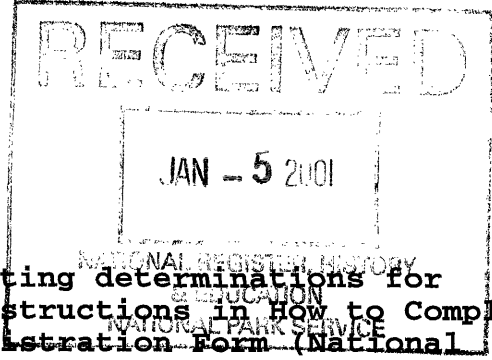


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Thorn-Stingley House

other names/site number AHRS Site No. SEL-00155

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2. Location

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street & number 1660 East End Road

not for publication N/A

city or town Homer vicinity N/A

state Alaska code AK county Kenai Peninsula code 122

zip code 99603

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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 Bittner
Signature of certifying official

Dec 27, 2000
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:

- 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): _____

Edson H. Beall 2/2/01

Edson H. Beall

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> | <input type="checkbox"/> buildings |
| <u> </u> | <input type="checkbox"/> sites |
| <u> </u> | <input type="checkbox"/> structures |
| <u> </u> | <input type="checkbox"/> objects |
| <u> 1 </u> | <u> 0 </u> Total |

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: domestic Sub: single dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: domestic Sub: hotel

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements, bungalow

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation wood
roof metal
walls wood
other _____

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

The Thorn-Stingley House is a three story, frame, mid-twentieth century American Movements bungalow/cottage style building. It has a slightly modified rectangular plan, a steep gable roof, two small dormers in the front, and a shed addition at the west rear corner. The first and second stories are sheathed with horizontal shiplap siding while the exterior basement walls have vertical shiplap siding. Drip molding separates the horizontal from the vertical siding.

The front façade is divided into three bays. Just slightly off-center is the front entrance door under a decorative gable. A band of three double-hung windows with decorative shutters, to the left of the door, provides south light to the living room. To the right of the door is a single double-hung window in a corner bedroom. The metalbestos chimney, enclosed in wood on the exterior and faced with brick on the interior, and the front porch with vertical railings were later additions.

A garage, built under the southwest corner of the main floor, is approached through wooden paneled, double doors. Each has six glass panes. A short, straight driveway leads to it off of the circular drive. The interior basement walls are concrete and windows all around add light.

The interior floor plan remains much as it was built, except for the addition of the bumped out fireplace on the west living room wall and a few other necessary changes. Behind the living room and bedroom along the front of the house, are a dining area with a small back entryway, a kitchen and a full bath. Stairs to the basement lead off the kitchen and are

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8. Statement of Significance
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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)

Exploration/settlement

Period of Significance 1945

Significant Dates 1945

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Thorn, Francis H.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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

Klein, Janet R. *Kachemak Bay: The Country, The Communities.* Homer, Alaska: Homer Society of Natural History, 1983.

Klein, Janet R. and Donna L. Lane. *Historic Homer, A Building Survey and Inventory.* Homer, Alaska : Homer Society of Natural History, 1986.

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

Name of repository: Pratt Museum, Homer, Alaska

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

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

| | Zone | Easting | Northing | Zone | Easting | Northing |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
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| 2 | _____ | _____ | _____ | 4 | _____ | _____ |
| ____ See continuation sheet. | | | | | | |

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

Lot 2, Francis H. Thorn Subdivision, Homer Townsite.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary encompasses the house historically associated with the Thorns, excluding the outbuildings on the two-acre property.

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Richard L. Stingley, Owner

organization N/A

date July 30, 1999

street & number 309 West Fairview Avenue

telephone 907-235-8393

city or town Homer **state** AK **zip code** 99603

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

name Richard L. Stingley

street & number 309 West Fairview Avenue

telephone 907-235-8393

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immediately under those leading to the second story. The second story has bedrooms.

This home, situated on the back corner of two acres, faces south. A circular driveway loops around a cultivated lawn which, because it lacks shrubbery, draws attention to the neatly painted, maintained home on a slight rise above East End Road, a main thoroughfare. A dense backdrop of large shrubs and spruce and the ample yard emphasize the attractive house representing the post-World War II homesteading boom in Alaska.

Several outbuildings are on the lot. All were built or moved onto the property by the present owner after 1973. The most interesting, architecturally, is a two-story horse barn, with hay loft, to the west of the house.

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

Built in 1945 by Francis H. Thorn, a well-driller, this property represents houses constructed in Homer immediately after World War II, a time when the small, unincorporated community experienced an influx of former servicemen and families seeking to homestead or to provide goods and services to homesteaders. While other houses constructed in Homer during this time exist, few have retained their physical integrity. The Thorn-Stingley house is a good example of a mid-twentieth century bungalow. The house has been altered very little since its construction.

Background

The first town of Homer, with over 150 residents, is gone. Only a stone monument and a collection of photographs remain of the company coal mining town that stood on the spit from 1899 to 1902. The first land survey of present-day Homer, on the bench inland from the spit, was done in 1917. For years, only a handful of people inhabited the benchland. Residents fished and farmed to eke out a living. A school opened in 1919. In 1925 the first road was built and, over the new few years, roads linked the scattered settlers. During the 1920s, a short-lived herring fishery and equally short fur farming industry attracted a few people to the area.

After World War II, there was an influx of people to Homer intending to make a living homesteading and fishing. Churches organized, the Rural Electric Association brought electricity to the community in the 1940s, and in 1949 the Sterling Highway connected Homer with Seward. Paradoxically, by the end of the 1940s the population actually declined, from 325 in 1940 to 307 in 1950. Nevertheless, the basis of a town existed. In March 1964, Homer incorporated as a first class city.

Francis H. Thorn and his family were among the people who moved to Homer after World War II. He built his home along East End Road, where many newcomers established their homes. The road had developed from a trail blazed in the 1920s. The family lived in the house until 1973. The Thorns, and the subsequent owners, the Stingleys, have made few changes to the house. It is representative of the post-war houses constructed in the community, and one of very few from that period that have not been significantly altered.

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Section Photograph identification

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1. Thorn-Stingley House
Kenai Peninsula, Alaska
John R. Sigler
1999
P.O. Box 15054, Fritz Creek, AK 99603
Looking northwest at the front and east elevations
2. Thorn-Stingley House
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John R. Sigler
1999
P.O. Box 15054, Fritz Creek, AK 99603
Looking east at the west elevation
3. Thorn-Stingley House
Kenai Peninsula, Alaska
John R. Sigler
1999
P.O. Box 15054, Fritz Creek, AK 99603
Looking south at the rear elevation
4. Thorn-Stingley House
Kenai Peninsula, Alaska
John R. Sigler
1999
P.O. Box 15054, Fritz Creek, AK 99603
Looking west at the east elevation
5. Thorn-Stingley House
Kenai Peninsula, Alaska
Unknown
1940s
Pratt Museum of Natural History, 3779 Bartlett, Homer, AK 99603
Looking southeast at west and front elevations