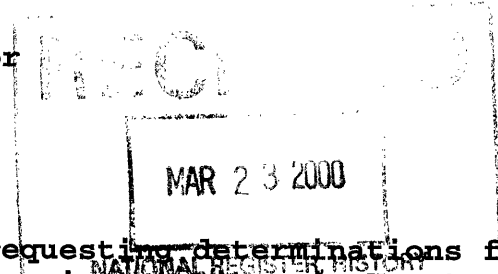


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Andrew Berg Cabin

other names/site number AHRS Site No. KEN-00245

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2. Location
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street & number n/a

not for publication n/a
city or town Soldotna vicinity X
state Alaska code AK county Kenai Peninsula code 122
zip code 99669

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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.)

[Signature] _____ March 13, 2000
Signature of certifying official Date

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

[Signature] _____ Jan. 14, 2000
Signature of commenting or other official Date

Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register Edson H. Beall 4/21/00
 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): _____

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: camp

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Vacant/not in use Sub: _____

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

n/a

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation log
roof metal
walls log
other _____

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

The Andrew Berg Cabin is located in a clearing near the mouth of a creek on the north shore of Tustumena Lake about thirty miles southeast of Soldotna. The cabin is a single room, medium gabled, one and a half story log building that measures 17 feet by 17 feet. The cabin's sill logs are placed on grade. The unpeeled spruce logs are typically nine inches at the butt end and six inches at the tip. The east and west elevations are the gable ends, each eleven courses of logs with the gable walls wood framed and sheathed with vertical rough cut 2 by 8s. The north and south elevations each have ten courses of logs. The logs are faced at each end and notched by full dovetailing. The walls are pegged for extra strength.

The cabin is 14 feet high at the ridge. Unpeeled logs are used as rafters. Spruce shakes are over decking with a more recent standing seam metal roof over the shakes. The roof extends eleven feet beyond the west elevation and is partially enclosed by vertical rough cut 2 by 8s on the north and west elevations.

The east elevation has a window opening on the first floor and a small opening centrally placed in the gable wall. The north and south elevations have window openings for six light single sash windows. The west elevation has a door, protected by the semi-enclosed porch. The homemade door has strap hinges and a metal lift latch.

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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)

Social history

Period of Significance 1902-1939

Significant Dates 1902

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Andrew Berg

Cultural Affiliation n/a

Architect/Builder Berg, Andrew

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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.)

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Schetzle, Harold. *Alaska Safari.* Anchorage, Alaska: Great Northwest Publishing and Distributing Company, 1989.

Scull, E. Marshall. *Hunting in the Arctic and Alaska.* Second edition. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Winston, 1915.

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Sherwood, Morgan. *Big Game in Alaska.* New Haven, Connecticut: Yale University Press, 1981.

U.S. Census. 1900, 1910, 1920.

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 # _____

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Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property less than one

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

| | Zone | Easting | Northing | Zone | Easting | Northing |
|---|-------------------------------|---------|----------|------|---------|----------|
| 1 | 05 | 631835 | 6666675 | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| 2 | _____ | _____ | _____ | 4 | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ See continuation sheet. | | | | | |

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

The cabin and outbuilding are in a small clearing near the mouth of a creek on the north shore of Tustumena Lake, in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 1 South, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary includes the cabin and associated outbuilding historically used by Andrew Berg.

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11. Form Prepared By

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The building is a single pen cabin with dirt floor. Originally, stairs accessed the loft from the porch. The floor on the upper story consists of two logs that run the length of the cabin with 1 by 5s on top of them and gravel to provide insulation. The wood stove is gone, but a metal asbestos pipe chimney extends through the roof.

A small log outbuilding with a gable roof is also on the site. It has full dovetail notching and is unchinked. There is a personnel door in one of the gable walls. The back gable wall is elevated off grade by a post at each building corner. The gable walls are open.

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

Alaska is a game hunter's paradise. Since the late nineteenth century, big game hunters have come to Alaska seeking prize specimens. Andrew Berg was considered to be "perhaps the best hunter and guide within the confines of Alaska" and "the best hunter on the Kenai Peninsula."¹ Berg began his career in the 1890s as moose proliferated on the Kenai Peninsula. He was one of the first big game guides licensed in 1909. By 1902, and for the next quarter century, Berg led parties from his cabin on the north shore of Tustumena Lake. Minimally changed, the Andrew Berg Cabin is a representative of the typical log cabin built on the Kenai Peninsula by those who chose to live alone in a largely unsettled area during the early twentieth century. Berg used the cabin until his death in 1939.

