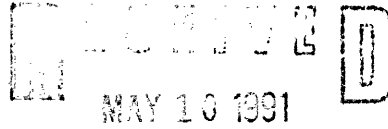


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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name: Bailey Colony Farm

other name/site number: Estelle Farm, AHRs Site No. ANC-056

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2. Location

street & number: 3150 North Glenn Highway

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Palmer

vicinity: X

state: AK county: Matanuska-Susitna code: 170 zip code: 99645

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3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private

Category of Property: district

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Settlement and Economic Development of Alaska's Matanuska-Susitna Valley

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.

Judith E. Bittner
Signature of certifying official

May 7, 1991
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 Catherine J. Rice 6/21/91
 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): _____

for _____
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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 6. Function or Use
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Historic: agriculture/subsistence Sub: single dwelling
domestic
 Current: domestic Sub: single dwelling

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 7. Description
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Architectural Classification: no style

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation concrete roof metal
 walls wood other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

The Bailey Colony Farm is an example of one of the Matanuska Colony farmsteads. The house and barn are contributing buildings; a shed on the property is a non-contributing building.

The house is frame construction, rectangular in plan, and measures 28' x 32'. It is one-and-one half stories high. The gambrel roof and floor plan make the Bailey house unique among colony residents. Because of the roof design, the house was larger than most of the other colony farm houses. The ridge of the gambrel roof runs north-south and creates a parallel orientation with the main facade. A low deck is attached to the front, or west, facade of the house. The house sits on a concrete block foundation. Basements were not part of standard colony houses, but Ferber Bailey was one of the colonists who dug a basement. The basement floor is still dirt. The upper floor of the house has a shed-roofed dormer on both the east and west sides. The roofing on the dormers and the main roof is a corrugated metal. The house is clad with horizontal shiplap, drop siding and cornerboards. The front facade of the house has three bays. An off-center colony door is flanked by 6/6 double-hung windows. The other windows in the house are fixed and double-hung, multi-pane windows with multi-pane storm windows. The addition of metal roofing and the removal of a rear door are the only changes to the house.

The barn, measuring 32' x 32', is a typical gambrel-roofed colony barn with flared eaves. It is of log and frame construction. Small, one-story wood-sided shed additions have been attached on the south and north facades. The original barn is intact and its front facade is unchanged. The barn sits on a concrete sill added when the building was moved. The first floor logs are covered with horizontal lap siding--it is the only colony barn originally constructed with siding over the logs. The upper floor, under the roof line, is sheathed with horizontal drop siding. The mid-section is covered with vertical boards. An open cupola, which vents the building, is located in the center of the high roof ridge. The roof eave extends over

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the hay loft door on the west side. This door is flanked by multi-pane windows, identical to those on the first floor. The first floor has standard double and single doors.

The barn stands approximately 150 feet from its original site. It was moved in the late 1940s when the adjacent highway was widened. The move did not change the general spatial relationship between the house and barn or the farm setting.

A small, gable-roofed shed stands east of the barn. Constructed after the period of significance, it is a non-contributing building.

8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): B

Areas of Significance: agriculture
community planning and development
social history
architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1935-1940

Significant Dates: 1935

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Williams, David
Bailey, Ferber

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

The Bailey Colony Farm is a farmstead associated with the 1930s Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Project in the Matanuska Valley. Although the original forty-acre tract has been subdivided, the house and barn that were built in 1935 remain and, virtually unaltered, they are examples of the project's architectural style. The barn is presently located approximately 150 feet from its original site. It was moved in the late 1940s when the Glenn Highway was widened. The move did not change the general spatial relationship between the house and barn, and the building's current setting is very similar to the original.

Ferber and Ruth Bailey and their two children were colonists from Lean, Wisconsin. Ferber Bailey, a carpenter, dug the basement and helped construct the house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: 2 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ____ See continuation sheet.

The Bailey Colony Farm is a rectangular parcel measuring 170' x 275' whose southeast corner is 50' east, 60' south of the southeast corner of the foundation of the house and circumscribed by the following boundary: proceed north for 275 feet; then proceed west for 170 feet; then proceed south for 275 feet; then proceed east for 170 feet.

Boundary Justification: ____ See continuation sheet.

