

Clark County, Washington  
Historic Preservation Commission



# Clark County Heritage Register Nomination Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A) <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb16a/>. Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. **This form is similar but not exact to the National Register of Historic Places nomination form. Some sections of the National Register form were not applicable to the local register therefore were not included. When using the National Register Bulletin 16A to fill out the form, look for the section names for information on completing the specific section.** If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets. Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

Historic name John Pollock's Grave  
Other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street & number 32324 NW Pollock Rd. \*(Nomination only applies to grave area - please see property description at end of nomination) not for publication  
city or Ridgefield vicinity  
town \_\_\_\_\_  
State Wa code \_\_\_\_\_ county Clark code \_\_\_\_\_ zip code 98642

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not incl. previously listed resources in the count.)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Non-Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	1	4
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		
			5
			buildings sites structures objects Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) NA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the Clark County Heritage Register 0

### 4. Owner Consent for Nomination, Designation and Listing

I (we) consent do not consent to the nomination, and designation of the above property on the Clark County Heritage Register. I (we) also certify that I am/we are the legal owner(s) of the above property.

Steve Headley President "Stavartion Acres LLC" 3-29-2015  
Owner signature Member Date Owner

Bevick Headley Sec/Treas "Stavartion Acres LLC" 3-29-15  
Owner signature Member Date Owner

**5. Functions or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

FUNERARY/grave

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

FUNERARY/grave

**6. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls

roof

other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

John Pollock was buried at his homestead at the nominated site in 1868. The grave sits on a piece of his original homestead, now consisting of 2.33 acres. The gravesite is within a small enclosed area located at the cutout section of a steep north facing hill. This area is defined by a newer, simple post and beam, vinyl fence. In front, on the northeast facing slope, is a tablet style granite marker. The marker has sloped/battered side and the top is defined by three half arches. The marker is inscribed: John Pollock 1824-1868. Below is an image of a sternwheeler boat traveling away from the viewer.

The fence and marker were installed in 2009. They were purchased by Thomas Wooldridge and Roberta Emerick (great-granddaughter of John Pollock). Wooldridge also purchased and installed a bronze plaque on the gravestone indicating that the site is a Washington State Historical Site. Immediately behind the grave is a working antique windmill and there are two more working antique windmills within 100 feet. Immediately in front of the grave is Pollock Road and then the East Fork of the Lewis River.

Note there is a deed restriction on the property stating that the owner of the property will not disturb the grave and must maintain the area around it. Tom Wooldridge, the current resident of the property and local historian, moved to the property in 1979. At that time, the area surrounding the grave was filled with brush and blackberry bushes. The grave had a pipe fence around it with a make shift grave marker on it, damaged by a falling tree. Over the years, he planted flowers and rhododendron and placed a working windmill behind it.

**Applicable Clark County Heritage Register Criteria**

**7. Statement of Significance**

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

**Exploration/settlement**

**Politics/Government**

**Period of Significance**

**1824-1868**

**Significant Dates**

**1824-1868**

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion 2 is marked above)

**John Pollock**

**Cultural Affiliation**

**Scottish**

**Architect/Builder**

- 1** It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state, or local history.
- 2** It embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style, or method of design or construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
- 3** It is an outstanding work of a designer, builder, or Architect who has made a substantial contribution to their field.
- 4** It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the county's history.
- 5** It is associated with the lives of persons significant in national, state, or local history
- 6** It has yielded or may be likely to yield important Archaeological information related to history or prehistory.
- 7** It is an historic building or cultural resource removed from its original location but which is significant for architectural value, or association with an historic person or event, or prehistory.
- 8** It is a birthplace of grave of a prehistoric or historical Figure of outstanding importance and is the o only surviving structure or site associated with that person.
- 9** It is a cemetery or burial site which derives its primary significance from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events, or cultural patterns.
- 10** It is a reconstructed building that has been executed in a historically accurate manner on the original site.
- 11** It is a creative and unique example of folk architecture and design created by persons not formally trained in the architectural or design professions, and which does not fit into formal architectural or historical categories.

## **Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property.)

### **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

The nominated site is historically significant for its direct connection to early Washington Territorial pioneer John Pollock (1824-1868). Pollock, who served as an Indian Agent and Clarke County representative to the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Territorial Legislatures sessions, made an important contribution to the southwestern Washington region during the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century. His burial site is the only physical reminder of the landscape of Pollock's life.

