

Clark County Historic Preservation Program

Board of County Councilors Work Session



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Discussion items

- Program overview
- Historic registers
- Advantages of listing a property
- Design Review – Certificate of Appropriateness
- Grants
- Outreach projects



Yale Bridge, Battle Ground, 1932



Historic Preservation Program

Historic Preservation Act of 1966

- Established the National Register of Historic Places
- Mandates Sec 106 review process for federally funded projects
- State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO)
- Certified Local Government (CLG)



Parkersville Site



Historic Preservation Program

- Identify, evaluate and protect historic and prehistoric resources
- Preserve and rehabilitate eligible historic and/or cultural resources for future generations.
- City/county Historic Preservation Commission created in 1981
- Intergovernmental Agreement
- County: Regulatory & Heritage Register
- City: Education and outreach



House of Providence, 1873



Clark County Historic Preservation Commission

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Historic registers

- National Register of Historic Places
 - 43 properties
- Washington Heritage Register
 - 43 properties
- Washington Heritage Barn Register
 - 22 barns
- Clark County Heritage Register
 - 71 properties



Nominating a structure, site, object or district



Venersborg School, 1912

- Meet the register criteria
- Owner consent for listing
- City/county staff assist with nomination packet
- Approved by commission
- HPC meets first Tuesday at 6 pm



Clark County Heritage Register

- Associated with history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or cultural heritage of community
- Integrity: location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feel, association
- At least 50 years old
- Falls in at least one of 11 more specific categories



Farrell House, Camas, 1915



Advantages of listing a property

- More inviting for potential tenants and customers
- Free consulting advice from the Historic Preservation Commission
- Pride in your property and its history and/or craftsmanship
- Eligible for grants if a nonprofit or government entity
- Eligible for tax incentives



Kiggins Theatre, Vancouver, 1936



Tax incentives – current use taxation



Clark County Heritage Register

Propstra House, Vancouver, 1923



Tax incentives - federal historic tax credit



Clark County Heritage Register, National Register of Historic Places, Washington Heritage Register
Farrell Building, Camas, 1924



Design Review – Certificate of Appropriateness



2012 Certificate of Appropriateness

Summit Grove Lodge, Ridgefield, 1927



Tax incentives – special valuation



2015 special valuation

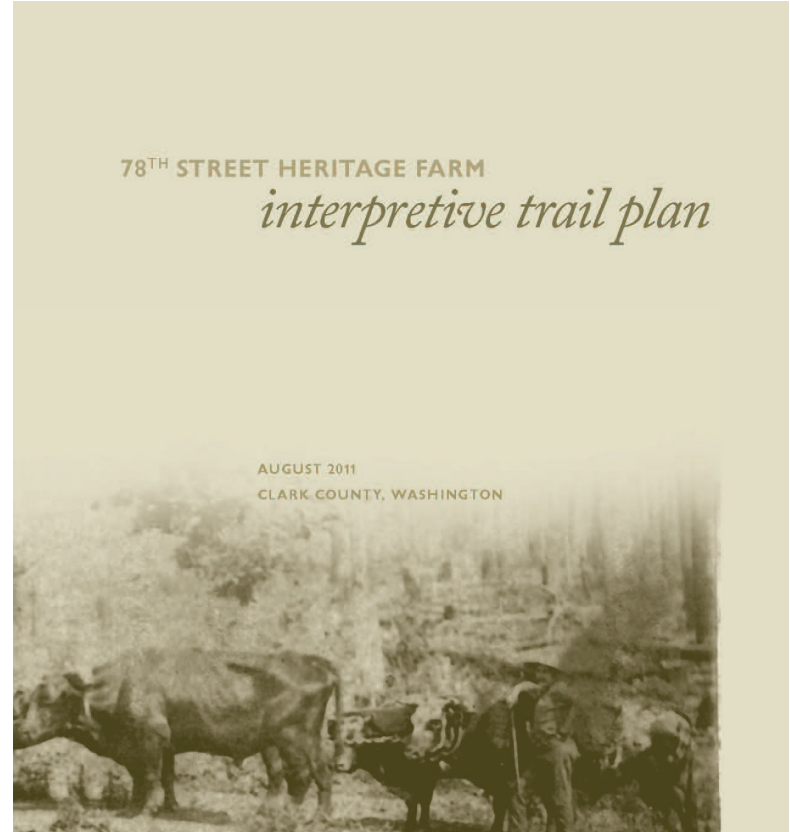
American Legion Hall, Post 27, Camas, 1933



