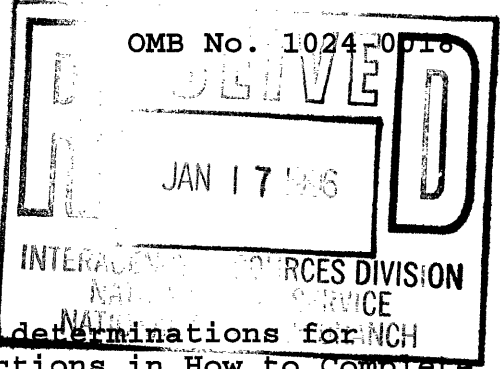


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NPS Form 10-900
(Rev. 10-90)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name F.E. Company Manager's House

other names/site number The White House, Sisters' Convent

AHRS Site No. FAI-273

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2. Location

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street & number 757 Illinois Street

not for publication n/a

city or town Fairbanks vicinity n/a

state Alaska code AK county Fairbanks North Star code 090

zip code 99701

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3. 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Judith E. Bettner
Signature of certifying official

Dec. 19, 1995
Date

Alaska
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- X 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):

Paul R. Lyman 2/16/96
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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5. Classification
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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register n/a

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) n/a

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: domestic Sub: single dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: domestic Sub: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

late 19th and 20th century revivals,
Colonial Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete
roof asphalt
walls wood
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

The F.E. Company constructed a house for its general manager in Fairbanks in 1935-1936. The house is an exceptional example of the Colonial Revival architectural style in Alaska. Located towards the corner of Illinois Street and College Avenue and just south of Noyes Slough, the manager's house was at the northern end of the F.E. Company housing complex on the east side of Illinois Street. The company's central offices, warehouses and shops stood on the west side of Illinois Street. These associations are maintained today.

The Colonial Revival style was a move away from the Victorian houses with their high pitched gables and extensive ornamentation. Colonial revival buildings are rectangular with a symmetrical facade. Roofs are often hipped, and topped with a flat deck surrounded by a balustrade. Chimneys are placed to contribute to the overall symmetry. The central part of a facade may project slightly and be crowned with a pediment with or without supporting pilasters. Doorways have fanlights and are often set in tabernacle frames. Double hung sash windows are standard.

The three story F.E. Company manager's house measures 30 feet by 48 feet and has 3,746 square feet of space. The third floor is under the gable roof. The floor plan is a shallow T, with the leg measuring 9 1/2 feet by 20 feet and centrally placed on the rear (south) elevation. The house is balloon framed with clapboard siding painted white. The foundation is concrete and concrete posts. A one story garage with laundry room,

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bedroom, bath and pantry extends from the southeast corner. It measures 22 1/2 by 39 feet. A wood balustrade is around the garage roof's perimeter.

The north elevation is the front of the house. The door in the center is framed by Doric pilasters supporting a pediment. A fan-shaped leaded glass sash tops the panel door which has an eight light storm door. On both sides of the entry are a pair of 12/12 and 8/12 double hung sash windows evenly spaced on the first and second floors respectively. An 8/8 double hung sash window is directly above the entry. All windows have shutters.

To the west of this elevation is the garage, bedroom, bath and pantry. It has a flat roof. The north elevation has two eight foot wide garage doors on its right half. It has two double 4/4 double hung sash windows and a four light door evenly spaced on the left half. Approximately one half of the building's width extends beyond the rear of the house. In the east elevation is a double hung sash window on the left and a door on the right. The south elevation has two 8/8 double hung sash windows at the east end. Only one of these windows has shutters. The west elevation has two sets of windows with shutters evenly spaced.

The east elevation is a gable end. A brick chimney is centrally placed with 12/12 double hung sash windows with shutters evenly spaced on both sides of the first floor and 8/12 double hung sash windows on the second floor. There are large louvered screens on each side of the chimney on the third floor.

The back, or south, elevation of the house has the leg of the T extending from its center. Most of the windows on this elevation, including the sides of the leg of the T, are double hung sash windows with shutters; a few are casement windows. Originally, the second floor of the leg was a solarium with a flat roof. In the 1960s the solarium windows were replaced with casement windows, and in the 1990s a gable roof was added.

The west elevation has a large multi-light bay window on the north half of the first floor and a 8/8 double hung sash window flanked by 4/4 double hung sash windows on the south half. It has two evenly spaced 8/12 double hung sash windows with shutters on the second floor. A louvered screen with shutters is in the gable wall.

