

EBEY'S LANDING **PNRO** NATIONAL INVENTORY HISTORICAL RESERVE

National Park Service
Pacific Northwest Region
Cultural Resources Division

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2001 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98121

NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Whidbey Merchantile Company / Toby's Tavern		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c.1875	SITE ID. NO.	
SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO.) 8 N.W. Front Street			SCALE 1:24000	
CITY/VICINITY Coupeville		ADDITION(S)	QUAD NAME Coupeville	
COUNTY Island			UTM ZONE EASTING NORTHING	
STATE Washington		CROSS REFERENCE LA 29		
OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS	Cheeseburger in Paradise parcel #R13233-408-3870 P. O. Box 387 Coupeville, WA 98239	☒ CONTRIBUTING ☐ NON-CONTRIBUTING	DANGER OF DEMOLITION? (SPECIFY THREAT) ☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ UNKNOWN	

DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

Falsefront Commercial. Wood frame set on wood pilings/post and block foundation; rectangle (24' x 32'); 5 bays wide; 1 1/2-stories; shiplap siding; asphalt-shingled, gently sloping, gable roof with falsefront; recessed center entrance with new wood and diamond-pane glass door on south facade; off-center second entrance to left; interior end chimney on north facade. Exterior features include single pane fixed sash; multi-pane hinged sash; plain frieze board; corner boards.

This building was constructed for John Robertson c.1875 and sold to Thomas Calhoun in 1890. By 1896, A.B. Coates and Co. were running a store in the structure. The east portion of the building was used as a store until 1938. In the 1930's, George Hesslegrave sold gasoline and had a vehicle for hire on the west side of the building. The building has been operated as a tavern since the late 1930's. The front exterior of the structure has been extensively remodeled with a falsefront constructed in front of the west part of the structure.

1995: One contributing building.

PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY	☒ YES, LIMITED ☐ NO	☐ YES, UNLIMITED ☐ UNKNOWN	EXISTING SURVEYS	☒ NR ☐ HABS ☐ NHL	☐ LCS ☐ NPS	☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY	☐ LOCAL ☐ OTHER
LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?	☒ YES ☐ NAME Cent. Whid. Isl. Hist. Dist.	☐ NO	CONDITION	☐ EXCELLENT ☒ GOOD	☐ FAIR ☐ DETERIORATED	☐ RUINS	

SIGNIFICANCE

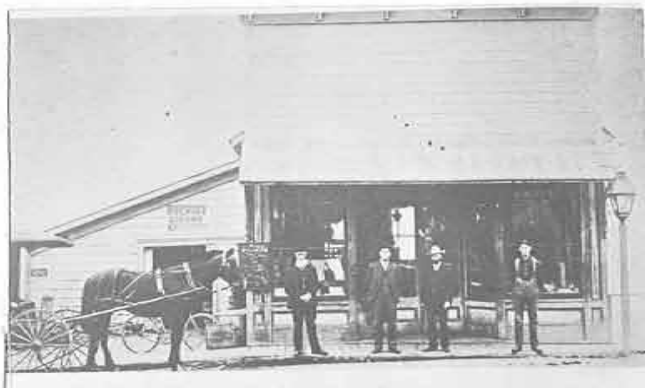
This property is significant under National Register criterion C, because it embodies the distinctive characteristics of architectural expressions and methods of construction that represent the period of community development in the Reserve, from 1871 until 1910.

This property is also significant under National Register criterion A, for its association with commercial enterprises which established a stable economic foundation for the community from the period of early settlement in the 1850s through 1945. It retains integrity of location, setting, materials, design, workmanship, feeling and association.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

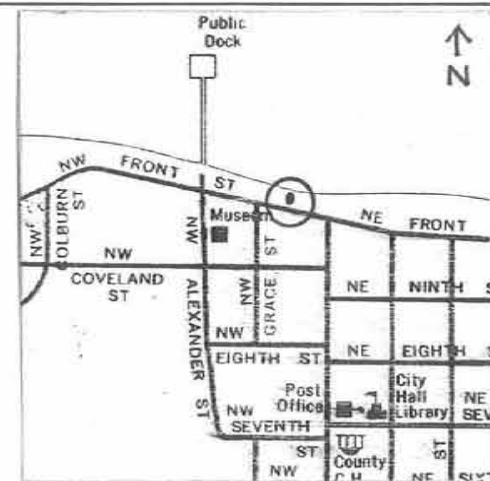


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HISTORIC
VIEW

A. B. Coates & Son — taken in May 1904. Mr. Coates is the white-bearded gentleman to the left, J. B. Libbey is the dark-bearded one.



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NEGATIVE NO. L6-5,6

HABS/HAER QUALITY

☐ YES

☒ NO

REFERENCES

Cook. Penn's Cove. p. 100-101.

Cook. "National Register Nomination." p.3.

INVENTORIED BY Luxenberg/Castellano/Lein

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