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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.

1. Name of Property		
historic name Charlie A	nway Cabin	
other names/site number	Anway Ranch	
	AHRS No. SKG-00184	
2. Location		
street & number <u>Mile 1.</u>		
not for publication $N/A$	` <u></u>	
city or town Haines		vicinity N/A
state Alaska	code AK county Haines	code _100
zip code 99827		

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Charlie Anway Cabin
Haines, Alaska
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.)
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Signature of certifying official 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:

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)  _X 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          3         buildings            sites            structures            objects            Total	
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register $\underline{0}$	
Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) $N/A$	ot ——

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
Cat: Domestic Sub: Single family dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
Cat: Vacant/not in use Sub:

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)
No style

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

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

foundation stone
roof metal
walls log

The Charlie Anway cabin is located in a wooded, somewhat sheltered setting at Mile 1.5 of the Haines Highway, west of the city of Haines in northern Southeast Alaska. Anway staked his homestead in 1903 and began clearing the land and gathering logs for a cabin.

The cabin is constructed of hewn logs, flat on all sides, of uniform size, placed horizontally on a stone masonry foundation. At the corners the logs are squared and protected by milled wooden trim boards. The cabin has a steep cross-gabled roof. The cabin originally had an L shape plan. After 1940, with construction of a passageway and extension of the roof over the passageway and root cellar on the rear east side of the cabin, it has had a T shape plan.

The front room, located to the south, is approximately eleven feet by eleven feet. There is an entrance from outside in the south facade. The larger room, located to the north, is approximately twelve feet by twenty-three feet, oriented with the long dimension east to west. This room contains dining and kitchen areas. There is an entry from outside through a door on the west elevation. A door on the east side goes through a passageway east to a root cellar. The bedroom is in the attic.

At an unknown date, Anway replaced the original wood shakes on the roof with flattened metal coal oil cans. The roof is presently covered with

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9. Major Bibliographical References
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)
Boyce, William D. <i>Alaska and the Panama Canal Illustrated</i> . Chicago and New York: Rand McNally and Co., 1914.
Buzzell, Rolfe G. Evaluation of Historic Cabins at Miles 26 and 32, Haines Highway, Alaska (Project No. 68800). Office of History and Archaeology Report No. 31. Anchorage, Alaska: Office of History and Archaeology, 1993.
Henderson, Robert E. Charles H. Anway: A Haines Alaskan Pioneer, Miner, and Horticulturist, 1857-1949, A Biography. Privately printed, 1990.
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 X Local government
University Other Name of repository: Sheldon Museum, Haines

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property	.)
The property is located in the southwest corner of the homestead granthe U.S. Government to Charles H. Anway, today encompassed in the southalf of TL-1, an unsubdivided parcel of 36.06 acres as shown on U.S. 206, on record at the City of Haines.	uthern
Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)	
The boundary encompasses the house, shed and outhouse at the site loonorth off Haines Highway mile 1.5. These three buildings are historiassociated with Charlie Anway.	
11. Form Prepared By	
name/title Gladys L. Meacock, Owner	
organization	
date September 30, 2000	
street & number P.O. Box 568	**************************************
<b>telephone</b> (907) 766-2316	

city or town Haines state AK zip code 99827-0568

galvanized corrugated sheet metal. Split log purlins project at the gable ends of the roof to provide protective overhangs over the entry doors. Milled wooden trim fascia boards protect the projecting ends of the split log purlins. The ends of roofing boards project past the exterior walls to provide a deep eave.

Milled wooden trim boards surround the door and window openings. There is a two over two double hung window to the east of the exterior entry door in the south gable wall. A three quarter glazed solid wood paneled door is located to the west of the window. The door and window openings in this wall are symmetrically located. There is a two over two double hung window in the eave wall on each side of the west gable wall. There is a flush wood door located in an opening centered in the west gable wall. It has a wood framed screen door. A hinged casement window is centered in the west gable wall at the attic level. A cold box constructed of wood and wire mesh screen is mounted next to the door and supported by a single angle brace. A small wood shingle shed roof covers the box. There are two windows in the north wall. A metal chimney for a stove projects through the east side of the roof where the two rooms intersect.

A small shed and outhouse are located to the west of the cabin across a small stream. Access to them from the cabin was by two small footbridges that no longer exist. Each has a single room plan and gable roof. They are framed wood buildings constructed of milled lumber with vertical plank siding. Roofing materials and construction methods are similar to those on the cabin. The buildings have not been significant altered.

The enclosed passageway is approximately six by twelve feet. It has a gravel floor. There is a small window in the south wall, and a door from the passageway to the root cellar. The root cellar has wood and earthen walls and a concrete floor. The earth sections are lined with wood. Anway extended the cabin roof over the passageway and root cellar. The east gable wall has a small attic window.

The cabin is structurally in good condition. The wallpaper on the ceiling and kitchen walls is peeling. The owners replaced the floor in the kitchen in 1995, using lumber from a shop that had been built about the same time as Anway's cabin. The buildings still have Anway's tools, furniture, and personal items. The cabin now has electricity.