With the exception of the changes to the rear elevation, the exterior of the house has not been altered. Inside, the first floor retains all of its original finishes and built-in cabinetry. Other interior features include tongue and groove oak hardwood floors with wooden pegging, plaster walls, a curved door underneath the staircase, and steam heated closets (inoperable today) in the laundry room for clothes drying. The front door leads to a foyer with a wide staircase. The living room with brick fireplace is east of the foyer, and a formal dining room is west. A greenhouse and storage shed are on the back side of the lot.

In 1984 the Keeper of the National Register determined the house eligible for listing under criteria A and C and of local significance.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.) n/a

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

commerce
architecture

Period of Significance 1935-1936

Significant Dates 1936

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation n/a

Architect/Builder Johnson, Victor, builder

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Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

The U.S. Smelting, Refining and Mining Company of Boston, through its subsidiary, the Fairbanks Exploration Company (F.E. Company) started large scale gold mining operations in the Fairbanks area in the late 1920s. The company built its central complex along Illinois Street near downtown Fairbanks. The complex included housing. The finest house was the residence for the vice president and general manager built in 1935-1936. The house is an exceptional example in Alaska of the Colonial Revival architectural style.

Completion of the Alaska Railroad in 1923 provided ready access to the Healy coal fields and lowered shipping costs to Fairbanks. The USSR&M began acquiring mining claims in the Fairbanks Mining District and shipped in dredges to operate them. The company eventually operated eight gold dredges in the area. In 1926, the company began construction of an office, machine shop and warehouse complex just north of downtown Fairbanks. From what the company called the "townsite" it built and maintained the dredges, oversaw operations, and refined the gold. The site straddled the road to the gold fields and connected by a rail spur with the Alaska Railroad. To house the principal officials, the F.E. Company constructed homes along the east side of Illinois Street, directly across from the industrial complex.

The company constructed a house for the general manager in 1935-1936. Of interest, this was the year after President Roosevelt set the price of gold at \$35 an ounce--an increase of over eight dollars an ounce. It was the first Colonial Revival style house in Fairbanks. It is the finest example of this architectural style in Alaska--the Governor's Mansion in Juneau (listed in the National Register of Historic Places, November 7, 1976), built much earlier, in 1912, is its closest rival. The manager's house was built by Victor Johnson, an employee of the F.E. Company.

Roy B. Earling and his family were the first occupants of the house. Earling was a Michigan School of Mines graduate and World War I veteran. He had worked with a number of copper companies in Montana and Arizona before joining USSR&M, where he was one of the pioneers in developing large-scale cold water thawing. He became the manager of the Fairbanks operations in 1935.

The F.E. Company was the largest private employer in interior Alaska from the 1920s until 1964. Before World War II, 860 of the 3,455 people in Fairbanks worked for the company. Mining operations ceased during World War II because gold mining was not considered essential to the war effort. Although mining resumed after the war, the F.E. Company did not dominate the regional economy as it had before the war. It did, however, account for more than half the gold production in Alaska between 1950 and 1965. In all of its years of operations, the company mined over \$125 million of gold.

When operations shut down in 1964, the company sold the houses. The Catholic Church purchased the manager's house and used it for a convent for thirty years. This past year it was sold to a long-time Fairbanks family.

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During the years the company operated, the manager's house was an integral part of the F.E. Company townsite. It retains its orientation to the industrial complex and other company houses. It also is a visual expression of the success and organization of the mining operation.

Occupants:

1935-1951	Roy B. Earling, Vice President and General Manager, Alaskan Operations, F.E. Company
1952-1964	James D. Crawford, Vice President and General Manager, Alaskan Operations, F.E. Company
1965-1995	Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska; Sisters' Convent
1995	John and Ann Ringstad

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9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Boswell, John C. *History of Alaskan Operations of United States Smelting, Refining, and Mining Company.* Mineral Industries Research Laboratory, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1979.

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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

Name of repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.038 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	06	466100	7192200	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____
	_____ See continuation sheet.					

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The house occupies the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 1S, Range 1W, Fairbanks Meridian. It is Lot B, Monroe Catholic School, First Addition replat filed 6/6/95, Plat #95-51, Fairbanks Recording District, 4th Judicial District, State of Alaska

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary encompasses the house and the lot historically associated with the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title John and Ann Ringstad, Owners

organization n/a

date October 20, 1995

street & number 757 Illinois St.

telephone 907-456-4122

city or town Fairbanks state AK zip code 99701

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Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name John and Ann Ringstad