### **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Pollock, the son of Scottish immigrants, was born in 1824 in County Monahan, Ireland. He was born just four days before the family was scheduled to depart from Belfast, Ireland on a voyage to New York. Upon arriving in America, the family, with six children, settled with Thomas Sr.'s brother in Cambridge, Ohio where he had a small farm. They remained there for several years before moving to Des Moines, Iowa.

Reportedly after attending law school, John Pollock began a practice in Des Moines. He became an influential member of the local community and was very active in the Democratic Party. In 1848, at the age of 24, he was summoned to Washington, D.C. by President James Knox Polk, his first cousin. Polk asked Pollock to accept an appointment as an Indian Agent in the Oregon Territory. His assignment included studying Native Americans of the Lewis River area and promoting understanding between the increasing numbers of settlers and tribes.

In 1849, John and his brother, Robert, left the east coast in a sailing vessel traveling south around Cape Horn. After traveling up the Pacific Coast, the brothers departed in San Francisco, where they purchased horses and supplies for a trip to Yreka before heading into the Oregon Territory. The two had planned to stake out gold mining claims, but they soon grew tired of hunting for gold so they headed north by horseback.

Following Indian horse trails, they finally reached Vancouver after several days of journey through the Oregon Territory. Some time was spent exploring the Lewis River before John filed a Donation Land Claim in 1850 for 160 acres of bottom and hill land located along the river just south of the future town site of La Center.

After staking his land claim, Pollock began developing the property. In 1851 he married Magdaline Banzer (1836-1851), a daughter of John W. Banzer who had settled on the north side of the east fork of the Lewis River. Her family was one of the first wagon trains that had traveled to the Oregon Territory via the Oregon Trail. Tragically, in 1851 shortly after their marriage, Magdaline died in childbirth and John, then 28, along with his brother decided to return to their parent's home in Iowa.

In 1853 Pollock traveled again to Washington, D.C. where he was appointed by President Millard Fillmore to return to the Lewis River area and continue working with the Native Americans, settling problems and protecting their rights. By then Isaac I. Stevens had been appointed Territorial Governor of the newly established Washington Territory.

Again the brothers sailed down the Atlantic Coast to Cape Horn and back up the Pacific Coast. Robert got off the boat in Yreka to work his gold mining claim, and John continued on to Portland returning to his homestead claim near La Center.

John began working his homestead claim and quickly became a respected farmer in the region. Reportedly he served as a delegate from the Lewis River area to the first Federal Court session held in the Washington Territory in 1854. However, Pollock was not quite ready to settle down so he decided to visit his brother in California, traveling by horseback over the trails he had earlier traversed. John stayed for a few months in Yreka but returned to the Lewis River area with plans to start a life anew in 1855.

As the settlers were arriving in the new territory, they first coexisted peacefully with the Native Americans in the northern Clark County area. However, in 1855 word reached the settlers that a renegade group of Native Americans could be attacking their homesteads. The women and children were rowed across the Columbia River to the St. Helens blockhouse in Oregon. The men took up arms and joined the Lewis River Mounted Rangers, led by Captain William Bratton. The Company was comprised of 44 volunteers mainly valley homesteaders whom had to supply their own guns and horses. John Pollock was part of the company and served as a Private. Some reports note he was a Sergeant, but this cannot be verified. The Rangers did a great deal of drilling and marching for three winter months (November 1, 1855 to January 31, 1858). When spring came, tensions subsided and with no fighting, the Lewis River volunteers went back to plowing and stump clearing.

In 1857, Pollock married Eliza Banzer, then age 15, a sister of his deceased first wife. Together they built a house on the homestead along the river and had three children: James Alexander (1858-1930), Lucinda Jane (1860-1939) and John Thomas (1864-1924).

Pollock continued to serve as Indian Agent and unverified accounts note that he may have also served as Clark County Assessor. Official records do indicate that he was appointed to serve as interim Justice of the Peace in the Lancaster District in 1860 and many legal documents list Pollock as a witness and/or confidant.