The nominated property includes the house and barn, the historic structures remaining that were associated with the farmstead built on Colony Tract 152.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Fran Seager-Boss, Archaeologist; Lawrence E. Roberts,
Historian

Organization: Matanuska-Susitna Borough Date: September 30, 1990

Street & Number: 350 East Dahlia Avenue Telephone: 907-745-9859

City or Town: Palmer State: AK ZIP: 99645

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Looking southeast at house
2. Bailey Colony Farm (AHRS Site No. ANC-056)
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Fran Seager-Boss
September 29, 1990
Cultural Resources Division, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, 350 East Dahlia
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Looking southeast at house
3. Bailey Colony Farm (AHRS Site No. ANC-056)
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August 31, 1990
Cultural Resources Division, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, 350 East Dahlia
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Looking north at barn and non-contributing shed
4. Bailey Colony Farm (AHRS Site No. ANC-056)
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Looking south at barn
5. Bailey Colony Farm (AHRS Site No. ANC-056)
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Fran Seager-Boss
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Looking west at barn; the non-contributing shed is on the south end

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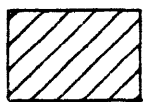
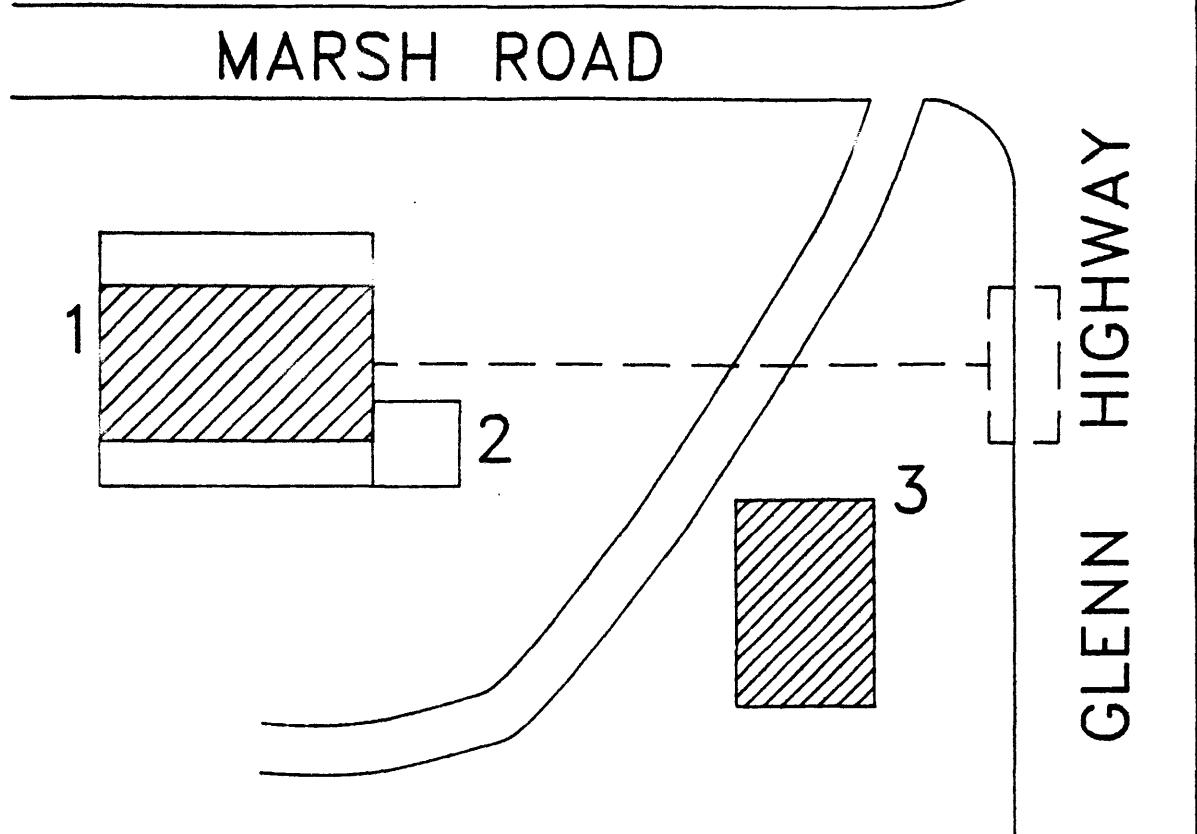
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Larry Roberts
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Ave., Palmer, AK 99645
Looking east at barn



CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE



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ORIGINAL BARN SITE

- 1. BARN
- 2. MILK HOUSE
- 3. HOUSE



BAILEY HOUSE & BARN (NOT TO SCALE)