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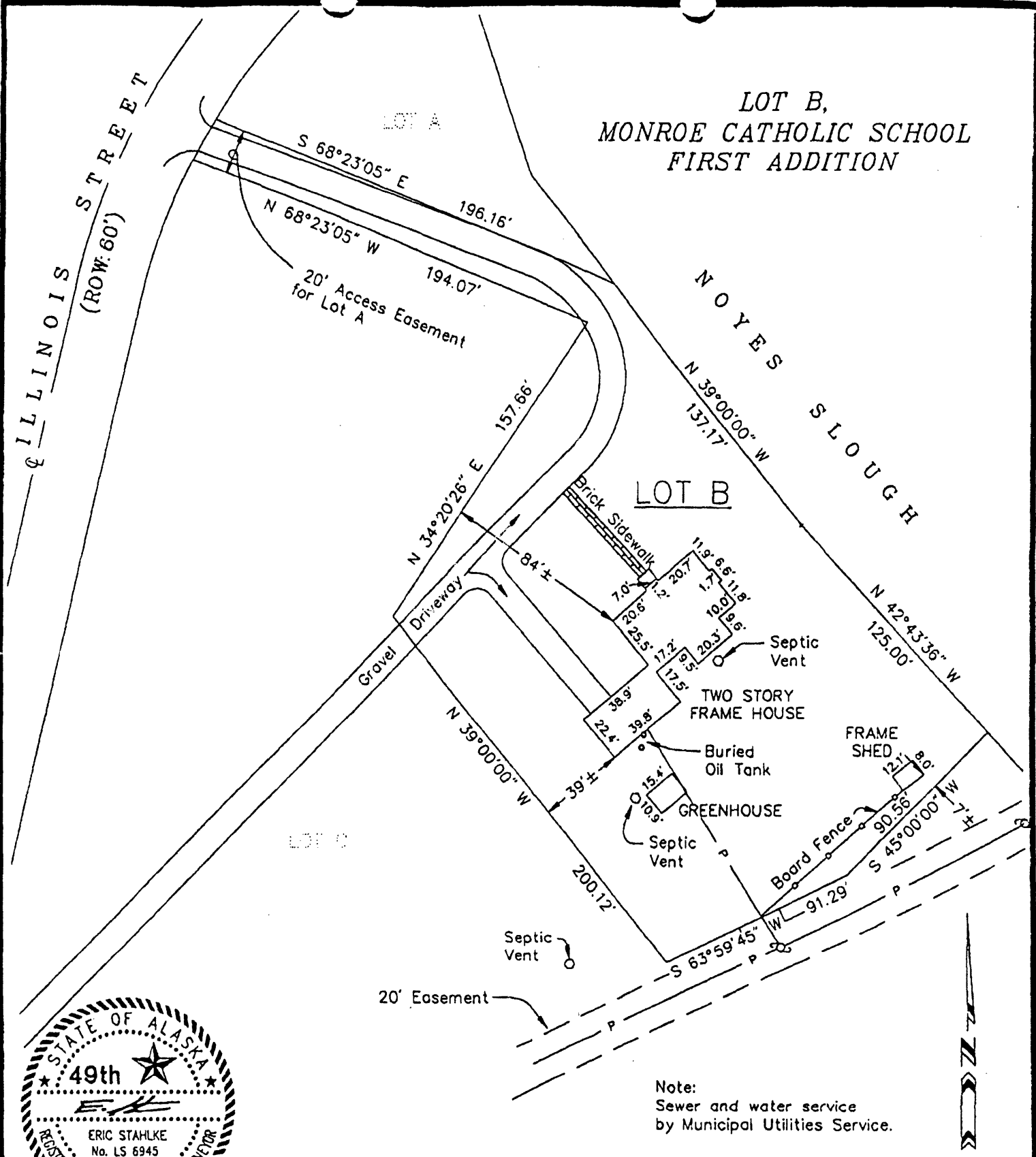
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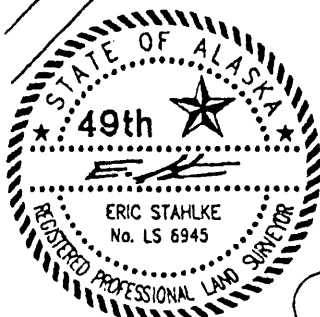
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Russ Sackett
November 2, 1995
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looking south at the front elevation of the house
2. F.E. Company Manager's House
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looking southwest at the east elevation of the house
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looking northeast at greenhouse, garage, and south and west elevations of the house
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looking northeast at west and south elevations of the garage
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looking east at west elevation of the house2

LOT B,
MONROE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
FIRST ADDITION



Note:
Sewer and water service
by Municipal Utilities Service.



MORTGAGE LOAN INSPECTION PLOT PLAN

95-030

LOT B, MONROE CATHOLIC SCHOOL FIRST ADDITION (PLAT NO. 95-51, F.R.D., AK)

MORTGAGEE: Denali State Bank
 MORTGAGOR OR OWNER: Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska
 INSPECTED: 5/9/95
 DRAWN: 6/6/95 BY: LA
 SCALE: 1" = 60'