His stature in the community continued to rise as evidenced by his selection to serve as a member of the House of Representatives for Clarke County during the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Washington Territorial Legislature (1865-67). While in Olympia he served as chairman of the agricultural committee, presented a report to provide for the organization of a fire department in Vancouver (C.B. 30), and served on the educational committee which wrote some of the first school laws of the territory.

While returning from a meeting in Olympia in 1868, Pollock traveled in the dead of night in cold, wet and windy weather. He suffered a bad cold that turned to pneumonia after arriving at home and died at the age of 44 on February 6, 1868. Reportedly Pollock's name had been put forth as a possible candidate for Territorial Governor and he was excited to share the news with his family.

Despite his death, the Pollock name continued to be used as a place name for voting precincts in the La Center area up until the late 1880s. His gravesite is located on the edge of his homestead just beyond the south end of the La Center Bridge.

**8. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Interview with Doria Fegurson, John's Grand Daughter

Interview with Roberta Emerick, John's Great Grand Daughter

John Pollock history written by Roberta Emerick

The La Center Historical Museum - John Pollock exhibit

Ancestry.com

Journal of the House of Representative of the Territory of WA - 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> Session - Olympia, T.F. McElroy, Printer - 1865 & 1867

Washington National Guard Pamphlet: The Official History of the Washington National Guard Vo 2.: Washington Territorial Militia in the Indian Wars of 1855-1856

Family Records of Washington Pioneers Prio to 1891 Vol XXIX: The Daughters of the American Revolution

Clark County Census - 1860

**Previous documentation on file (CCHR):**

- Preliminary determination of individual listing has been requested
- Previously listed in the Clark County Heritage Register
- Previously determined eligible by the Clark County Heritage Register
- Recorded by Clark County Cultural Resources Inventory Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

**Name of repository:**

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**9. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property**      2.33 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM References on a continuation sheet.)

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Please see boundary description at end of nomination for grave area.

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**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries consist of the area surrounding the grave. Please see boundary description and map at end of nomination.

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**10. Form Prepared By**

name/title Thomas W. Wooldridge (edited by Clark County staff)  
organization Property Lifetime Leaseholder date October 27, 2014  
street & number 32324 NW Pollock Rd. telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Ridgefield state Wa zip code 98642

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

1. John Pollock Display at La Center Historical Museum in La Center, WA
2. Same
3. Same
4. Picture showing part of the grave, windmill behind the grave, landscaping around grave and the East Fork of the Lewis River
5. Sign made and erected for the grave
6. Grave and headstone for grave with Washington Historic Site plaque mounted on tombstone
7. House and shop, antique farm equipment display, grave and 2 of the 3 windmills
8. Old wood fence prior to pipe fence
9. John Pollock's picture from an old tin type photo in his briefcase. The briefcase was given to the museum by Roberta Emerick, John's Great Granddaughter
10. Commercial photo of Eliza Banzer given by Roberta Emerick

**Additional items**

(Check with the CCHPC Staff)

**Property Owner**

name Starvation Acres LLC  
street & number 402 277<sup>th</sup> Circle telephone 360 887 8437  
city or town Ridgefield, Wa state Wa zip code 98642

4b. CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION STAFF RECOMMENDATION

In my opinion, the property meets / does not meet the Clark County Heritage Register criteria.  
( See continuation sheet.)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting staff