Certified Local Government grants



2010 Clark County Poor Farm and Cemetery Documentation and Remote Sensing Report

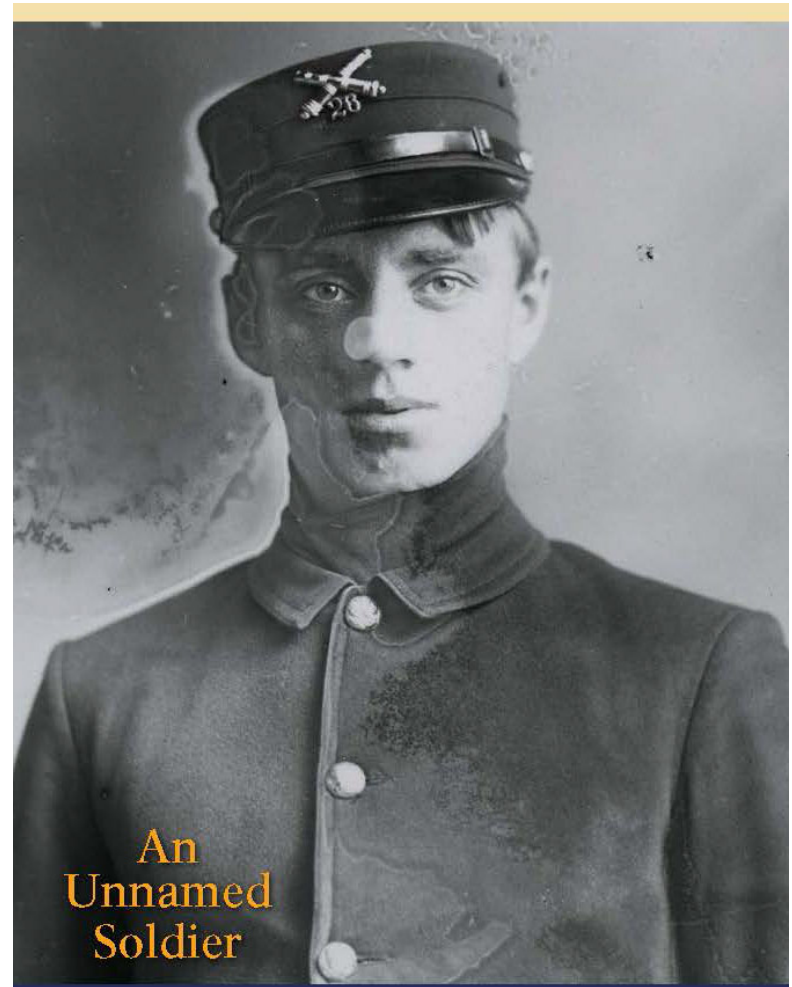


2011 78th Street Heritage Farm Interpretive Trail Plan



Historical Promotion Grants Program

- Initiated in 2006
- RCW 36.22.170 - \$1 surcharge on filing fees
- Promote historical preservation or historical programs, including preservation of historical documents
- HPC reviews applications and recommendations to BOCC



West Vancouver Barracks Interpretive Plan
2016 Historical Promotion Grant



Outreach - Historic Clark County Mobile App

Historic Clark County
Mobile App!



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Outreach – Interpretive Panels

Clark County Courthouse

The Clark County Courthouse opened Nov. 29, 1941. Although it was not the county's first courthouse, it has endured longer than the previous three.

Local architect Day Walter Hilborn designed the six-story building in the Art Deco/Art Moderne style popular for public construction projects at the time. The structure showcased the most modern developments in the building arts.

The courthouse was built of reinforced concrete to prevent fire from destroying thousands of irreplaceable documents and records, which is what happened when the county's second courthouse burned in 1890.

The courthouse originally housed all county departments, a Justice of the Peace, other agencies and a 70-inmate jail. The one windowless courtroom included separate rooms for male and female jurors.

The building now houses only Clark County Superior Court and District Court courtrooms and offices.

In 2014, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places for its significance as the headquarters of county-level government and politics, and, architecturally, as an excellent example of an Art Deco/Art Moderne-style public building.



The First Three Courthouses



1
Clark County's first courthouse was a two-story, wood frame structure built in 1855 on West Reserve Street, near Fort Vancouver. Cost: \$1,000
CCHM Collection 01006



2
The second courthouse was a three-story brick building that stood in approximately the same location as today's courthouse. Built in late 1883, it went up in flames 7 1/2 years later, destroying a large number of public records. Cost: \$44,460
CCHM Collection 01023



3
The third courthouse was a Romanesque style, three-story brick building with a large clock tower. Built in 1892, it stood slightly to the south of today's courthouse. The county outgrew it by the late 1930s, and it was replaced by the current courthouse and demolished. Cost: \$65,000
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The Architect

Few people had a greater impact on southwest Washington's built environment than architect Day Walter Hilborn.

He designed many well-known downtown buildings, including the Kiggins Theatre on Main Street, the original building for *The Columbian* newspaper on Evergreen Boulevard and the homes of many of Vancouver's social, political and business elite.

The courthouse is perhaps Hilborn's greatest legacy. It assured his place in local history and brought him nationwide recognition.



The Buckskin Brigade

Architect Day Walter Hilborn also designed the original Buckskin Brigade sculpture above the front entrance of the courthouse.

Executed by architectural sculptor Vic Schneider, the bas-relief work was poured as part of the wall. It depicts an Iroquois man with two fur trappers and symbolizes the role the fur trade played establishing Clark County as a center of government and business.

In 1978, workers preparing to paint the building noticed the sculpture was damaged, and it was taken down. Local citizens raised money to recreate the sculpture in bronze, and it was installed on Sept. 13, 1990.

Discover the history all



2016 Interpretive panel



Outreach – National Register plaques



Bronze plaques for four properties recently listed in the National Register of Historic Places, 2016



It has been said that, at its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future.

– William Murtagh, first keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

