

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Solomon Roadhouse (AHRs SITE NO. SOL-031)

AND/OR COMMON

Curran's Roadhouse

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Nome-Council Highway

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Solomon

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Alaska, at Large

STATE

Alaska

CODE

02

COUNTY

Nome Division

CODE

180

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
___DISTRICT	___PUBLIC	___OCCUPIED	___AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	___MUSEUM
___STRUCTURE	___BOTH	___WORK IN PROGRESS	___COMMERCIAL
___SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	___EDUCATIONAL
___OBJECT	___IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	___ENTERTAINMENT
	___BEING CONSIDERED	___YES: UNRESTRICTED	___GOVERNMENT
		___NO	___INDUSTRIAL
			___MILITARY
			___TRANSPORTATION
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: None

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Peter J. Curran (Native allotment pending)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

P.O. Box 562

CITY, TOWN

Nome

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Alaska 99762

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

District Recorder

(907) 443-2471

STREET &amp; NUMBER

P.O. Box 431

CITY, TOWN

Nome

STATE

Alaska 99762

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRs)

(907) 274-4676

DATE

October 21, 1974

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDSOffice of History & Archaeology, Alaska Division of Parks  
619 Warehouse Dr., Suite 210

CITY, TOWN

Anchorage

STATE

Alaska 99501

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1939</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Solomon Roadhouse stands at the outskirts of the small community of Solomon in the southeastern portion of the Seward Peninsula. The front of the building faces west and is just off the Nome-Council Highway. The roadhouse was moved to its present location in 1939. Although not on its original site, the structure is in the proximity of six structures that also date from the early 1900's. These structures are from the original gold rush town of Solomon, on the sand spit at the mouth of the Solomon River, and the adjacent community of Dickson, the former headquarters and railyard of the Council City and Solomon River Railroad. Both towns were devastated by storms and flooding. They stood about a mile southeast of the new location.

The waystation is a rectangular, two-story wood frame building that measures approximately 20 by 35 feet. The exterior walls are covered with shiplap siding painted white. The medium gable roof is covered with tar-paper. A low shed-roof dormer with a window is set in the southwest corner of the roof. A ladder on the roof separates the dormer from the front of the structure. The front entrance is through a one-story enclosed porch that covers the southern two-thirds of the front of the structure. The door is centered in the front of the porch and flanked on either side by two sets of six-paned windows. Currently, a dog sled rests on the entry roof. When the dormer and entry were added to the building is unknown.

Two alternating sets of double and single casement windows are located on the ground floor of the long sides. The second story has three evenly spaced double sash windows on the long sides. In the building's front facade the second story has a double sash window on either side of a boarded doorway. A post projects out above this former door.

A description of the interior of the building before it was moved in 1939 has been found. The first floor was then divided into two rooms, a living room that also served as a store and the kitchen with a long table for dining. The upper story was for sleeping, but no mention of any partitioning is given. The account mentioned that Curran's Roadhouse was spacious. About fifty yards away from the roadhouse stood a dog barn with stalls for eight teams. Today the interior of the roadhouse is divided into five rooms on the first floor and six on the second.



# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(See Continuation Sheet)

**UTM NOT VERIFIED    ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one (- 1)

QUADRANGLE NAME Solomon (C-5)

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:63 360

UTM REFERENCES

A 0,3 5,2,6,8,7,5 7,1,5,9,2,7,5

B                  

C                  

D                  

E                  

F                  

G                  

H                  

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION As platted by BLM Status Plat updated to July 13, 1979, Kateel River Meridian, Alaska; the site since 1939 of the roadhouse purchased by Peter Curran in 1924. One acre, with adequate buffer zone from highway right of way; or foreseeable impact on other three sides of the roadhouse.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charles J. Utermohle, Archaeologist/Joan Antonson Mohr, Historian

ORGANIZATION Office of History & Archaeology  
Alaska Division of Parks

DATE January 29, 1979

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TELEPHONE (907) 274-4676

CITY OR TOWN Anchorage

STATE Alaska 99501

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL    STATE    LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE William Utermohle

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE May 21, 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

for W. Ray Luce  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
ATTEST: Kristin J. O'Connell  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 9/17/80  
DATE 9/16/80

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In 1924 the father of the present owner, Peter Curran, purchased the roadhouse. In 1939 he moved the building approximately a mile west to its present location adjacent to the Nome-Council Highway. Later, the Curran's purchased a horse barn and converted it into a one room store. The roadhouse, originally also the store, continued to meet the needs of miners, explorers and travellers on the Seward Peninsula until recently. The roadhouse is and has been the prominent landmark for the community of Solomon.

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