



# Short Wave

San Juan Island National Historical Park

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## THIS WEEK: AUGUST 8-14, 2011

### Weekly Program

**L**ife during the Joint Military Occupation on San Juan Island — Park rangers and volunteers recreate military and civilian life during the island's early pioneer period. Activities include blacksmithing, coopering, weaving, needlework and exhibitions of military equipment and skills. **Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m., June 4 to August 27 at English Camp.**



### Historic structure returns to officers' row after 135 years of life in Friday Harbor



The former Brown House, now known as HS-10, was moved last December from its long-time location at First and West streets in Friday Harbor.

When walking the parade grounds of American Camp, you're certain to see a white building with a few 20th century touches resting on cribbing and steel I-beams. Believe it or not, it is one of the oldest structures on San Juan Island.

The building—which the National Park Service calls Historic Structure 10 (HS-10)—was moved to the island from Fort Bellingham by the U.S. Army in 1867 and erected on officers' row immediately next door to a duplex officers' house (HS-11). That building had been brought to

the island at the height of the Pig War crisis in 1859 by Capt. George Pickett. Three years after the joint occupation concluded the buildings at American and English camps were auctioned off.

While HS-11 remained at American Camp (becoming a farm house), HS-10 ended up on the corner of West and First streets in downtown Friday Harbor. It was used over the years as a blacksmith shop, for retail sales, a laundromat and as a private residence.

Ownership of the house was transferred to the National Park

Service by the Friday Harbor House hotel and on Dec. 2, 2010 the house was jacked up and moved to American Camp.

Eventually, HS-10 will be settled on a permanent foundation and its appearance returned to what it looked like during the joint military occupation. If you get the opportunity to visit American Camp, take a walk out to HS-10 and appreciate its journey through the years.

#### Coming Up

**A Weaving Weekend** — Weavers from throughout San Juan Island and Washington State will gather for the weekend to demonstrate how European and American Indian techniques melded to create woven objects and clothing unique to the Pacific Northwest. Cowlitz Nation weaver Judy Bridges and Fort Nisqually interpreter and storyteller Karen Haas will show how it was done with all-natural fibers, including wild reeds. **All day, Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28, English Camp parade ground.**

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