



EBEY'S LANDING NATIONAL HISTORICAL RESERVE

PNRO INVENTORY

National Park Service
Pacific Northwest Region
Cultural Resources Division

Westin Building, Room 1920
2001 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98121

NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Thomas Coupe House		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1854 ADDITION(S)	SITE ID. NO.	
SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO.) 504 Northeast 9th Street			SCALE 1:24000	QUAD NAME Coupeville
CITY/VICINITY Coupeville			UTM ZONE	EASTING
COUNTY Island			NORTHING	
STATE Washington		CROSS REFERENCE LA31		
OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS Dorthea Hedgecock & Betty Whitaker P. O. Box 65 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. Saltbox Residence. Wood frame set on post and block foundation; rectangle (18' x 20'); 3 bays wide; 1 1/2-stories; board and batten with clapboard siding on north facade; asphalt-shingled, sloping gable roof; center entrance on north facade; corbelled interior chimney. Exterior features include 2/2 double-hung sash with molded surround; plain frieze board; corner boards; shed roof dormer on north facade; hip-roofed porch with wood columns and carved brackets on north facade. Notable landscape features include 1 board and batten, gable roof outbuilding; 1 large black walnut tree. Captain Thomas Coupe settled on Whidbey Island in 1853, purchasing a Donation Claim on Penn Cove. He contracted with the Hill brothers to build a house. The building materials came from San Francisco and the house was constructed of redwood. The structure has been moved back on the property twice due to erosion of the bluff above the Cove. With the growth of Coupeville, the road which ran to the north of the house was moved farther south so now the building sits off the road among the trees and overgrowth. The Bruce family recently willed the house to Children's Orthopedic Hospital. The structure is currently occupied but in a very deteriorated condition. <i>1995: The house has been rehabilitated; one contributing building; one contributing structure.</i>		CURRENT USE Residence		ORIGINAL USE Residence
PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY ☒ YES, LIMITED ☐ NO		EXISTING SURVEYS ☒ NR ☐ HABS ☐ NHL		☐ LCS ☐ NPS ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL ☐ OTHER
LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ YES ☐ NO NAME Cent. Whid. Isl. Hist. Dist.		CONDITION ☐ EXCELLENT ☐ GOOD ☒ FAIR ☒ DETERIORATED		☐ RUINS
SIGNIFICANCE 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. 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. This building is also significant under National Register criterion B, for its association with Captain Thomas Coupe, the founder of Coupeville. It retains integrity of location, setting, materials, design, workmanship, feeling and association.				

PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



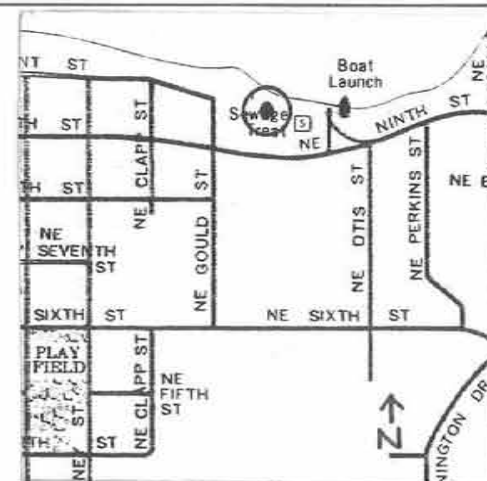
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NEGATIVE NO. C15-26-32; L11-33-36

HABS/HAER QUALITY

☐ YES

☒ NO

REFERENCES

Cook. Penn's Cove. p. 34.

McDonald, Lucile. Where the Washingtonians Lived. Seattle: Superior Publishing Company, 1969.

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