

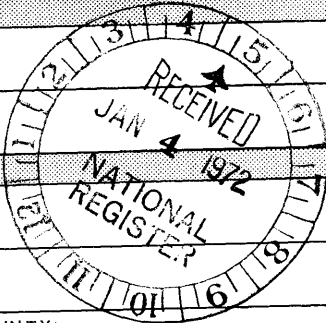
Form 10-300  
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington	
COUNTY: King	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAR 16 1972



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON: German Club

AND/OR HISTORIC: \* Assay Office

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 613 Ninth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Seattle, 98104

STATE: Washington      CODE: 53      COUNTY: King      CODE: 033

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: Deutsches Haus (a corporation)

STREET AND NUMBER: 613 Ninth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Seattle, 98104      STATE: Washington      CODE: 53      ~~46~~

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: King County Auditor's Office

STREET AND NUMBER: County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Seattle, 98104      STATE: Washington      CODE: 53      ~~46~~

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .3

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: Municipal Art Commission List of Historic Structures

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969      Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Municipal Art Commission

STREET AND NUMBER: Municipal Building

CITY OR TOWN: Seattle, 98104      STATE: Washington      CODE: 53      ~~46~~

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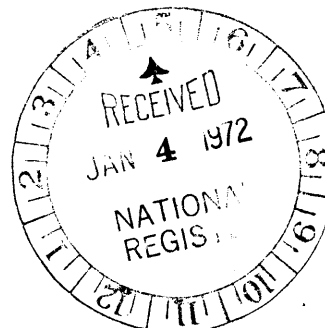
7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a two story concrete office building with extra large windows on the western (view) side. It was originally built next door to the owner's family home, for offices and an entertainment hall.

Its exterior remains the same today, although changes have been made inside.



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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

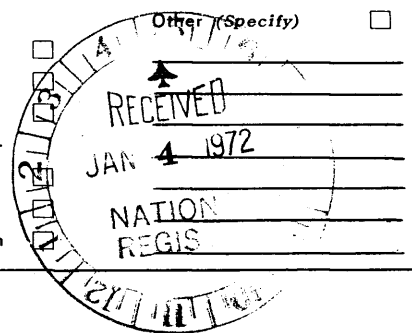
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)      **1886 to present**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal     | Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political hist. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric    | Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi-   |                                     | Other (Specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic       | Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> | losophy         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                 |                          |
| Agriculture    | Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science         |                                     |                 |                          |
| Art            | Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture       |                                     |                 |                          |
| Commerce       | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human-   |                                     |                 |                          |
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| Conservation   | Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater         |                                     |                 |                          |
|                | Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation  |                                     |                 |                          |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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The Assay Office was built by Thomas Prosch, noted newspaper publisher, civic leader and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in Seattle, probably in 1886. It contained 11 rooms and a basement. The first floor was rented for offices, the second floor was a ballroom. When gold began pouring into Seattle after the Klondike strike of 1897, miners needed a repository for their gold. Banks could hardly handle the bulk. The Federal Government decided to open an assay office here, and rented the building. It opened for business July 15, 1898 and had a melting department and an assay department. Miners were paid by government check, or got their bars stamped, and the government paid for sending the gold to the mint - to Philadelphia in our case. In the early years long lines of miners waited in the street to deposit gold. Later more deposits were mailed in. Annual deposits in early years reached 20-22 millions but by 1928 were down to 6 million. In 1932 the office moved to another government building and in 1955 closed.

The building was purchased by Deutsches Haus in 1935 as a social center and was renovated and remained in use until World War II.

In 1943 women of society in several organizations leased it as an officers' club. It was refurbished and opened by members of the Sunset Club, Seattle Garden Club, Colonial Dames, Junior League, and English Speaking Union. At the end of World War II it reverted to occupation and use by Deutsches Haus.

It is open only to member organizations or to occasional renters, except on special occasions like election meetings with political candidates, German language demonstrations, etc.

Thus the German Club, or Assay Office, remains much as first built: an office building and entertainment hall. The architecture is direct and pleasing. The scale of detail is correct for the size of the structure. The building stands as a reminder of the busy Gold Rush period, and of the part Seattle played in the flow of wealth from Alaska and the Yukon.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Seattle Times newspaper, July 18, 1943, Society section.

Seattle Times newspaper, May 1, 1966, Magazine section, article by Larry Rumley.

