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(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Alaska
COUNTY:	SE District First Judicial Division
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	FEB 23 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Father Duncan Cottage

AND/OR HISTORIC:
(Father William Duncan Home) House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Fifth Avenue and Atkinson Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Metlakatla

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Alaska	02	First Judicial Division	

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Metlakatla Indian Community

STREET AND NUMBER:
Post Office Box 142

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Metlakatla	Alaska	99926 02

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
City of Metlakatla

STREET AND NUMBER:
Post Office Box 142

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
Metlakatla	Alaska	99926 02

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: The National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings.
"Alaska History"

DATE OF SURVEY: 1961 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:
801 19th Street, N.W.

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Washington	D.C.	11

Senators: Ted Stevens and Mike Gravel
Congressman: Nick Begich

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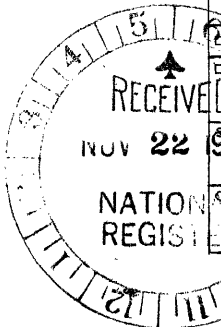
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In present appearance this is a weathered-frame structure enclosed by a picket fence. A basically rectangular plan is supplemented with a half wing on the right rear (as one faces the front facade). Horizontal siding has been covered with shingles on two sides and shiplap on the other.

Four engaged columns on the front, equally spaced from the corners, and decorative carving on the main door are the most distinctive features of this low gable, single detached unit.

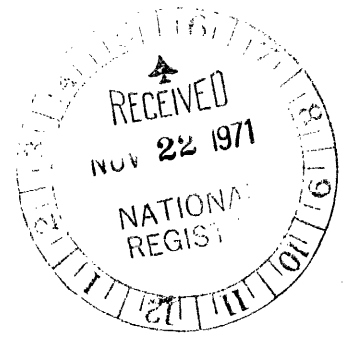
Old photographs (Arctander, 324 and Colby, 244h) show three apparent alterations from original physical appearance have been made. First, these old pictures (circa 1909 and 1939) show no shingles on either side. Second, the original chimney seems a substantial brick appendage. Third, a half-story is shown extending along the right side (as one faces the front facade).

Interior views (Arctander, 315) and (Colby, 274) show Father Duncan's den and the kitchen.

During 1971, the community received a HUD grant for preservation work on the structure.

Tract E, USS No. 1807, approximately two tenths of an acre, contains the cottage and is nominated in its entirety.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

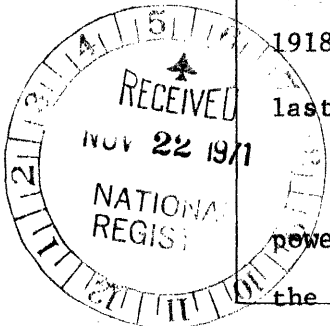
Father Duncan Cottage was built about 1891 by Tsimshian Indians as a home for Father William Duncan, an Anglican missionary, who occupied the role of missionary-leader in their society beginning in 1857. He had first gone among them at their original home in Fort Simpson, British Columbia. Mastering the language, he soon effected many converts to Christianity and became a dominant figure in their culture.

Difficulty with Canadian authorities caused him to appeal to President Cleveland for permission to migrate to Alaska. This was granted and a party of five Indians, David Leask, John Tait, Edward Benson, Adam Gordon, and Gred Ridley, accompanied by Dr. Bluett-Duncan, a missionary worker, explored the Alaskan coast and chose Port Chester on the north-west side of Annette Island as the tribe's new home.

Father Duncan first landed at New Metlakatla on August 7, 1887. Subsequently, an Act of March 30, 1891, established a reservation on the site of the colony and dedicated it for use of the Metlakatlans. Father Duncan continued as a leading figure in the colony until his death in 1918, establishing the Metlakatla Industrial Company, a cooperative which lasted from 1895 until 1905.

Because of its function as home and work center of the most overpowering figure in New Metlakatla's history, Father Duncan's cottage is the most revered and important building in the community's heritage.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arctander, John W., The Apostle of Alaska - The Story of William Duncan of Metlakatla, 2nd ed., Fleming H. Revell Company (New York, London, Chicago, Toronto, and Edinburgh: 1909).

Colby, Merle, A Guide to Alaska: Last American Frontier, The MacMillan Company (New York: 1939).

Kohlstedt, Edward Delar, William Duncan: Founder and Developer of Alaska's Metlakatla Christian Mission, Board of Co. Trustees of the William Duncan Trust (Palo Alto, Calif.: 1957)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .2

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 AND TITLE:
William S. Hanable, State Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: **Alaska Division of Parks** DATE: **September 21, 71**

STREET AND NUMBER:
323 E. Fourth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: **Anchorage** STATE: **Alaska 99501** CODE: **02**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Theodore G. Smith
THEODORE G. SMITH

Title State Liaison Officer
for Historic Preservation

Date September 21, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

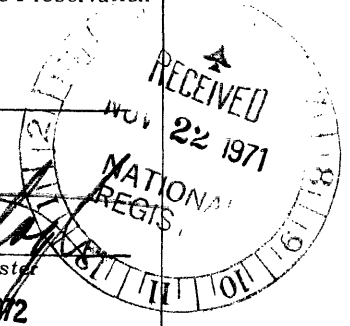
Ernest A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
FEB 23 1972

Date _____

ATTEST: William M. ...
Keeper of The National Register
FEB 7 1972

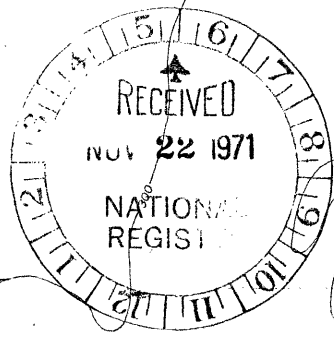
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FATHER DUNCAN'S COTTAGE

