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Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Fries Miners' Cabins
other names/site number Kennedy Street Mine Workers Houses
AHRS Site Nos. JUN-163, JUN-308, JUN-309, JUN-310, JUN-311, JUN-312

2. Location

street & number 500 Block, Kennedy Street not for publication
city, town Juneau, vicinity
state Alaska code AK county Juneau code 110 zip code 99801

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u>6</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Judith E. Butler 7/19/88
Signature of certifying official Date
Alaska
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Amy Schlacht 9/8/88

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Craftsman Style Bungalow

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concretewalls Wood shingle

roof Wood shakeother

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Located on Starr Hill in Juneau, the Fries Miners' Cabins include six residential structures. Adjacent to one another in a row, the six structures occupy Lots 1 and 8, Block 120, on Kennedy Street between 5th and 6th Streets. The historic neighborhood of Starr Hill is situated on the lower slope of Mount Roberts and overlooks downtown Juneau. At an elevation of 200 to 400 feet, Starr Hill is reached from downtown by steep stairways and narrow, winding streets. It is characterized by sharply sloped lots, modest homes designed to adapt to the contours of the hill, and turn-of-the-century architecture. The Fries Miners' Cabins are a variation of the Craftsman Style Bungalow. They are constructed on a built-up base to compensate for the 15 foot change in elevation of the lots.

The six houses were built in 1913 as housing for workers in nearby gold mines. They appear on the 1914 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map as six identical structures in design and dimensions. They were constructed as Craftsman Style Bungalows, a design and type of construction was very popular in Juneau and throughout Alaska at the turn-of-the-century. Local mining companies and private real estate developers chose this style for its simple utilitarian design and construction details, and used locally produced building materials from the Worthen Lumber Mill on South Franklin Street. The only imported items used in the construction of these houses were plumbing fixtures and electrical wiring acquired from the C.W. Young Hardware Company on Front Street.

The houses were of wood frame construction with wood shingle siding and wood trim. Their pitched gable roofs were covered with wood shake shingles. They were constructed with concrete perimeter foundation walls, and with wood pilings supporting the main floor beams and joists. Double-hung casement windows were used throughout the structures. Unadorned, wide wood trim, representative of the Craftsman Style, was used around windows and doors. All were one-and-one-half stories with shed roof rear porches. At a later date, a shed roof front porch was added to each structure. The high pitch roof provided living space on the upper level which was a single room under the sloping eaves. Stairs with narrow risers linked the lower and upper levels.

Each house originally had an identical floor plan that included living area, kitchen, two bedrooms, and bath. Interior features of note are hardwood floors and kitchen cabinetry. Through the years both rear and front porches have been enlarged and enclosed, and some entrances relocated. Dormers were added to some of the houses to increase living space on the second level, and the second floor area was partitioned into smaller rooms. Today the houses are clad in a variety of materials: original

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
Community Development

Period of Significance
1913

Significant Dates
1913

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The six Fries Miners' Cabins are Craftsman Style Bungalows that stand close together in a row along Kennedy Street on Starr Hill in Juneau. They are associated with Juneau's mining history, the most important local economic activity from 1880 until 1942. Located between the mines at Gold Creek and the town of Juneau, Starr Hill was one of the first residential areas outside of the townsite. The original trail from town to the mines traversed Starr Hill. The Fries Miners' Cabins were hastily constructed in 1913, using local materials and a simple architectural design, to provide housing for mine workers and their families. Only a few houses remain in Juneau of the more than 200 miners' houses constructed around 1913. The six on Kennedy Street stand together and are one of few visible reminders of Juneau's hard rock gold mining past.

Dick Harris and Joe Juneau discovered gold in Gold Creek valley in 1880. The drainage, including Silver Bow and Jualpa basins, was soon staked by miners. The first miners worked placer deposits. Hard rock, or lode, gold miners followed. The small lode gold mining operations in the Gold Creek basin eventually were consolidated into two major operations, the Perseverance Mine that later became part of the Alaska Gastineau Mining Company, and the Alaska Juneau Mining Company. During the early 1900s, Juneau was internationally recognized for its low-grade lode gold mines.

In 1913, the two companies replaced their stamp mills in the Gold Creek drainage with new, larger mills on the Gastineau Channel side of Mount Roberts. The Alaska Gastineau Mining Company connected its Perseverance Mine and its mill in Thane by the Sheep Creek Adit and Alaska Gastineau Railroad. The Alaska Juneau Mining Company connected its properties by Tunnel No. 3 and a railway from its Jualpa camp to its mill on South Franklin Street. A trail led from downtown Juneau through Starr Hill to the tunnel entrance where the Alaska Juneau miners were transported to the mines or mill.

