

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Creaser Hotel

and/or common Jane Cody Residence

2. Location

street & number 702 South Jefferson St. _____ not for publication

city, town Republic 99166 _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district

state Washington code 53 county Ferry code 019

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Jane Cody

street & number Box 494

city, town Republic 99166 _____ vicinity of _____ state Washington

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Ferry County Auditor

street & number P.O. Box 498

city, town Republic 99166 _____ state Washington

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Washington State Cultural Resource has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes _____ no

Survey: Ferry County

date August 24, 1979 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Ferry County Planning Department, Ferry County Court House

city, town Republic 99166 _____ state Washington

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The former Creaser Hotel, as it appears today, is a two story, gable-roofed building with a hip-roofed porch on two sides and a single story, gable-roofed addition on the east end facing an alley. The exterior material is shiplap. All the second floor windows and most of those on the first floor are 2/2, double hung, vertically sliding panes. The hotel building is particularly notable for its roofed porch with its rather elaborate bracketed porch posts and pierced bargeboards. Few unaltered examples of this once-popular style survive locally.

The earliest available photograph of the Creaser Hotel is said to date from approximately 1897, soon after the hotel's construction. It depicts the north and west sides of the two-story frame building with a shiplap exterior and a shingled roof. The roof displays a single brick chimney and a signboard along the ridgepole stating "Creaser Hotel". Partially visible is a single story, gable-roofed addition at the building's rear which has a smaller, shed-roofed addition attached to it. The visible windows are all the 2/2 vertical sliding style and the main doorway with its arched glass pane appears to be the same one in use today.

The main (west) facade, which no longer faces a functional street, has been altered by addition of the roofed porch and changes in the placement of doors and windows. The single, central, second floor window has been replaced by two similar windows on either side with a ventilator above them, and a first floor door near the northeast corner has been replaced by a window.

The northern aspect of the building has been altered by the addition of a window bay near the northeast corner, addition of the roofed porch and a shift in the position of the rear door to accommodate the addition of the window bay. A small gable roof over the door was also removed.

The original roof line has been largely preserved but the sign is missing, one chimney has been added and a second new chimney has been built in the location of the original. Roll roofing has replaced the shingles.

The structure on the rear of the building has been replaced by a modern, gable-roofed addition.

Many of these alterations probably occurred very early in the building's history. Photographs taken in 1899 and 1900 which show the Creaser Hotel in the far background (photos in possession of Ferry County Historical Society, Republic) indicate that the roofed porch had been added and the rear addition removed by that time (these photos also show a water tower in back of the hotel, evidence that the Creaser had a gravity feed water system at a time when the rest of the town was served by a "water wagon"). The rear addition was replaced by a smaller, shed-roofed structure which survived into the 1960s, at which time it was replaced by the present addition. At that time Mr. McCartney, the carpenter making the alterations, observed that the building still showed traces of an earlier, gable-roofed addition. (Jane Cody, interview #80, Ferry County Cultural Resource Survey 5/28/80). Some local residents state that the original addition to the Creaser Hotel was moved to another of Mr. Creaser's lots and became the basic structure for what is now the neighboring Butler house. (Charles Anderson, Interview #54, Ferry County Cultural Resource Survey 7/21/79). If the Butler house is indeed the missing addition, the major alterations to

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the Hotel probably date from the time of its removal. The hotel's handsome pierced bargeboards would, presumably, have been installed at the same time as the porch itself and identical bargeboards appear on the west side of the Butler house, strongly indicating a similar date of installation.

Although the Creaser Hotel has experienced exterior alterations, many of them appear to have been made by original owner and builder Phil Creaser, and are themselves of considerable historic interest. With regard to changes in the hotel's interior the situation appears much the same. Most of the interior alterations appear to be confined to the first floor and many of them appear to have taken place early in the building's history.

The former hotel lobby and a second room beside it have, at some time, been joined into a single living room by partial removal of an interior wall. The kitchen and dining room arrangements at the east end of the building have probably been considerably altered since the hotel's active days but many of these alterations were early ones and may have been done by the original owner himself. According to long-time local residents, the original hotel kitchen occupied the addition and the area which is now divided into kitchen and dining room formerly served as dining room only. This alteration appears to have been an early one, since the walls of the kitchen and dining room and the door of a pantry under the stair are all finished with a narrow, tongue-and-groove wainscotting popular in the early 1900s. This wainscotting is continuous and shows no damage from the addition or removal of walls between kitchen and dining room.

The most recent and obvious alterations to the hotel's interior are the addition of the modern structure behind the dining room and the conversion of the pantry beneath the stair into a modern bath room.

Despite these changes, and the reinforcement of its original log-onstone foundation by cement blocks, the Creaser Hotel has retained much of its original mining-camp ambience. Its presence at the top of Creaser Hill contributes significantly to the character of Republic.