4/15/2015  
Date

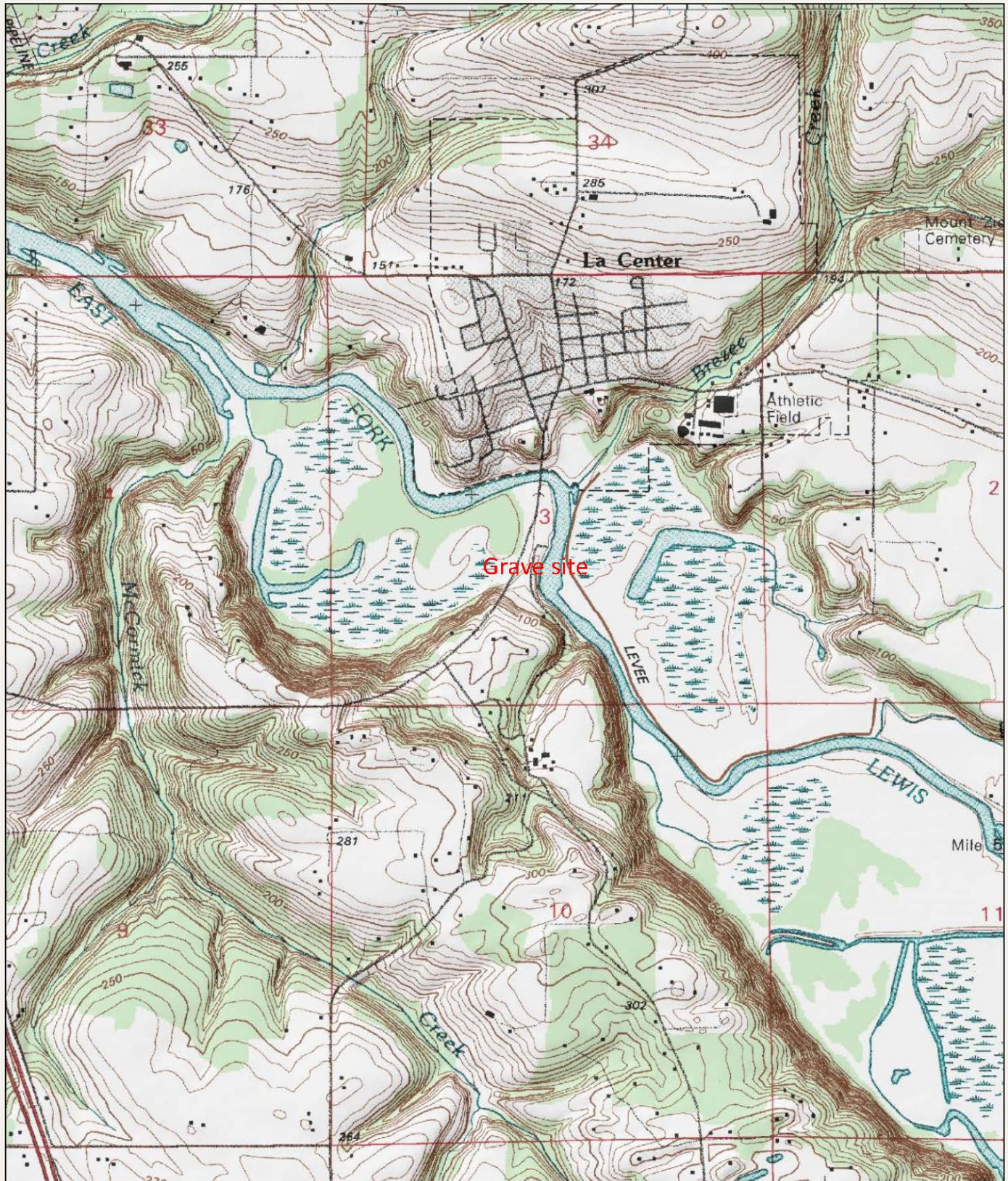
4c. CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION / DECISION

IN THE OPINION OF THE CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, THE  
PROPERTY MEETS / DOES NOT MEET THE CLARK COUNTY HERITAGE REGISTER  
CRITERIA. ( See continuation sheet.)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRPERSON,  
Clark County Historic Preservation Commission

