

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY
 HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS
 Oregon State Highway Department, Salem 97310

2. County Clatsop

Town Hammond, Oregon

Name
 (Common) Fort Stevens

(Historic) Fort Stevens

Original Use Military Post

Present Use State Park; Rental Units

Present Owner State of Oregon; City of Hammond; private parties

Date 1864 Style _____

Source of Date Hanft The Cape Forts

Architect _____

Builder _____

1. Site/Structure is historically significant
 to: Town County State Nation

Site/Structure has historical associations
 with the following themes:

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| Aboriginal man | Transportation/Com- |
| Maritime exploration | munication |
| Overland exploration | <u>Military/Indian Affairs</u> |
| Fur trade | <u>Government</u> |
| Missionary frontier | Arts and Sciences |
| Oregon Trail migration | Religion/Philosophy |
| Mining frontier | Social/Humanitarian |
| Cattlemen's empire | movements |
| Agriculture | Ethnic immigration |
| Commerce/Industry | Travel/Recreation |
| Development town/city | Conservation |
| Other _____ | |

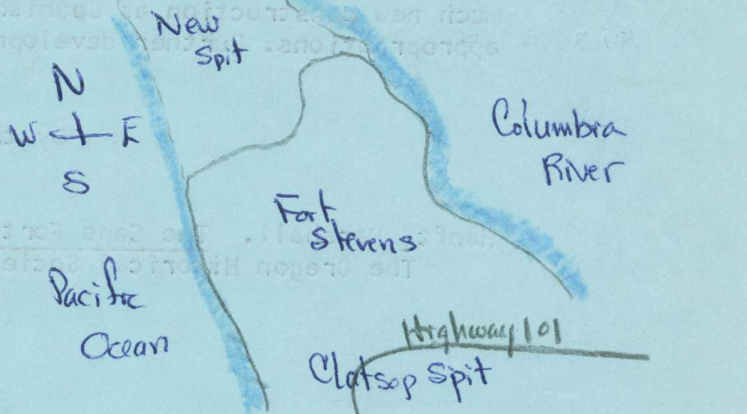
3. CONDITION: Good Fair Poor Re-sited Altered Restored
 (Site) Open Overgrown Developed Obliterated by _____

NEIGHBORING LAND USE: Commercial/Industrial Residential Blighted Undeveloped

SITE ENDANGERED BY _____ ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC: Yes No
 On what basis Partial Access to Park Areas

4. DESCRIPTION 5. LOCATION DIAGRAM (Refer to known points)

- Frame: Wood Iron Steel
 Wall cover: Rough-hewn timber
Lap/Tongue-in-groove siding
Brick/Stone masonry Concrete Glass
 Stories: Basement 1 2 3 Attic
 Roof: Gable Gambrel Hipped Mansard
Dormers Cupola Tower Spire Dome
Other _____
 Chimneys: 1 2 3 4 Stone Brick
 Interior trim:
 Paneling: Milled Carved
Wainscot Baseboard Chair-rail
 Interior Walls: Boards Brick Plaster
 Ornament: Molded plaster Wood-carved
Decorative painting _____
 Original: Fixtures Hardware Furniture
 Stairs: Central stair-hall Straight flight
Geometric Dog-legged Double-return
Enclosed Wood Iron
 Openings: Regular Irregular
 Attachments: Simple Porch Double Piazza
One/Two-story portico Veranda(s)
Side/Center ell Wing(s) Shed
 Outbuildings: Wood shed Bath/Cook house
Smoke house Carriage house Barn
Other _____
 Landscaping: Formal Forecourt Informal
 Date executed _____ By _____



Road or Highway NW of Highway 101 at Hammond, Oregon

Street and No. _____

Township S Range 10 W Section 6

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham

For OCCDC and State Parks Division

Date 1 Aug. 1974

Attached _____

Photo: Available _____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (Comment on original condition, alterations, and notable features)

Fort Stevens grew from federal appropriations in 1862 and 1863 into one of the largest military complexes in Oregon. Its first permanent buildings were erected in 1865-67. They included men's quarters, officers barracks, batteries, recreation buildings, storage sheds, barns, blacksmith shops, and later modifications by jetty engineering crews assigned to the site.

For description and contemporary photographs see Marshall Hanft, The Cape Forts (Portland, Ore.: Oregon Historical Society, 1973).

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Elaborate on the historical theme circled on front of form)

The outbreak of the Civil War initially drew federal troops out of Oregon to serve on the eastern front. Several military posts such as Fort Umpqua on the southern Oregon coast were abandoned in 1861. By 1863, however, it had become evident that the coast of the Pacific Northwest was undefended and open should enemy forces appear at sea. Thus with this wartime necessity in mind the initial appropriations were made in Congress to establish forts at the mouth of the Columbia River. Fort Stevens, the complex on the Clatsop Spit, was one of the largest of these installations and was named for former Washington Territorial Governor Isaac Ingalls Stevens who lost his life in the Civil War.

