 1888, the Equator began her career as a South Seas copra trader. In 1889, the Equator was one of few vessels to survive a mighty hurricane off Samoa. In mid 1889, the famed author Robert Louis Stevenson chartered the Equator in Hawaii for extended South Pacific cruising. The author of such books as "Treasure Island" learned much about the sea from the Equator, her crew and from native Pacific kings he met during the South Seas ramblings. His ultimate home site in Samoa was reached from the Equator.

The schooner, after Stevenson left, continued ^{her} ~~his~~ South Pacific sailing until 1897 when a steam engine was installed for the beginning of an Alaskan fish packing career.

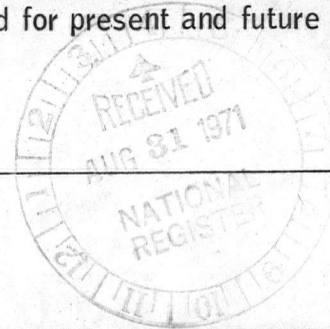
In 1915, purchased by Carey-Davis Co., the Equator lost her bowsprit, was enlarged and then put into service as a wire drag vessel for the Coast and Geodetic Survey organization. She again cheated death when nearly swamped in Deception Pass enroute to Alaska. Coal bunker covers had been left open but a heroic young University of Washington student - crewman, R. F. Jones, dived beneath the floating coal to slide the steel covers into place.

With a gasoline engine installed in the 1920's, the Equator once more avoided death. She went aground on the Quillayute Bar in 1923 but an enterprising skipper filled her hold with empty oil drums and floated her free.

In 1941, the Equator received a diesel engine and renewed a Puget Sound tow-boat career. Her long life of maritime usefulness came to an end in 1958 when she was abandoned on the Snohomish River jetty.

Now owned by a non-profit, state-registered organization, Equator, Inc., the historic ship is on the ways at an Everett boat shop. It is the goal of this group to restore the Equator to as near its original condition as possible so that a genuine tie with the maritime past can be retained for present and future generations.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The letters of Robert Louis Stevenson
 The U. S. National Archives
 Survey Report by Captain A. F. Raynaud
 Marine Surveyor, Seattle, 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							
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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:
 Eldon Schalka, M.D., President

ORGANIZATION: Equator Incorporated DATE: Nov. 24, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
 4730 Glenhaven Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Everett 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. Odegaard
 Charles H. Odegaard

Title Director - Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Date August 27, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

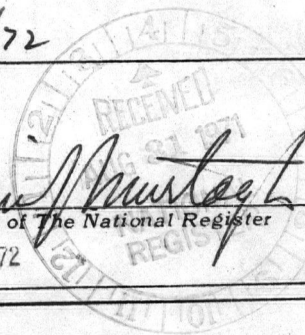
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/14/72

ATTEST:
William J. Murtagh
 Keeper of the National Register

Date APR 14 1972



Schooner "Equator"

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Wash

RECEIPT PROPERTY STATE REGISTER NUMBER

DATE OF RECEIPT 8/31/71 YES NO NUMBER

DATA PAGE ✓ _____

PHOTO (S) ✓ _____

PHOTO DESCRIP (S) ✓ _____

MAP (S) ✓ _____

MAP DESCRIPTION (S) ✓ _____

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ACKNOWLEDGE 8/31/71 _____

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RESUBMIT _____

Gj tech 10/9/71

REVIEW _____

OK means
10/5/71

HISTORIAN Material presented in this nomination is weak. How much original still exists? Relationship with Stevenson is too vague.