8. 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 type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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 1897 **Builder/Architect** Mr. Phillip Creaser

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The significance of the building originally known as the Creaser Hotel is three-fold. It is the oldest frame building in the city of Republic and the second completely enclosed structure to be built in that town. It's association with prominent local families and individuals has been long and intimate. Among these local notables were Phil Creaser, the original builder, and the Moody, Hall and Kenney families. Despite its age and continuous occupancy the building has retained much of its original visual aspect and is an excellent example of Republic's earliest permanent structures.

This building was built in 1897 for Mr. Phillip Creaser. Construction took place barely a year after this area was opened for mineral entry and contemporary sources state that it was the town's second building. (Steele, Richard, Illustrated History of Stevens, Ferry, Okanogan and Chelan Counties Washington, Western Historical Publishing Co., Spokane, Washington, 1904, pages 413-450 and Wenatchee Daily World, Friday July 24, 1925. "The Story of Republic Camp"). This probably indicates that the structure was actually the second completely enclosed and roofed building in town. The first generation of structures in what was then called "Eureka Camp", consisted of tents and temporary, canvas-roofed "half buildings". The structure usually acknowledged to be the community's earliest complete building is a log cabin. These facts give Phil Creaser's two-story building a clear claim to the status of Republic's oldest frame building.

The hotel's original owner, Phil Creaser, was a major figure in the development of the town and the surrounding mining district. He was one of the first prospectors to settle at the present site of Republic, having arrived from Canada during the bitter winter of 1896 when the area's first gold claims were staked (Steele, Richard, Illustrated History of Stevens, Ferry, Okanogan and Chelan Counties Washington, Western Historical Publishing Co., Spokane, Washington, 1904). Mr Creaser himself staked several of the more important claims. Among these were the Copper Bell, The Iron Mask, Lone Pine, Iron Clad, Last Chance and the particularly rich Jim Blaine and Republic claims, the latter of which gave the town its present name. Phil Creaser was one of the twenty-four miners who assembled "At the spot where the Okanogan mail trail crosses Eureka Creek" in the spring of 1896 to organize the Eureka Mining District. He also served as vice-president of the local Board of Trade in 1901. It was through Phillip Creaser that the Clark Brothers, well known investors in mining properties, acquired their interest in the Republic, the Jim Blaine and other local mines. One of these brothers, Patrick (Patsey) Clark, builder of Spokane's Clark Mansion, served as president of the Republic Gold Mining and Milling Company and gave his name to Republic's main street, Clark Avenue. Mr Creaser's mining interests continued to be closely associated with those of the Clarks. A local history published in 1904 observes that at that time Phil Creaser was "considered among the most substantial people in this section" (Steele, Richard, Illustrated History of Stevens, Ferry, Okanogan and Chelan Counties Washington, Western Historical Publishing Co., Spokane, Washington, 1904).

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property under one acre

Quadrangle name Republic

Quadrangle scale 1/62,500

UMT References

A

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UTM NOT VERIFIED

B

Zone		Easting			Northing									

C

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Zone		Easting			Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification The Creaser hotel and its grounds occupy lots 8 and 9 and the southern half of lot 7, block 9 Third Addition to the town of Republic. These are 100' X 25' city lots. These 2 1/2 lots have been assessed as a unit since sometime between 1905 and 1909 when sold by the original owner, Phil Creaser.

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 Madilane Perry, Historic Preservation Planner

organization Ferry County Planning Department date August 5, 1980

street & number P.O. Box 305 telephone (509) 775-3161

city or town Republic 99166 state Washington

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Paul E. Thom date 2/22/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
Entered in the
National Register

date 4/12/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Mr. Creaser's hotel business was apparently short-lived. Some time during the first decade of the present century both the hotel building and Mr Creaser's neighboring single story cottage, which some long-time residents state was formerly attached to the hotel, became private homes, a use which has continued to the present.

Sometime between 1905 and 1909, Mr. Creaser sold the former hotel building to Mr. and Mrs. George Moody, owners of a popular local saloon. The building passed out of the Moody's hands between 1913 and 1918 and became the property of W.J. Hall. Mr. Hall was a member of an influential local family which held large interests in a livery stable and, later, in automobile garages. The family produced a number of noteworthy figures, among them a County Sherrif and a County Treasurer.

In 1937 the property reverted to the county for non-payment of taxes, and was sold on contract to Mrs. Joseph Kenney, one of the area's many Irish pioneers, who had previously rented the former hotel from Halls. The Creaser hotel, with various minor modifications, has served as a residence for members of the Kenney family since the 1920s, a use which continues to this day.

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Creaser Hotel

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: WASHINGTON, Ferry

DATE RECEIVED: 6/08/01 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/24/01
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 82004211

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 6/22/01 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Accepted

RECOM./CRITERIA accept

REVIEWER Edouard Beall

TELEPHONE _____

DISCIPLINE Historian

DATE 6/22/01

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CREASER HOTEL
FERRY, WASHINGTON

Location:

street & number 664 CHURCH not for publication
city or town REPUBLIC vicinity
state WASHINGTON code WA county FERRY code 019 zip code 99166



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