Anway stopped commercial farming in 1932, and started selling parcels of his homestead. He died in 1949 and left the remaining parcel with his buildings to Mary Meacock. In 1955 the last of Anway's cherry trees died. His apple orchard was not maintained. At the request of the owners, the nomination is only for the buildings.

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

Charles H. (Charlie) Anway is considered to be the first to homestead in the Haines area in 1903. The log cabin he built to prove up on his property stands and is essentially unaltered. It reflects the lifestyle of a single man during the early 1900s. Over the years Anway worked as a miner, trapper, surveyor, taxidermist, carpenter, blacksmith, professional hunter and guide, but mostly as a farmer and horticulturist. Anway was famous in the area for his strawberries, developing one still known as the Anway Strawberry, as well as for his apple and cherry orchards. believed that Anway started the first commercial apple orchard in Alaska in 1905, and the first commercial cherry orchard in Alaska in the 1930s. 1909, Anway's strawberries received honorable mention at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle. In one newspaper article, Anway was referred to as the "Johnny Appleseed of Alaska." His gardens and orchards provided fresh fruit and produce for nearby Fort William H. Seward/Chilkoot Barracks, as well as markets in the Southeast Alaska towns of Haines, Skagway and Juneau from the 1910s to early 1930s. Anway lived in his cabin, which was not wired for electricity and did not have an installed water system, until his death in 1949.

# Background

Charles H. Anway, 41 years old, headed for Alaska in June 1898 to find gold. Although he did not make a fortune mining, he made enough to live. For several years he mined in the Porcupine area north of Haines. One year he led a pack train with supplies for Jack Dalton across the Chilkat Trail to the Klondike.

The construction of Fort William H. Seward at Haines in 1902 stimulated the development of agriculture in the Chilkat Valley. The soldiers at the post promised a good steady market for fresh fruit, vegetables and dairy products, and continued to be so until the fort closed at the end of World War II.

Anway is considered to be the first in 1903 to stake a homestead in the Haines area. Anway had scouted the area and selected a spot a mile and a half from town. He built a log cabin on the property adjacent to a stream. The cabin had a kitchen and living room downstairs, and a ladder to the attic which served as a bedroom. He built the cabin with a steeply pitched roof so the snow would slide off. Originally he put shakes on the roof, and later flattened five gallon coal oil cans and covered the roof with them. He dug a hole in the bank to the east of the cabin for a root cellar. Later, he enlarged the cellar and connected it to the cabin with an enclosed passageway. Across the stream to the west of the cabin Anway had his outhouse, a barn, and a shed where he could sort and pack strawberries, apples, and later cherries. He later dammed the stream and had a small pond that he stocked with trout.

Anway started cultivating strawberries, and in 1905 established an apple orchard. In 1909, his Anway Strawberry received honorable mention at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition held in Seattle. Unfortunately, Anway did not keep careful records, and no one knows what cross he used to develop the strawberry. After successfully growing several varieties of apples, Anway turned his attention to growing cherries and in 1932 started marketing them. He also grew and sold vegetables, including turnips, carrots, rutabagas and potatoes. He experimented with corn, and grew enough for his table but never enough to market. He eventually developed a good early red potato that he called the Anway Early Alaska Potato. In the late 1910s, Anway installed an irrigation system. No one can remember Charlie Anway ever having poor crops.

In 1908, Anway produced his first commercial crop of strawberries and earned a hundred dollars. The editor of the *Haines Pioneer Press* interviewed Anway that year and they calculated that one could realize an income of \$1,500 per acre of strawberries. Berries sold for thirty cents a quart and labor was figured at six hundred dollars. Later, Anway annually hired a number of young women to pick strawberries for him. They could make as much as \$5.00 a day. Anway did all the separating and packing. During the 1920s he sold a crate of strawberries (24 boxes, or 2 flats) for \$4.80, and sold an average of thirty crates a day for three weeks.

Also in 1908, the government survey was done for Anway's homestead. He received patent to 121.57 acres on September 3, 1911. It was the first patent issued in the Haines area.

William D. Boyce visited Anway on his tour of Alaska in 1910 and subsequently wrote a book about his trip. "The cleanest cabin I was in while in Alaska, spotlessly clean in this instance, was owned and occupied by C. H. Anway. He is growing rich selling strawberries. The only thing he seemed to lack was a wife." (p. 95). A bachelor all his life, Anway died at age 92 in 1949. He willed the cabin to Mary Meacock. Mary's family, the Vermieres, had been close friends of Anway since Mary was very young. Mary and her husband settled on the farm next to Anway and over the years purchased much of Anway's property. Today, Mary's son George and his wife Gladys maintain the site. From time to time, relatives of the family lived in the house, but for the last ten years it has been used for storage.