OK
3/14/72
Janzee
11/16/71

ARCHEOLOGIST _____

OK
5/27/71
10/18/71

ARCHITECT _____

OK
Chambers
11-7-71

ASST. KEEPER _____

OK
Muller
3/14/72

KEEPER _____

OK
Cohn
3/14/72

ENTRY _____

CHIEF, OAHP _____

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR _____

OK
CD
11/15/71

Federal Register Entry 6-6-72

Date

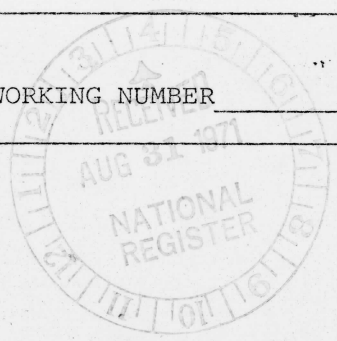
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COMMENTS: _____



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Lloyd Meeds



The schooner "Equator" lay in the mud of the Snohomish river till interested members of the local community raised her and brought her to her present position on the ways at 14th Street Yacht Basin, Everett, Washington 98201.

PHOTO BY JIM LEO
THE EVERETT DAILY HERALD

NPS Number

4/14/72

Title:

Schooner "Equator"

Loc.

Snohomish, Washington
Vessel in repair yard.



PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

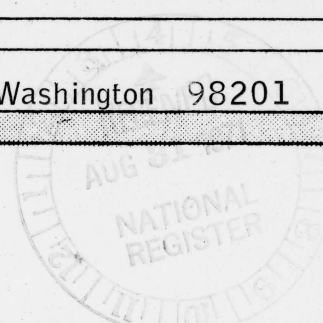
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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

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STATE: Washington	CODE 53	COUNTY: Snohomish	CODE 061
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Everett Herald			
DATE OF PHOTO:			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Methven Corporation, 1020 - 14th Street, Everett, Washington 98201			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Vessel in repair yard.			

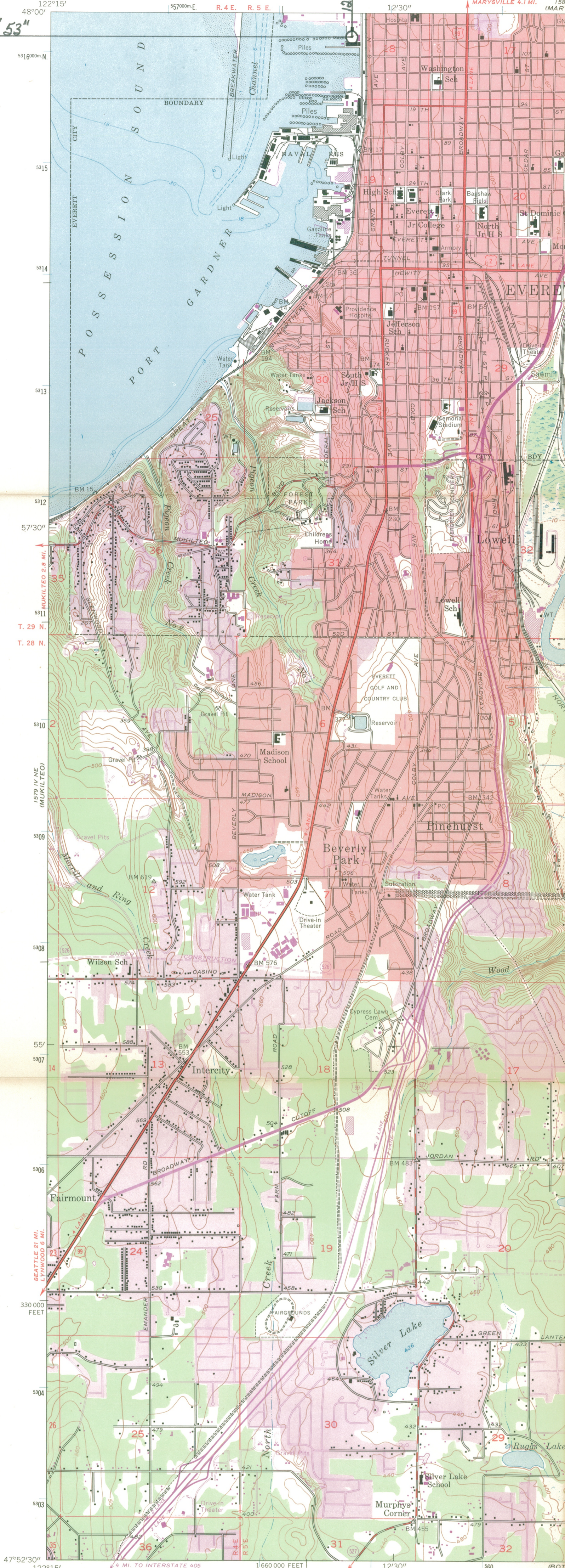


UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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47° 59' 53"

