JEFFERSON COUNTY

1852

COUNTY SEAT: PORT TOWNSEND

Named for Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States

Traditional home of Chimakum, Hoh, Klallam, Quilcene, Quileute and Quinault American Indian people

Jefferson County stretches from shore to shore across the Olympic Peninsula, embracing the highest peaks of the Olympic Range. Three rare temperate rain forests – groves of towering cedar and hemlock laden with lichen and moss – stand within the boundaries of Olympic National Park. From 1854 to 1911 the county seat of Port Townsend served as the port of entry for ships on Puget Sound. Its well-preserved historic districts still capture the exuberant spirit of Washington's early years.

