

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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



Bergmann Hotel (AHRS SITE NO. JUN-018)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

434 Third Street

\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Juneau

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_ VICINITY OF

Alaska

STATE

Alaska

CODE  
02

COUNTY

Juneau Div.

CODE  
110

**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

Michael Gallagher and Patrick T. Barrett

Phone 586-1690

STREET & NUMBER

434 Third Street

CITY, TOWN

Juneau 99801

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Alaska

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

District  
Recorder

465-3430

STREET & NUMBER

Pouch U

CITY, TOWN

Juneau 99801

STATE

Alaska

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS)

DATE

1975

\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_ COUNTY \_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Alaska Division of Parks, 323 East 4th Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Anchorage 99501

STATE

Alaska

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Because the neighborhood surroundings have changed and generally been upgraded the Bergmann Hotel is not as prepossessing, architecturally, as when it was first built. Nevertheless it remains a landmark; the facade virtually indistinguishable when compared to photographs taken at the time of completion in 1913. The only exterior alteration ever made--the dining wing added in 1926--but subsequently demolished--restored the original integrity. No evidence remains of this one-time alteration.

Rectangular, three-storied, shingled, with 66 windows and full basement, so the Bergmann remains. Interior decor, plumbing, lighting and heating have been generally modernized through the years. But no major interior structural alteration, other than was necessary for the Manager's apartment and utilization of basement storerooms to accomodate the restaurant, has occurred.

The shingled facade has always been the most impressive architectural feature. It adds tonal values and texture to an otherwise severe appearance, notable for lack of embellishment. Nor are there grounds or landscaping to alleviate starkness. Almost every foot of ground was utilized for the structure, on scarce land initially patented as the Bonanza Lode Mining Claim, a site dating from the beginning of Juneau as the first important gold camp in Alaska.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC      | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
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| <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             |
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|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES 1913 (construction)

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Marie E. Bergmann

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bergmann Hotel is significant for the role it has played in State and Local history; and for commemorating the name of a pioneer Alaskan woman, prominently associated with leading Juneau hotels from 1896 to 1916.

General History

The present capital city of Alaska came into existence with the first major placer gold strike in the Territory, in 1880. As the placers declined, hard-rock mining developed and eventually these consolidated into two world-famous properties, the Treadwell (on adjacent Douglas Island) and the Alaska-Juneau. Juneau was made the capital in 1900, but the executive offices were not moved from Sitka until 1906. Because of gold, fisheries, shipping and government, Juneau has played a prominent role in Alaska's 19th and 20th Century history. The Bergmann hotel has been part of Juneau's history for more than two-thirds of the city's colorful life-span.

Marie Bergmann

The Bergmann Hotel, built in 1913, is among the oldest surviving hostleries in Juneau. It was built by Marie E. Bergmann, a German emigrant who came to the Gastineau Channel in 1896 following the death of her husband in Seattle. Her initial employment was at the Franklin House, a pioneer board-and-rooming establishment for miners. She then worked at the Perseverance Mine and as a nurse at the Simpson Hospital, established in 1886 by a prominent early-day physician. About 1907 she began managing the Circle City Hotel, owned by businessman George Miller; acquiring the location, she selected a new site, just off the principal business district and central to the leading residential area and built the 50 room, rectangular, three-story, full basement apartment-hotel, which held its grand opening on December 16, 1913. Her initial hopes, with outside capital, was to build a 64 room structure. Steam-heated, with electric lights, hot and cold water in every room, with both baths and showers on every floor, it was considered--even in its scaled down version--as the best in Juneau. Widow Bergmann, however, did not long enjoy the fruits of her success. Stricken with brain hemorrhage she died on March 18, 1916. The hotel was left to relatives in Germany, but management was placed with a former employee, Mrs. Mary Bernhofer. The Alaskan Daily Empire in a front page obituary story, called Mrs. Bergmann "one of the best known and best loved women of the city. . .friend, comforter and counsellor, and often banker, to those in need."

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

All of Lot Four Block 15 of the Townsite of Juneau and 20 feet Lot five along Harris Street, 48.93 feet of intersection with dividing line between Lots five and six, 9.72 feet to N.W. corner of Lot four, thence 50.00 feet along the dividing line between lots four and five, containing 272.10 square feet.

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael W. Kennedy, State Historian

ORGANIZATION

Alaska Division of Parks

DATE

January 25, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

323 East 4th Avenue

TELEPHONE

(907) 272-4401

CITY OR TOWN

Anchorage 99504

STATE

Alaska

## 12 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

*Russell Cahill*

TITLE

DATE 9/23/1976

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

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST

*W. M. ...*  
*Charles ...*

DATE

7/28/77

DATE

6-15-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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On April 12, 1926, John Green purchased the property and also acquired an adjoining lot from the Pacific Coast Company. On this lot, he immediately had constructed and attached to the hotel "a 60-place dining room, the largest in Juneau, with the best food in town". N.G. Nelson purchased the hotel in 1931 and sold it three years later to Andrew Twieten, operator of a coal mine at Angoon. Not a good manager, Twieten allowed the property to decline over the years. Eventually he closed and then dismantled the attached dining room. In 1970 the hotel was acquired by Pat Barrett and Michael Gallagher, who added a new basement dining area, and have since operated it as a cafeteria restaurant. With the exception of the dining area and the manager's apartment, the interior also has remained unaltered during the past 63 years (1976).