122° 12' 49"



EDMONDS EAST 7
1579 IV SE

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
and by plane-table surveys 1953. Aerial photographs taken 1952

Hydrography compiled from USC&GS Chart 6448

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Washington coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 10, shown in blue

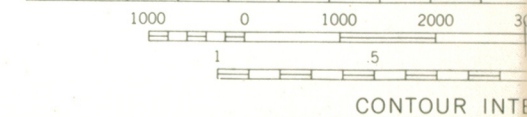
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1968. This information not field checked

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



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DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
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DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET
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THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDES

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS

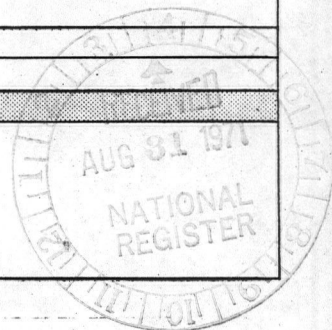
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PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S., Everett Quadrangle			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1953			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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August 27, 1971

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

Dear Mr. Murtagh:

The following nominations have received favorable review and are herewith submitted for National Register consideration:

1. Gamwell House
2. Schooner "Equator"
3. Grays River Covered Bridge

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas M. Whisman".

Douglas M. Whisman, Chief
Office of Archaeology and
Historic Preservation

DW:kj

Enclosures



AUG 30 1971

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE WASHINGTON

Date Entered APR 14 1972

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Eliza Ferry Leary Home	Seattle King County
Schooner "Equator"	Everett Snohomish County
Storey (Ellsworth) Residences (two homes)	Seattle King County
Fire Station #25	Seattle King County

Also Notified

- Hon. Warren G. Magnuson
- Hon. Henry M. Jackson
- Hon. Thomas H. Pelly
- Hon. Lloyd Meeds
- Hon. Brock Adams

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

Director, Pacific Northwest Region

HR

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4/14/72

PROPERTY EQUATOR (schooner)

(Snohomish Co.)

Date: 2/21/75

National Register property descriptions are being rewritten for entry in the cumulative 1976 National Register publication. In order to make certain that write-ups are correct, please provide the information indicated below within 10 days.* The material should be forwarded directly to the Branch of Publications, National Register.

* Please let us know if additional time is needed. Attention: Sally Marusin

1. Name _____

2. Location _____

3. Ownership Is the ship still owned by Equator Inc.? YES

4. Accessible to the public _____

5. Present use _____

6. Description (remodeled, restored?) Has the ship been restored?

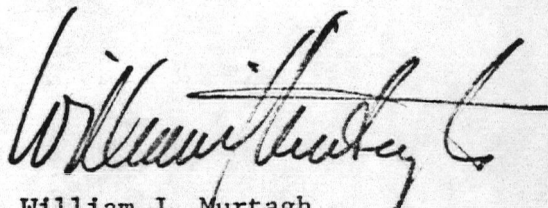
Could you please provide us with the construction material of
and
the hull, length, width if possible. Thank you.

NO RESTORATION UNDERWAY, PLANS WILL BE COMPLETED AT
END OF MARCH. HULL IS WOOD, 82' LONG, 20' BEAM

7. Photo If the Equator has been restored we would appreciate
a recent photograph of it if possible. EQUATOR STILL LOOKS

8. Other LIKE HELL BUT WE HAVE LOTS OF PHOTOS.

Thank you.


William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

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EQUATOR (SCHOONER) (53-73-00051-04).
Everett, Snohomish Co. Private (individual)
ownership. Built in 1888 by Matthew Turner.
Work to include research, plans and dry storage.
\$4,500.00.