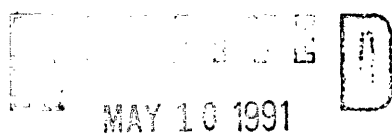


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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name: Hyland Hotel

other name/site number: Everglenn Hotel, AHRS Site No. ANC-485

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2. Location

street & number: 333 West Evergreen

not for publication:

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: building(s)

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: 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. Buttner
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 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):

Autumn J. Lee 6/2/91

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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 6. Function or Use
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 Historic: domestic Sub: hotel

 Current: domestic Sub: hotel

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 7. Description
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 Architectural Classification: no style

 Other Description: N/A

 Materials: foundation concrete roof asphalt
 walls asbestos shingles other _____

 Describe present and historic physical appearance. See continuation sheet.

The Hyland Hotel is a property associated with the Settlement and Economic Development of Alaska's Matanuska-Susitna Valley multiple property nomination, and is nominated as a community center building within the New Deal Colony Settlement of the Matanuska-Susitna Valley in Alaska, 1935-1940, context.

The hotel was built in 1935 on one of the principal streets in Palmer, the town created by the Federal Government for Matanuska Colony rural resettlement program. The hotel is set back only a few feet from the road. The building is a two-and-a-half-story frame structure set on a full basement. It has a gable roof. Square in plan, the original building measures 30 x 30 feet. It was covered with drop siding. Tall and narrow casement windows were used. A porch enclosed with multi-pane windows spans the front facade. In 1953, a 10 x 14 foot, two-story addition was added to the rear of the building and the entire structure was covered with asbestos siding. The addition is not visible from the front elevation.

When it opened, the hotel had four single rooms, two double rooms, and three apartments. The only change to this interior arrangement has been combining one double room and one single room to create one larger unit. The exterior of the hotel, except for the siding added in 1953 that could easily be changed, remains the same. The doors and windows are original.

8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: commerce

Period(s) of Significance: 1935-1940

Significant Dates: 1935

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Hyland, Myles

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

The Hyland Hotel was among the earliest commercial properties built in the new town of Palmer in 1935. Its establishment was an indication that private capital saw Palmer as an attractive business location and contributed to a feeling of permanence in the new town. Shortly after the arrival of the Matanuska Colony settlers, Myles and Joanna Hyland moved to Palmer from Girdwood, Alaska, where Myles had been working for the Alaska Railroad. The Hylands bought a lot from John Bugge, a pre-colony homesteader, in what is now downtown Palmer, and began building the hotel.

In September, the Hylands began digging the basement for the hotel by hand. To help financially, Joanna cooked and served meals in a tent on the property while the hotel was being built. Lumber for the hotel came from a dormitory that had stood at the nearby Eska coal mine. The Lutheran congregation purchased the dormitory and dismantled and moved it to Palmer to be used to build their church. The congregation sold the surplus lumber and windows. The Hylands furnished the hotel with one hundred dollars worth of furniture they purchased in Anchorage. When the hotel opened, single rooms rented for three dollars a day and double rooms for four dollars. Valley coal miners often rented rooms in the hotel during the winter months.

The Hylands operated the hotel together until Myles' death in 1949, then Joanna took over on her own. Joanna later married a local miner named James Smith, and they operated the hotel until 1966. Except for a brief period in the late 1950s, the hotel has continuously operated.

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: .25 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>06</u>	<u>387935</u>	<u>6831400</u>	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ____ See continuation sheet.

The nominated property occupies parcel D8 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Township 18N, Range 2E, Section 32, Seward Meridian and is roughly 50 x 50 feet in size.

Boundary Justification: ____ See continuation sheet.

The boundary includes the entire lot that has historically been associated with the hotel.

11. Form Prepared By

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

Organization: Matanuska-Susitna Borough Date: December 10, 1990

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

City or Town: Palmer State: AK ZIP: 99645

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Palmer, Alaska
Lawrence E. Roberts
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Looking northwest at front facade of hotel