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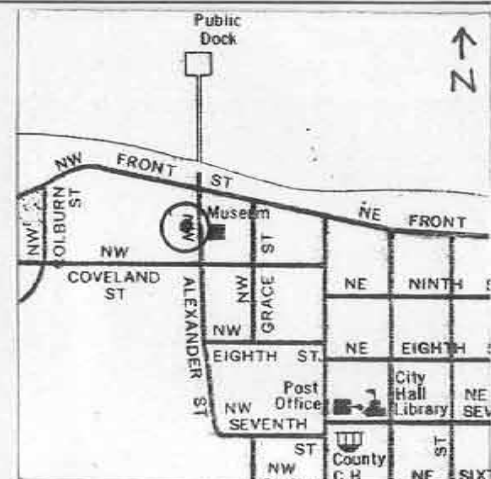
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| NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE<br>Alexander Block House                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION<br>c.1855-57                                                                                                                                                           | SITE ID. NO.<br>[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] |                                                     |
| SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO.)<br><br>906 Northwest Alexander Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | ADDITION(S)                                                                                                                                                                                 | SCALE<br>1:24000                                        | QUAD NAME<br>Coupeville                             |
| CITY/VICINITY<br>Coupeville                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | COUNTY<br>Island                                                                                                                                                                            | STATE<br>Washington                                     | UTM ZONE<br>[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] |
| OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS<br>Island Co. Historical Assn.<br>P. O. Box 305<br>Coupeville, WA 98239 parcel #R13233-397-3390                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | CROSS REFERENCE<br>LA 29                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                         |                                                     |
| DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.<br>Blockhouse. Log structure set on concrete foundation; rectangle (15' x 12'); 2-stories; horizontal shaped logs with horizontal wood panels in gable ends; wood-shingled gable roof; center entrance on east facade. Exterior features include extended eaves with exposed rafter ends; overhanging 2nd story with exposed round log supports; narrow, horizontal openings; 2nd story opening on east facade with vertical plank covering; vertical plank door. Notable landscape features include gable roof enclosed showcase for wooden cross; long, gable roof, open shed displaying 3 Indian canoes.<br><br>This is one of several blockhouses erected on Central Whidbey Island during the Indian Wars of 1855-57. John Alexander, Sr. built this blockhouse on his Donation Claim. In the 1930's, the structure was purchased by local residents, moved to its present location and reconstructed. The structure was disassembled with the logs numbered, the two bottom logs were replaced and the structure was reassembled on a concrete foundation. The Coupeville Lion's Club built the Canoe House used to display 3 Indian canoes.<br><i>1995: one contributing structure.</i> |  | DANGER OF DEMOLITION?<br>(SPECIFY THREAT)<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO<br><input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN                                     |                                                         |                                                     |
| CURRENT USE<br>Monument                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | ORIGINAL USE<br>Defense                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                         |                                                     |
| PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY <input type="checkbox"/> YES, LIMITED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, UNLIMITED <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN EXISTING SURVEYS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> NHL <input type="checkbox"/> LCS <input type="checkbox"/> NPS <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                         |                                                     |
| LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO<br><input type="checkbox"/> NAME Cent. Whid. Isl. Hist. Dist.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | CONDITION <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS<br><input type="checkbox"/> GOOD <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED |                                                         |                                                     |
| SIGNIFICANCE<br>This property is significant under National Register criterion A, for its association with early Euroamerican settlement in the Pacific Northwest and the Donation Land Claim Laws, in the period between 1850 and 1870.<br>This property is also significant under National Register criterion C, because it embodies the distinctive characteristics of architectural expressions and methods of construction that represent the period of early Euroamerican settlement in the Reserve beginning in the 1850s through 1870. It retains integrity of location, setting, materials, design, workmanship, feeling and association.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                         |                                                     |

PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



FROM E



FROM NE



FROM SE

NEGATIVE NO. C22-35,36; L19-26

HABS/HAER QUALITY

☐ YES

☒ NO

REFERENCES Cook. Penn's Cove. p. 35.

Hesselgrave, George. Personal Interview. 10 August 1983.

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