

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Hanlon-Osbakken House

other name/site number: Osbakken House
AHRS Site No. SIT-191

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2. Location

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street & number: 419 Lincoln Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Sitka

vicinity: N/A

state: AK county: Sitka Division code: 220 zip code: 99835

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Judi M. E. Bittner
Signature of certifying official

Mar 17, 1992
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):

Autourio A. Case 4/27/92
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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 6. Function or Use
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 Historic: Domestic Sub: Single dwelling

 Current : Vacant/not in use Sub: N/A
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 7. Description
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 Architectural Classification: Late Victorian: Queen Anne

 Other Description: N/A

 Materials: foundation wood post
 roof wood shake
 walls wood shingle
 other _____

 Describe present and historic physical appearance. See continuation sheet.

Built during the 1890s, the Hanlon-Osbakken House is a good example of a Late Victorian Queen Anne house. Of the two such houses in Sitka, the Hanlon-Osbakken House maintains the purest historic integrity of this architectural style.

The two-story gabled house, on the north side of Lincoln Street, originally was a center hall home. In 1896, a compatible addition was added to the rear of the house, changing the floor plan to a "L". Of wood frame construction, the original house is on a post foundation and the addition is set directly on grade. The posts have rotted causing the house to settle. Vertical wood skirting encloses the space between the house and the ground around the front half of the house.

The house's main or south elevation fronts Lincoln Street. On the left, a gabled roof extends over a porch. On the right, a two story canted bay with a 1/1 double-hung sash window in each plane is on the first floor, and a 2/2 double-hung sash window in each plane is on the second floor. Square butt shingles side the canted bay. The porch eave line changes at the bay to form a pediment centered on the window below. Centrally located in the front facade is the main entry to the house. The single light, single panel wood door has a transom above. A 1/1 double-hung sash window is to the left of the entry. The main body of the house has shiplap siding with vertical corner boards. When the original 2/2 double-hung windows on the first floor were replaced with 1/1 double-hung windows is not known.

A single post supports the porch roof at the left end of the front facade. The right support is formed where the porch eave line intersects the canted bay. The right end of the porch eave is cantilevered from the bay. Scrolled brackets originally existed on the porch supports. Only a single bracket at the canted bay exists today. The porch is enclosed by a plain wood balustrade.

8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1896-1942

Significant Dates : 1896

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Sherigan, William Basil

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

See continuation sheet.

The Hanlon-Osbakken House, built between 1892 and 1896, is one of two remaining Late Victorian Queen Anne style houses in Sitka. Of the two, it is the best representative of the architectural style. At the time of the house's construction, Sitka was the capital of the District of Alaska. The house is associated with a family that traces its roots in Sitka to the time when the community was the capital of Russian America. The period of significance starts when John and Anna Hanlon moved into the house in 1896, and ends when Anna Hanlon died in 1942.

Albert/Frederick/William Richter purchased the property where the house stands in 1873. The 1870 census conducted by the U.S. Army lists him as Albert, the 1881 census conducted by the U.S. Navy lists him as William, and the 1882 census conducted by the U.S. Navy lists him as Frederick. All three reports identify him as a baker. In 1876, Richter married Anna Smakoff/Schmakoff/Semminoff, of Russian and Native descent, who was born at Sitka in 1858 while Alaska was a Russian possession. It is a family story that Richter developed an obsession with acquiring property and spent all his money acquiring more, to the extent that the family sometimes went hungry and finally had to physically restrain him. He died some time in the mid-1880s.

Anna married John G. Hanlan (the name started to be spelled Hanlon during the 1890s) in September 1887. He had arrived at Sitka aboard the U.S.S.

Jamestown on June 14, 1879 as a Bos'un's mate with the U.S. Navy. The U.S.S. Wachusett arrived at Sitka on July 30, 1881 to relieve the Jamestown, and Hanlan transferred to her. He stayed at Sitka when his enlistment was up in

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 9. Major Bibliographical References
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See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

N/A

- 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: _____

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 10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property: less than 1 acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

The nominated property occupies Lot 6, Block 11, Sitka Townsite and is 56' by 68.5' in size.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

The boundary includes the house on the city lot that has historically been associated with the property.