During the early years, the mining companies provided support facilities for their employees and families. These included boarding houses, mess halls, housing for married employees, general stores, meat markets, bakeries, libraries and reading rooms, and social halls. With the expansion of mining operations in the area during the 1910s, businessmen were interested in serving the miners and their families. In 1913, the

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

N/A

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 4.5 acres

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated properties occupy Lots 1 and 8, Juneau Townsite, between 5th and 6th Streets on the uphill side of Kennedy Street.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the district includes the entire city lots that have historically been associated with the six houses.

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11. Form Prepared By

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shake, horizontal shiplap, and vinyl. The size of the crawl space or basement area under each structure was determined by the contours of the building site. Each structure has some usable space which varies from a crawl space to a full size basement.

The Fries Miners' Cabins are an example of early tract housing in Juneau. They were hastily constructed, using local materials and a simple architectural design, to provide quick and inexpensive housing for mine workers and their families. Scattered throughout the Juneau area, only a few houses remain of the more than two hundred miners' houses. Three miners' houses are located at Lower Salmon Creek, two at Upper Salmon Creek, and two on 4th Street. The six houses on Kennedy Street stand together as one of the few visible reminders of Juneau's hard rock gold mining community. Generations of miners and their families enjoyed the attractive living environment of the houses and neighborhood and its accessibility to the mines, mills, and downtown Juneau. The houses are in very good to excellent condition and all, with one exception, are owner occupied. Three families have lived in their homes over 25 years.

The Starr Hill historic neighborhood is composed of approximately seventy-five houses built at the turn-of-the-century. Modest homes built for the working men of the mines, the six houses on Kennedy Street were selected as representative of the neighborhood and its worker traditions. Articles in local newspapers through the years used the Fries Miners' Cabins as a point of reference when reporting items of interest in the neighborhood to its readers. Through the years the houses have become the visual symbol of Starr Hill.

Following are buildings that contribute to the character of the district. There are no non-contributing buildings within the district.

- (1) Riendeau-Brown House, 501 Kennedy Street, Lot F1, Block 120, Juneau Townsite, 1913, contributing building. Craftsman Style Bungalow, one and one-half story, wood-shingle clad, rear shed porch, enclosed front shed porch, rear side exit, partial basement.

Austin H. and Elsie Brown
501 Kennedy Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

- (2) Fries-Fiorella House, 511 Kennedy Street, Lot F1, Block 120, Juneau Townsite, 1913, contributing building. Craftsman Style Bungalow, one and one-half story, wood-shingle clad, rear shed porch, enclosed, enlarged front shed porch, partial basement.

Marguerite Fiorella
511 Kennedy Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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- (3) Russell-Wagner House, 517 Kennedy Street, Lot F1, Block 120, Juneau Townsite, 1913, contributing building. Craftsman Style Bungalow, one-and-one-half story, wood-shingle clad, rear shed porch, enclosed, enlarged front shed porch, full basement.

Thomas and Eileen Wagner
517 Kennedy Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

- (4) Alstead-Dau House, 523 Kennedy Street, Lot F8, Block 120, Juneau Townsite, 1913, contributing building. Craftsman Style Bungalow, one-and-one-half story, wood-shingle clad, rear shed porch, enlarged, enclosed front shed porch, deck, partial basement.

Eugene and Marian Dau
523 Kennedy Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

- (5) Jaeger-Daugherty House, 525 Kennedy Street, Lot F8, Block 120, Juneau Townsite, 1913, contributing building. Craftsman Style Bungalow, one-and-one-half story, wood-shingle clad, enclosed, enlarged front shed porch, second floor dormer, outside entrance to second floor, full basement.

Gladys Tinney
P.O. Box 301
Juneau, Alaska 99801

- (6) Turner-Haight House, 535 Kennedy Street, Lot F8, Block 120, Juneau Townsite, 1913, contributing building. Craftsman Style Bungalow, one-and-one-half story, wood-shingle clad, rear shed porch, enclosed front shed porch, second floor dormer, partial basement.

Ben and Kristen Haight
535 Kennedy Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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Alaska Juneau Mining Company agreed to a request from Juneau city leaders that the company not provide amenities for its employees. (In return, the city leaders agreed to limit taxation to real property.) As a result, businesses flourished and a residential building boom occurred.

Juneau real estate investors immediately began to build houses to sell or rent to mine workers. Developers frequently constructed houses in close proximity to one another. The houses were utilitarian, and similar in style and construction details. The six houses on Kennedy Street, built in 1913, are examples of the trend. The houses were identical Craftsman Style Bungalows, built in a row on two lots.