5/15/2015  
Date





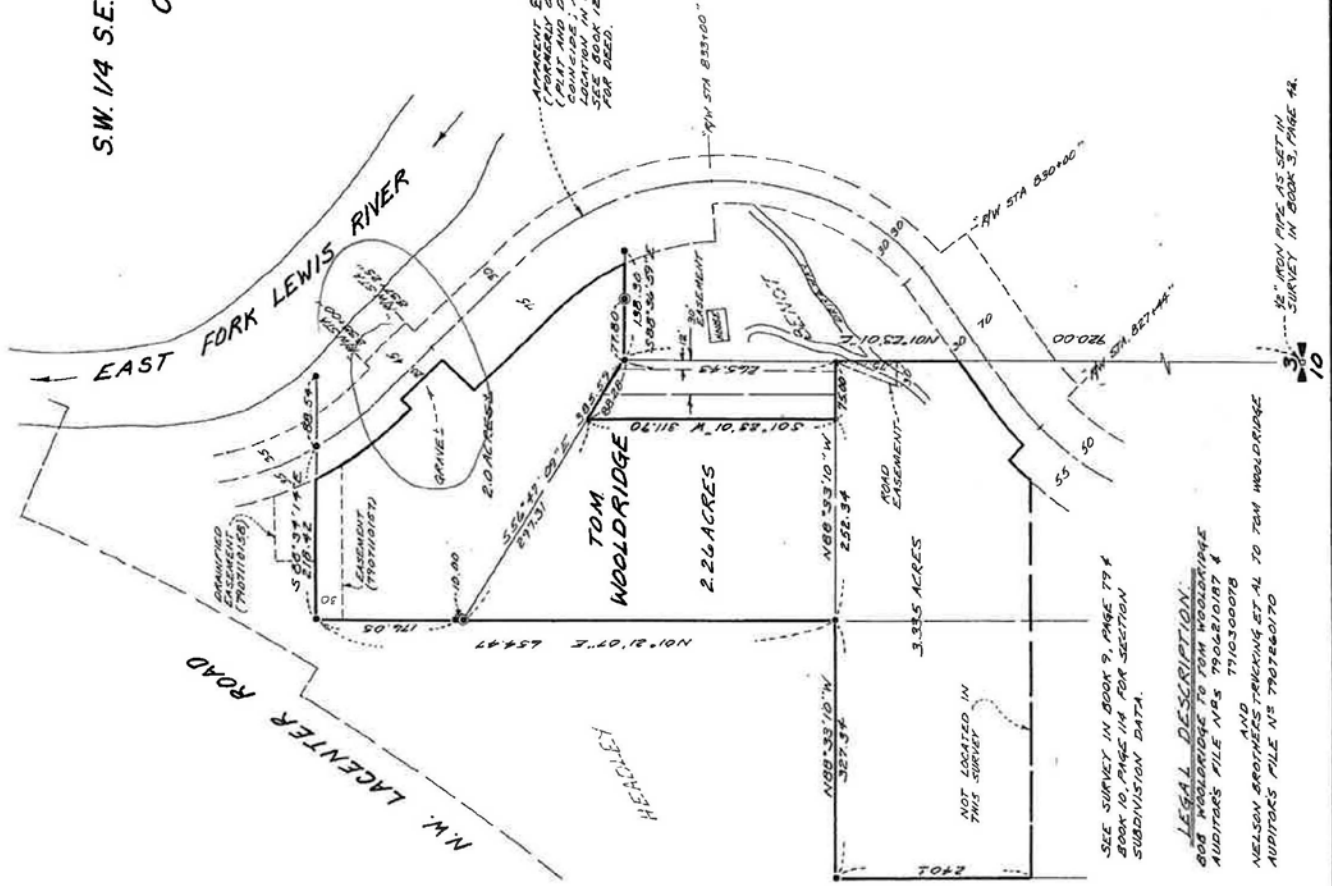
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Map provided by MyTopo.com

SURVEY

IN THE S.W. 1/4 S.E. 1/4 AND S.E. 1/4 SW 1/4 OF SECTION 3, T.4N., R.1E., W.M., CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON



BEARINGS BASE ON SURVEY IN BOOK 9, PAGE 79.

- INDICATES IRON ROD SET IN SURVEY IN BOOK 10, PAGE 114 AND BOOK 11, PAGE 7
- INDICATES 1/2" IRON ROD WITH PLASTIC CAP SET

APPARENT E.N.W. POLLOCK ROAD (FORMERLY OLD PACIFIC HIGHWAY) PAINT AND DESIGNATION DO NOT CORRELATE WITH LOCATION IN QUESTION. SEE BOOK 123 PAGE 259 & 257 FOR DEED.