Background

In 1888 or 1889, Andrew Berg, a twenty year old Finnish immigrant, arrived on the Kenai Peninsula. For the next half century he survived by his skills as a fisherman, hunter, trapper, carpenter, and gardener. Berg and his few neighbors lived a subsistence lifestyle in an area, accessible even now, only by foot, boat, or airplane.

Berg was 6'2" and weighed 235 pounds. In an article on February 19, 1910, the *Seward Weekly Gateway* said "He is a man of prodigious strength and endurance and woodcraft is an open book to him." He needed endurance to maintain his trapline that stretched for miles from his cabin. Berg built eleven log shelters along his routes. In a good year, Berg might have over two hundred lynx, mink, and ermine pelts.

By the late 1890s the Kenai Peninsula was known to big game hunters for trophy moose, bear, and sheep. Andrew Berg was known as the man who could find them. In 1897 and again in 1898 Dall De Weese of the Smithsonian Institution hired Berg to guide his hunts for world class specimens of moose. In 1900, Berg killed a grizzly bear for the University of California collection. Prior to 1910, of the 39 largest specimens of trophy horns in the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology, 26 were from the Kenai Peninsula. Berg had shot at least one of these.

In 1902, Berg built a log cabin on the north shore of the eastern end of Tustumena Lake, where he frequently resided and from where he guided hunters. Colonel Claude Cane, a noted big game hunter, wrote that year that Berg was "the best hunter on the Kenai Peninsula." Captain C.R.E. Radclyffe, a British sportsman, said in 1903 that of a number of Kenai Peninsula guides, Andrew Berg was undoubtedly the best moose hunter. The Captain could not hire Berg, however, because the guide was jailed in Kenai after an illicit still was found on his property.

1. *Seward Weekly Gateway*, February 19, 1910, and Claude Cane, *Summer and Fall in Western Alaska - The Record of a Trip to Cook's Inlet After Big Game* (London: Horace Cox, 1903).

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In 1908, game laws were passed calling for wardens, setting bag limits on various species of game, and requiring guides to be licensed. A nonresident U.S. citizen paid \$50.00 for an Alaska hunting license and an alien paid \$100.00. Andrew Berg was among the first group of guides licensed on August 5, 1909. Registered guides (white) were paid from five to ten dollars a day, and Native guides no more than five dollars daily. White packers were paid up to five dollars a day, while Native packers were paid up to three dollars. A party of hunters might be out for two months. A typical party employed one white guide, one white packer, and two Native packers for \$630 a month plus a tip at the end of the safari. Hunters were also required to have a license to ship a trophy home. A hunter paid from five dollars for a bearskin to ten dollars for a caribou head. In 1910, hunters who traveled on the S.S. *Portland* to hunt on the Kenai Peninsula that fall paid \$1,450.00 for hunting and shipping licenses.

Berg served as a game warden for the Kenai Peninsula from July 15, 1920 until October 27, 1921. From 1924 until 1936 he worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (U.S. Biological Survey) during summers as a stream guard and as a special warden protecting seal and salmon in the Cook Inlet area. He also conducted salmon stream surveys in the Tustumena Lake drainage.

Andrew Berg quit guiding around 1929. With the beginning of the worldwide depression at that time, there were fewer big game hunting trips to Alaska during the 1930s. The prices paid for furs dropped, and trapping on the Kenai Peninsula declined. In late February 1939, friends found Berg, who had suffered from heart and kidney problems for ten years, bedridden at one of his cabins. He was flown to a hospital in Anchorage where died on March 1, 1939, at the age of 71. An article noting his death appeared on the front page of the Anchorage Daily News that same day. It called him the "dean of guides in Alaska" and said his trophies could be seen at the Smithsonian Institution, Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, University of California at Berkeley, and museums in "England and European nations."

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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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

street & number 1011 East Tudor Road

telephone 907-786-3542

city or town Anchorage state AK zip code 99503

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Section Photograph identification
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1. Andrew Berg Cabin
Kenai Peninsula, Alaska
Gary Titus
February 1996
Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 2139, Soldotna, Alaska 99669
looking north at the cabin

2. Andrew Berg Cabin
Kenai Peninsula, Alaska
Gary Titus
February 1996
Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 2139, Soldotna, Alaska 99669
looking west at the rear wall of the cabin

3. Andrew Berg Cabin
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Gary Titus
February 1996
Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 2139, Soldotna, Alaska 99669
looking at the outbuilding associated with the cabin

4. Andrew Berg Cabin
Kenai Peninsula, Alaska
Tom O'Dale Collection
Unknown, however the earliest photographs in the collection date to
1905 and the latest are 1945
Anchorage Museum of History and Art, 121 West 7th Ave., Anchorage,
Alaska 99501 (B91.9.101B)
looking north at cabin