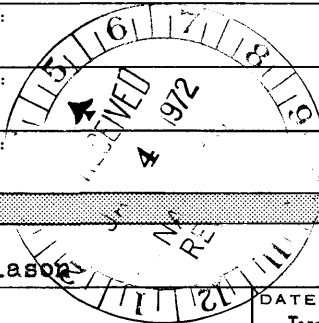
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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: Margaret A. Corley, King County Liaison

ORGANIZATION: Seattle Historical Society

DATE: June, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: 2161 East Hamlin Street

CITY OR TOWN: Seattle, 98102

STATE: Washington

CODE: 46

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: Charles H. Odegaard  
Charles H. Odegaard

Title: Director - Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Connally  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

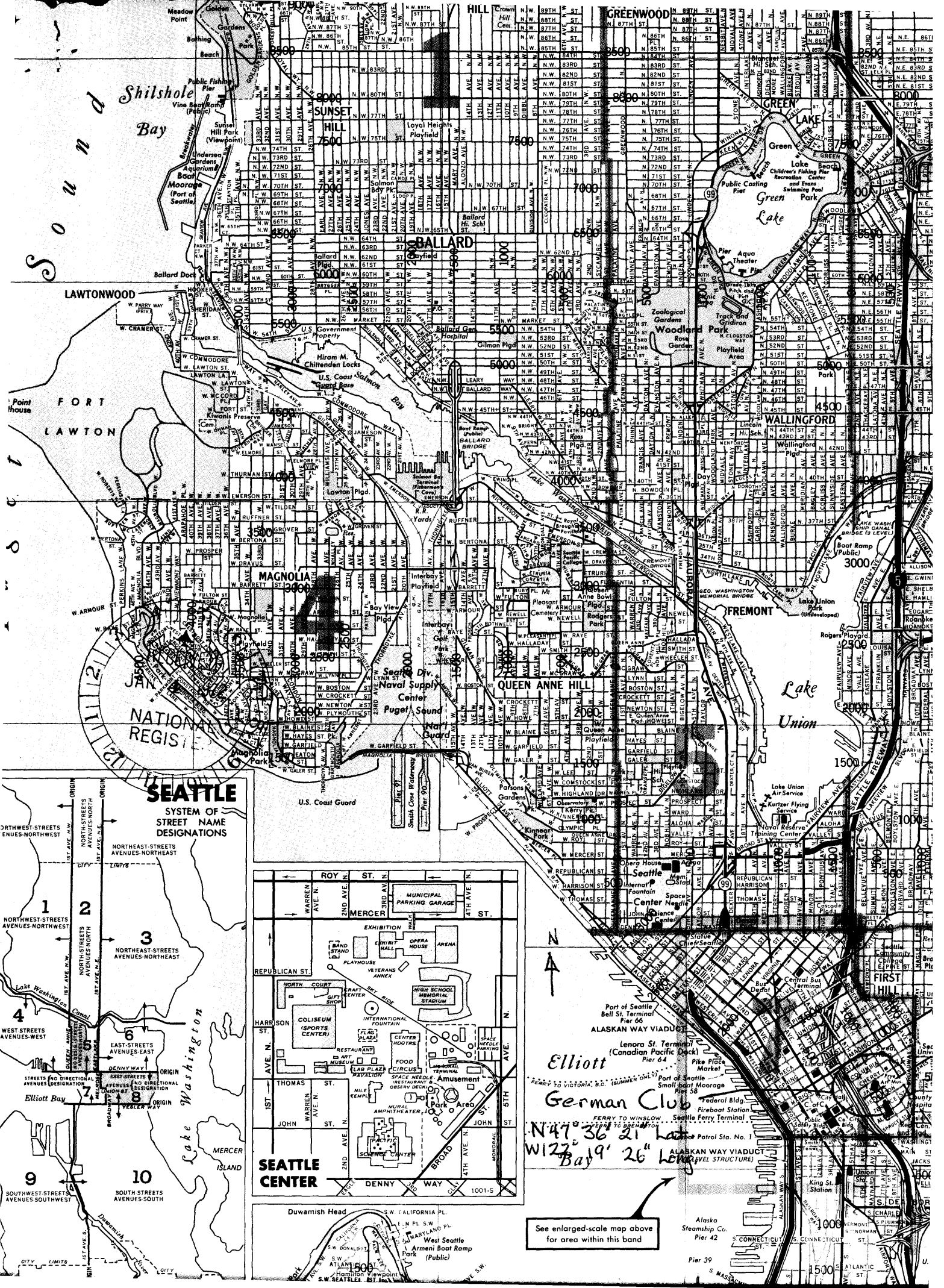
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ATTEST: William M. ...  
Keeper of the National Register

MAR 6 1972

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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SEATTLE CENTER  
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See enlarged-scale map above for area within this band

Elliott  
German Club  
N 47° 36' 21" Long  
W 122° 19' 26" Long

Forest Av S.W. -1-7 Lakemhurst Dr N.E. -6-6 Pearl St. S.W. -1-5 ... Hilltop Rd -J8-9