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

This map correctly represents a survey made by me or under my direction in accordance with the requirements of the Survey Recording Act at the request of

LOUIS HAGEDORN, INC. 1982  
Signed & sealed this 10th day of March, 1983  
Engineered Land Surveyor  
Certificate No. 9579



NOTE: Hagedorn, Inc. makes no warranties as to matters of unwritten title such as acquisition, disposal, adverse possession, etc.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

Filed for record this 9th day of March, 1983 at 1:53:00 P.M. in book 15 of surveys at page 178 at the request of Hagedorn, Inc.  
(Signed) [Signature] Deputy County Auditor

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(206) 425-1181 Longview  
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LAND SURVEYORS: State License No. 10804, 10805, 10806, 10807, 10808, 10809, 10810, 10811, 10812, 10813, 10814, 10815, 10816, 10817, 10818, 10819, 10820, 10821, 10822, 10823, 10824, 10825, 10826, 10827, 10828, 10829, 10830, 10831, 10832, 10833, 10834, 10835, 10836, 10837, 10838, 10839, 10840, 10841, 10842, 10843, 10844, 10845, 10846, 10847, 10848, 10849, 10850, 10851, 10852, 10853, 10854, 10855, 10856, 10857, 10858, 10859, 10860, 10861, 10862, 10863, 10864, 10865, 10866, 10867, 10868, 10869, 10870, 10871, 10872, 10873, 10874, 10875, 10876, 10877, 10878, 10879, 10880, 10881, 10882, 10883, 10884, 10885, 10886, 10887, 10888, 10889, 10890, 10891, 10892, 10893, 10894, 10895, 10896, 10897, 10898, 10899, 10900, 10901, 10902, 10903, 10904, 10905, 10906, 10907, 10908, 10909, 10910, 10911, 10912, 10913, 10914, 10915, 10916, 10917, 10918, 10919, 10920, 10921, 10922, 10923, 10924, 10925, 10926, 10927, 10928, 10929, 10930, 10931, 10932, 10933, 10934, 10935, 10936, 10937, 10938, 10939, 10940, 10941, 10942, 10943, 10944, 10945, 10946, 10947, 10948, 10949, 10950, 10951, 10952, 10953, 10954, 10955, 10956, 10957, 10958, 10959, 10960, 10961, 10962, 10963, 10964, 10965, 10966, 10967, 10968, 10969, 10970, 10971, 10972, 10973, 10974, 10975, 10976, 10977, 10978, 10979, 10980, 10981, 10982, 10983, 10984, 10985, 10986, 10987, 10988, 10989, 10990, 10991, 10992, 10993, 10994, 10995, 10996, 10997, 10998, 10999, 11000

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Drawn by: B.J.P.
Checked by: B.C.A.
Sheet: 1 of 1

SEE SURVEY IN BOOK 9, PAGE 79 & BOOK 10, PAGE 114 FOR SECTION SUBDIVISION DATA.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

808 WOOLDRIDGE TO TOM WOOLDRIDGE  
AUDITORS FILE NOS 790610187 & 7910300078  
AND  
NELSON BROTHERS TRUCKING ET AL TO TOM WOOLDRIDGE  
AUDITORS FILE NO 790780170

1/2" IRON ROD SET IN SURVEY IN BOOK 5, PAGE 48.



Note - The road frontage was reduced when it was built in 1923 to accommodate the Grave.



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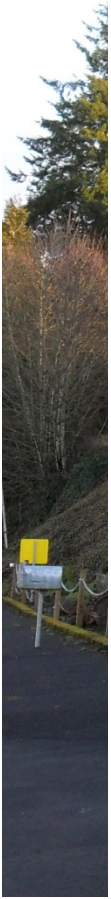


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# Describing Grave Area

Legal Description for  
Steve Headley

**BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTED PARCEL 11.20:**

September 4, 2009

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THENCE South 88° 34' 14" East, along the North line of said subdivision, 160.70 feet, more or less, to the West right-of-way line of N.W. Pollock Road;

THENCE following said West right-of-way line the following courses:

THENCE along the arc of a 459.40 foot radius curve to the left, the radial bearing of which is North 57° 57' 56" East, through a central angle of 11° 25' 27", for an arc distance of 91.60 feet; to the true point of beginning

THENCE North 46° 32' 29" East, 15.00 feet;

THENCE South 43° 27' 31" East, 75.00 feet;

THENCE South 46° 32' 29" West, 30.00 feet;

THENCE :North 43° 27' 31" West, 75 feet

THENCE North 46° 32' 29" East, 15 feet to the true point of beginning.

Map Sites

Find Parcel

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Tech Support