Ernest R. Jaeger, Juneau businessman and developer, owned one of the lots; his business partner, Claude Erickson, owned the other. The Alaska Daily Dispatch for May 27, 1913, reported that "C.W. Fries is putting up three modern dwellings near the government hospital on Kennedy Street." Another note in the same newspaper column informed readers that "John R. Scott is building two dwellings on 6th Street, Starr Hill. The homes have already been sold, one to Arthur Reandeau and the other to Mr. Chapideau." These two men are listed as owners of two of the Kennedy Street houses in the 1914 tax records. (Their names appear on the tax records as Arthur Riendeau and James Chapados.) C.W. Fries owned a third house on the street, and Ernest R. Jaeger owned the other three houses.

Conrad W. Fries, for whom the houses are known, was a German immigrant who came to Alaska for his health. He was an investor in mines throughout Southeast Alaska, owned other real estate in Juneau, and served four terms on the Juneau City Council. Riendeau was superintendent of the Alaska Juneau Mining Company until his retirement. Chapados, a miner who worked at the Alaska Juneau Mine, sold his house in 1923 to another miner, Douglas Mead. Fries and Jaeger kept their houses for a number of year, renting them after they moved elsewhere. Jaeger eventually sold two of his houses to miners. Through the years, the homes were occupied and owned by men involved with Juneau's mining industry.

The six houses on Kennedy Street are excellent examples of the building boom during Juneau's mining expansion period that extended from 1910 to 1924.

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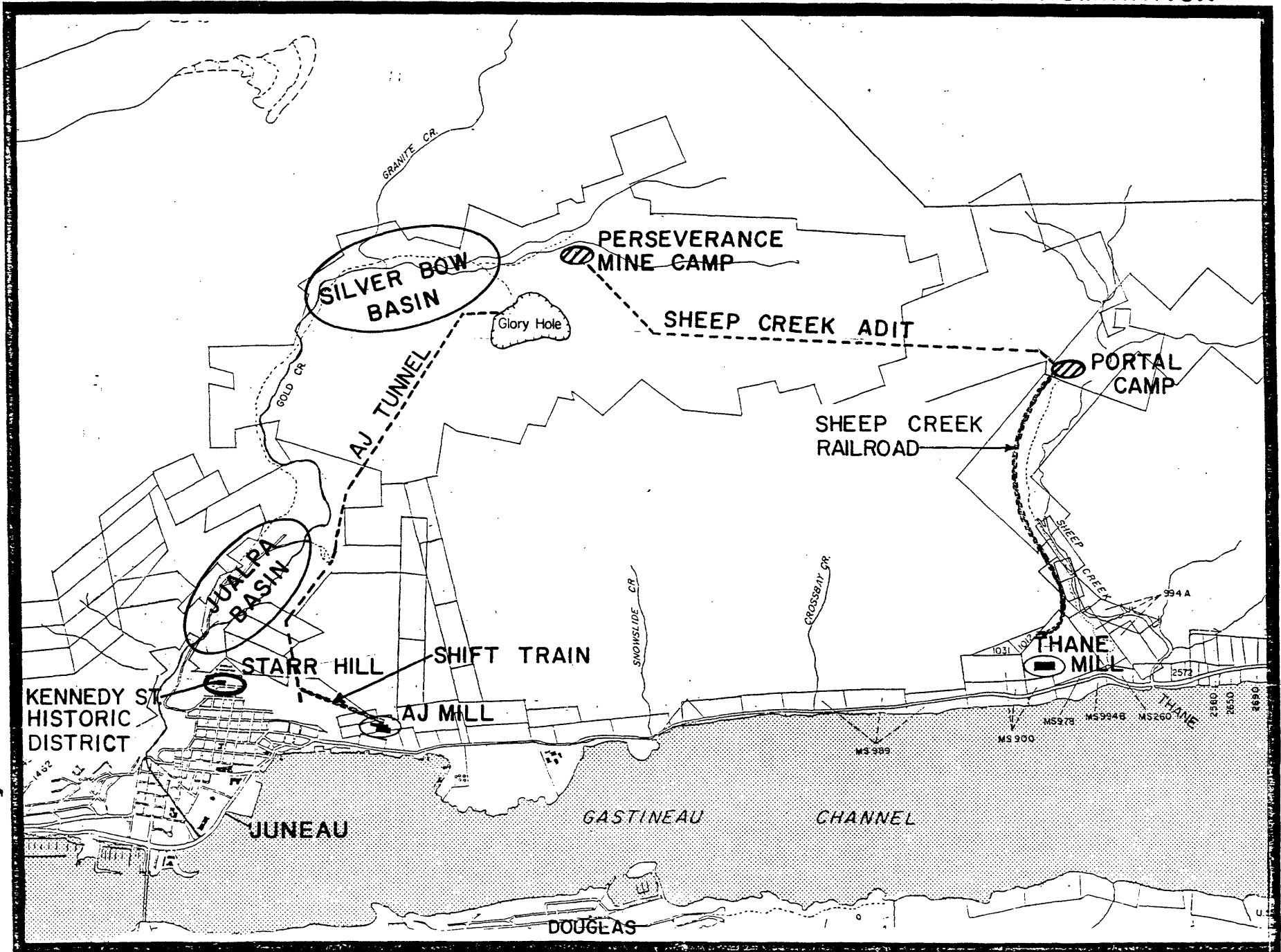
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Juneau, Alaska
Unknown
Circa 1913-1914
Alaska State Library, P.O. Box G, Juneau, Alaska 99811
Looking north, the cabins are on the right of the photograph
2. Fries Miners' Cabins (AHR Site Nos. JUN-163, 308-312)
Juneau, Alaska
C.R. Scothorn
Circa 1915
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Looking east
3. Fries Miners' Cabins (AHR Site Nos. JUN-163, 308-312)
Juneau, Alaska
Unknown
Circa 1920
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Looking northeast
4. Fries Miners' Cabins (AHR Site Nos. JUN-163, 308-312)
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Gabrielle LaRoche
May 1987
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Looking east
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Looking east

