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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Emmons House (AHR SITE NO. SIT-03C)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

601 Lincoln Street

CITY/TOWN

Sitka

STATE

Alaska

VICINITY OF
CODE
02

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Alaska, at large

COUNTY

Sitka Division

CODE

220

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. and Mrs. Charles C. Bovee (907) 747-8270

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 479, Z Sheldon Jackson College

CITY/TOWN

Sitka

VICINITY OF

STATE

Alaska 99835

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS ETC

District Recorder (907) 747-3292

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 910

CITY/TOWN

Sitka

STATE

Alaska 99835

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (907) 274-4676

DATE

February 11, 1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Alaska Division of Parks, Suite 210, 619 Warehouse Ave.

CITY/TOWN

Anchorage

STATE
Alaska 99501

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1895</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Emmons House is of relatively simple and uncomplicated design and construction. It is an almost square building, approximately 25 feet on each side, containing two stories and an attic under a low hip pyramidal roof. The main front entryway is a small entrance vestibule at the southeast front corner, of the same design as when originally built. There have been some exterior alterations in fenestration and trim; but none in the basic shape of the building. The original narrow clapboard facing of the building has been replaced by wider weatherboard, detracting from the appearance and scale of the building. The sets of single and twin double hung windows at several places have been replaced by newer style single pane picture windows, which detract from the original scale of the design. The stone chimney which capped the structure, has been replaced by an unadorned plain heat exhaust pipe; which unfortunately would be more in keeping with a rustic cabin than the design of this historic house.

The silhouette of the building followed that of the Russian public and residence buildings which then still dominated the Sitka scene. The site of the Emmons House was and is one of the most desirable view lots in the town, in a line with the See House and St. Peters-By-the-Sea, the Yaw House, the deGroff-Vanderbilt House, and the cottages and campus of Sheldon Jackson College, on the old Beach Road, now Lincoln Street on Crescent Harbor.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1549	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1895

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Mr. Calsen, Builder

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is the home built by Lt. George Thornton Emmons, who, during his tour of duty for the Navy in Alaskan waters became Alaska's foremost anthropologist of the Tlingit tribe as well as the most prodigious collector of artifacts. During the time he lived there it resembled a small museum. Lt. Emmons is also known for his work for Theodore Roosevelt on the Alaskan-Canadian Boundary Dispute as well as his "Report on the Conditions of the Natives of Alaska" requested by Roosevelt. Although he left Sitka in 1899 to make his home in Princeton, Lt. Emmons returned to Alaska for many summers thereafter and published many articles in scientific magazines about the Tlingit and other tribes. This structure is the building in Alaska most closely associated with Emmons.

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

(From The Alaska Journal, Vol. 7, No. 1.)

See Attached.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

Alaska, The, June 24, July 1, 1899.

Low, Jean, "George Thornton Emmons, Alaska Journal, Winter 1977, pages 2-11.

Teichmann, Emil, A Journey to Alaska in the Year 1869. Edited by Oskar Teichmann, N.Y., Argosy, 1963.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

less than one acre

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

UTM REFERENCES

A

100	1000	10000
16,3	2,3	0,1,5
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

S.W. corner lot, Block 13, Sitka Townsite, U.S. Survey 1474. City Base Map, 1975.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alfred Mongin, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Alaska Division of Parks

DATE

16 March 1977

STREET & NUMBER

619 Warehouse Avenue, Suite 210

TELEPHONE

(907) 274-4676

CITY OR TOWN

Anchorage

STATE

Alaska 99501

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

William Stenhouse

TITLE

Deputy SHPO

DATE

5/25/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST

Charles [Signature]

DATE

12/14/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12-15-77