

EBEY'S LANDING NATIONAL HISTORICAL RESERVE

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Cultural Resources Division

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NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Fisher/Place Messmer House			DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1928 ADDITION(S)		SITE ID. NO. 									
SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO.) 2185 W. Madrona Way					SCALE 1:24000					QUAD NAME Coupeville				
CITY/VICINITY Kennedy's Lagoon					COUNTY Island		STATE Washington		UTM ZONE 10		EASTING 519790			NORTHING 5341400
OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS Robert F. Messmer 2175 W. Madrona Way Coupeville, WA 98239			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTING <input type="checkbox"/> NON-CONTRIBUTING		CROSS REFERENCE LA18									
DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC. Vernacular Beach Cottage. Wood frame set on post and block foundation; rectangle (15' x 20'); 3 bays wide; 1½-stories, asbestos shingle siding over clapboard; asphalt-shingled gable roof with hip-roofed extension on east facade; center entrance on east facade with glass and wood panel door; interior and chimney. Exterior features include 1/1, 12/1, 6/1 double-hung sash; multi-pane fixed sash; sliding glass door on south facade. Notable landscape features include terraced yard with cobblestone wall; siting on point in Kennedy's Lagoon; 2 wood frame outbuildings. The Island County Assessor records show a date of 1928 for this house, but a long-time resident of the area believes it was built much later, by a Mr. Brown, on a piece of land that had to be re-shaped. It was nearly an island and very uneven, so trees were cut down and land was leveled in order to fill in the narrow section. Ed Fisher bought the place in the 1940's and was responsible for building the cobblestone retaining wall and terracing the yard. Messmer purchased the property in 1979, and has enlarged the house by adding a kitchen and bedroom. <i>1995: One contributing building and one contributing structure; one non-contributing structure.</i>														
PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, LIMITED <input type="checkbox"/> YES, UNLIMITED <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN			EXISTING SURVEYS <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input 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 <input type="checkbox"/> NAME Cent. Whid. Isl. Hist. Dist.			CONDITION <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED											

SIGNIFICANCE This property is significant under National Register criterion A, for its association with the important theme of recreation and tourism in the Reserve and represents a period of community development (1871-1910) followed by a period of economic stability (1911-1945). 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 community stabilization and economic slowdown (evidenced by simpler forms lacking ornamentation) and the theme of recreation and tourism (evidenced by structures built with natural materials set in scenic locations), from 1911 until 1945. It retains integrity of location, setting, materials, design, workmanship, feeling and association.

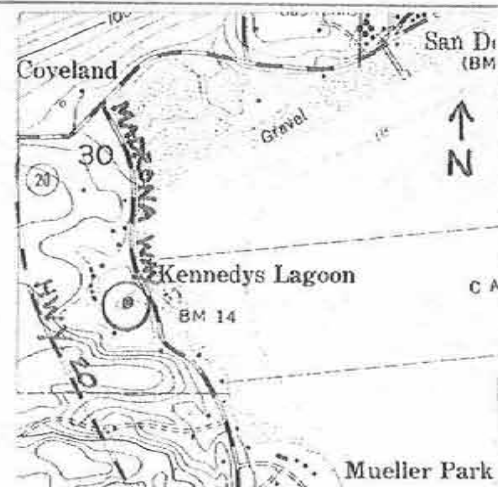
PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



FROM E



FROM NE



FROM SE

NEGATIVE NO. L14-20, 25; L18-19 HABS/HAER QUALITY ☐ YES ☒ NO

REFERENCES
 Messmer, Robert. Personal Interview. August 1983.
 Huffstettler, Lillian. Telephone Interview. 14 August 1983.

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