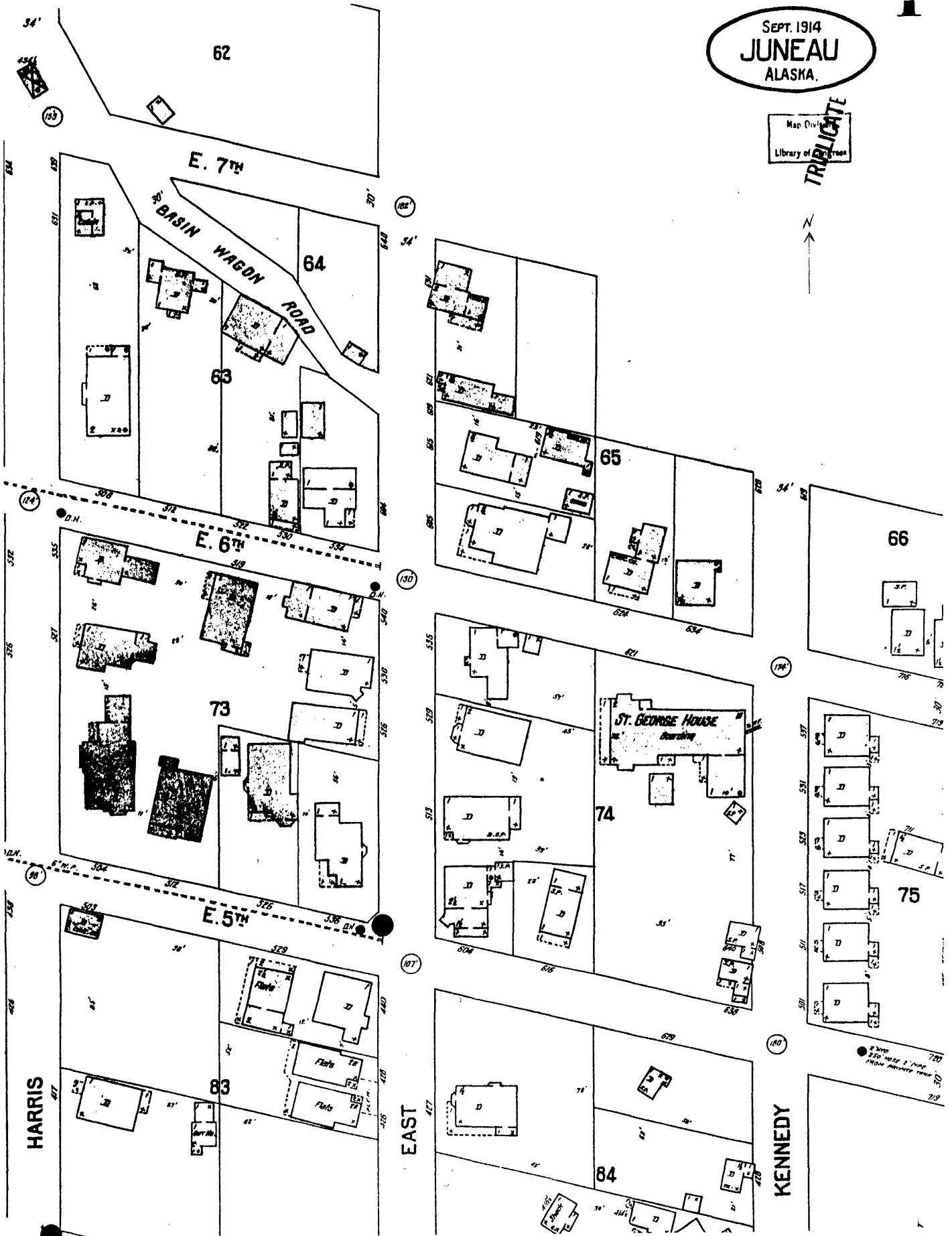
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