Later in the 19th century this post was used as headquarters for the engineers and workmen erected the Columbia River jetties and making improvements on the harbor. In the period 1898-1900 the post saw much new construction as Spanish-American War concerns fostered new appropriations. Further development took place during World War I and World War

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District-Site Boundaries _____

Approximate acreage of site _____

Location of current property title(s) _____

_____ County Assessor's Map No. _____ attached.

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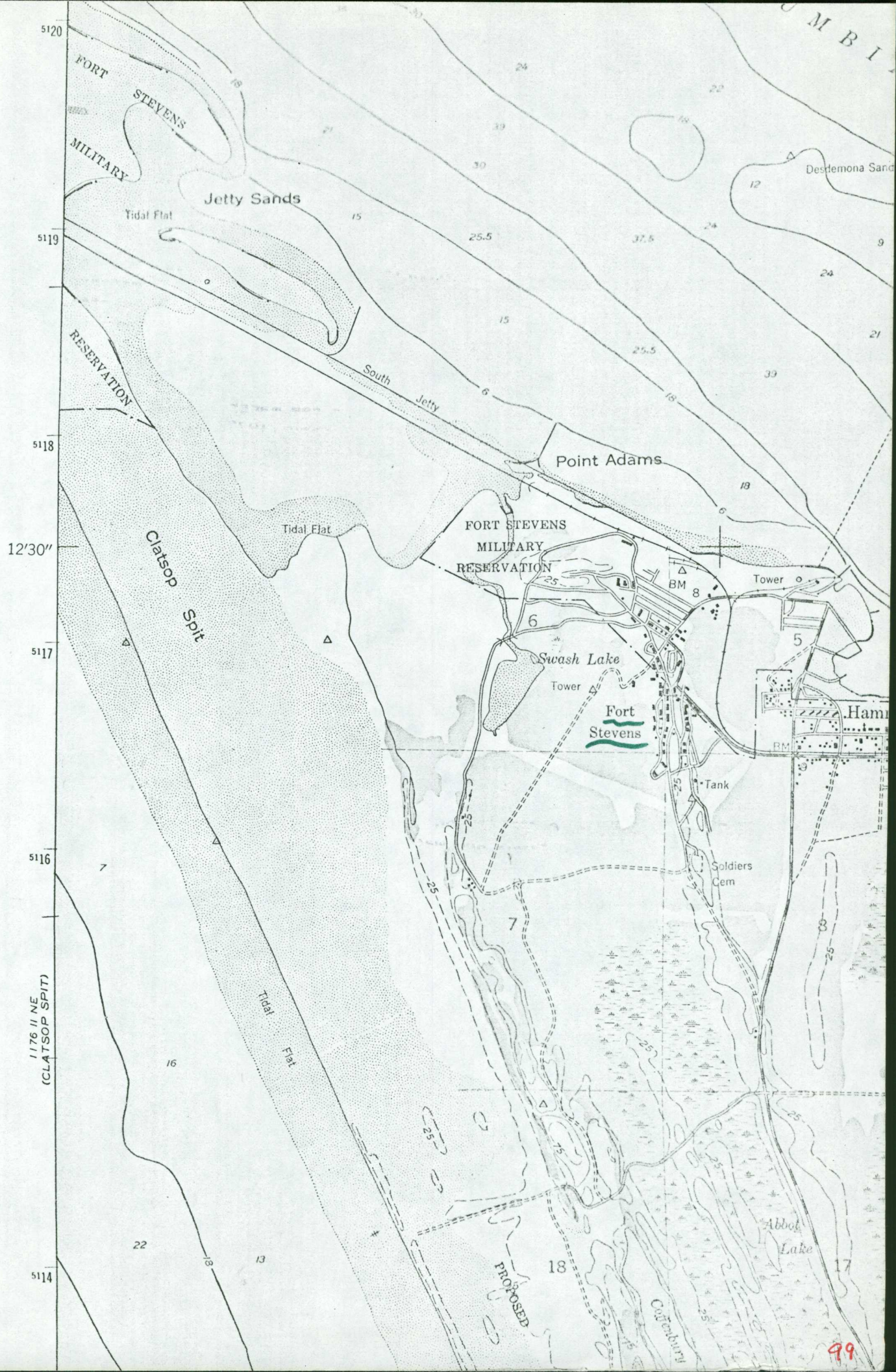
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