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### Continuation Sheets

#### 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)

Property Owner

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

name George and Gladys Meacock

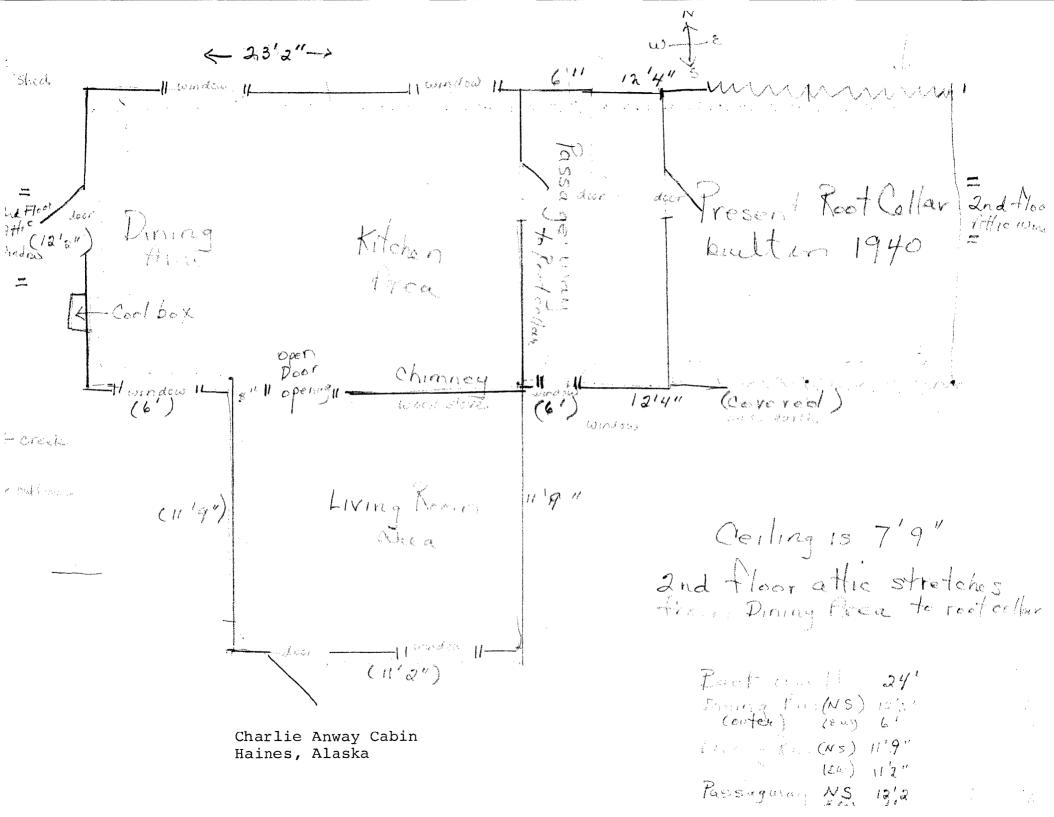
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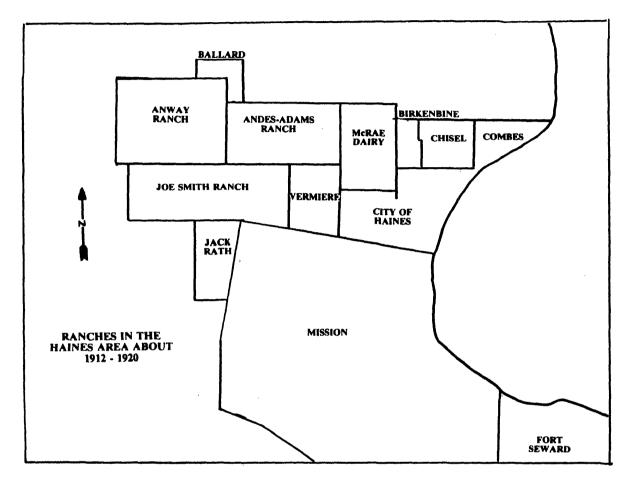
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# Photograph identification

- 1. Charlie Anway Cabin
  Haines, Alaska
  George Marks
  August 2000
  Sheldon Museum, P.O. Box 623, Haines, AK 99827
  Looking north at front elevation of the cabin
- 2. Charlie Anway Cabin Haines, Alaska George Marks August 2000 Sheldon Museum, P.O. Box 623, Haines, AK 99827 Looking northeast at the cabin
- 3. Charlie Anway Cabin
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  Sheldon Museum, P.O. Box 623, Haines, AK 99827
  Looking east at the cabin
- 4. Charlie Anway Cabin
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  Sheldon Museum, P.O. Box 623, Haines, AK 99827
  Looking west at front of shed
- 5. Charlie Anway Cabin
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  Sheldon Museum, P.O. Box 623, Haines, AK 99827
  Looking northwest at cabin



Charlie Anway Cabin Haines, Alaska



From Robert E. Henderson, Charles H. Anway: A Haines Alaskan Pioneer, Miner, and Horticulturist, 1857-1949, A Biography (1990):70.