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 11. Form Prepared By
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Name/Title: Dorothy Breedlove

Organization: Owner

Street & Number: 325 Seward Street

City or Town: Sitka

Date: November 20, 1991

Telephone: (907) 747-4937

State: AK ZIP: 99835

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The right or east elevation of the original house has shiplap siding with corner boards. Two 1/1 double-hung sash windows are side-by-side and centered in the first story. Immediately above is an octagon shingled canted bay with a 2/2 double-hung sash window. The canted bay has a wood shingle hipped roof. The gable wall is highlighted by a cornice return. The box cornice return and gable roof extend beyond the wall approximately one-and-one-half feet. Octagon shingling covers the upper portion of the gabled wall towards the gable fascia plane. The east elevation of the addition on the rear has shiplap siding and corner boards on its one-and-one-half story walls. A 1/1 double-hung sash window is centered in the first story with a small single sash window to the right. The latter, a change in the elevation's fenestration, occurred some time prior to 1930.

The left or west elevation has plain detailing. A single 1/1 double-hung sash window is centrally placed in the first story of the original house. Directly above is a 2/2 double-hung sash window. The gable wall is highlighted by a cornice return. This box cornice return, as well as the gable roof, extend beyond the wall approximately one-and-a-half feet. Octagon shingling covers the upper portion of the gabled wall towards the gable fascia plane. The left elevation of the addition is stepped back from the original wall approximately three feet. An enclosed doorway is centrally placed in the addition. This shed roofed enclosure is the only fenestration to this portion of the building's facade. A four-light double panel door is in the left half of the enclosed entry, and a small four-light fixed-sash window is immediately to the right. This elevation has shiplap siding with corner boards.

The rear or north elevation had a one-story shed addition across it that extended beyond the right side of the house. Constructed in the late 1940s-early 1950s, this addition is no longer attached to the house. It is the non-contributing element and restoration plans call for its removal. The shed obscures the first story of the rear elevation of the house. The gable wall of the rear elevation has its original 2/2 double-hung sash window in the center.

The house's roof is a steep cross gable on a "L" plan. Centrally placed in both gable ridgelines are brick chimneys. The majority of the original wood shingling remains. In areas, corrugated sheet metal has replaced the shingles. The original tent roof that topped the front elevation's canted bay was removed between 1912 and 1920. A shed roof covered with corrugated sheet metal replaced the tent roof. The new owner plans to restore the building and reconstruct the tent roof.

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April 1882, and married Parascovia Gorokhov/Gorohoff who died in January 1887. After his discharge from the Navy, Hanlon worked as a mariner, a miner, and at various odd jobs in Sitka until he became a guard at the federal jail and later a deputy U.S. Marshal.

Anna's brother-in-law, William Basil Sherigan built the house on Lincoln Street for the Hanlons between 1892 and 1896. Before the Hanlons moved into their new house, the new Episcopal Bishop and Mrs. Peter Trimble Rowe lived in the house for several months until their residence to the east down the street was completed. John Hanlon died in 1909, and Anna died in 1942. Daughter Margaret and her husband John Osbakken moved into the house during the 1930s. Margaret lived in the house until 1991.

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1. Hanlon House (AHRS Site No. SIT-191)
Sitka, Alaska
Dorothy Breedlove
November 1991
325 Seward St., Sitka, Alaska 99835
Looking north at front facade

2. Hanlon House (AHRS Site No. SIT-191)
Sitka, Alaska
Dorothy Breedlove
November 1991
325 Seward St., Sitka, Alaska 99835
Looking west at the east facade, on the right is the non-contributing
shed

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92000404 Date Listed: 4/27/92

Hanlon-Osbakken House
Property Name

Sitka AK
County State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for *Antoniello Allee*
Signature of the Keeper

5/4/92
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Statement of Significance: The Period of Significance is amended to read: 1892-1896.

This information was confirmed with Jo Antonson of the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)