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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Solomon Roadhouse stands at the outskirts of the small community of Solomon in the southeastern portion of the Seward Peninsula. The front of the building faces west and is just off the Nome-Council Highway. The roadhouse was moved to its present location in 1939. Although not on its original site, the structure is in the proximity of six structures that also date from the early 1900's. These structures are from the original gold rush town of Solomon, on the sand spit at the mouth of the Solomon River, and the adjacent community of Dickson, the former headquarters and railyard of the Council City and Solomon River Railroad. Both towns were devastated by storms and flooding. They stood about a mile southeast of the new location.

The waystation is a rectangular, two-story wood frame building that measures approximately 20 by 35 feet. The exterior walls are covered with shiplap siding painted white. The medium gable roof is covered with tar-paper. A low shed-roof dormer with a window is set in the southwest corner of the roof. A ladder on the roof separates the dormer from the front of the structure. The front entrance is through a one-story enclosed porch that covers the southern two-thirds of the front of the structure. The door is centered in the front of the porch and flanked on either side by two sets of six-paned windows. Currently, a dog sled rests on the entry roof. When the dormer and entry were added to the building is unknown.

Two alternating sets of double and single casement windows are located on the ground floor of the long sides. The second story has three evenly spaced double sash windows on the long sides. In the building's front facade the second story has a double sash window on either side of a boarded doorway. A post projects out above this former door.

A description of the interior of the building before it was moved in 1939 has been found. The first floor was then divided into two rooms, a living room that also served as a store and the kitchen with a long table for dining. The upper story was for sleeping, but no mention of any partitioning is given. The account mentioned that Curran's Roadhouse was spacious. About fifty yards away from the roadhouse stood a dog barn with stalls for eight teams. Today the interior of the roadhouse is divided into five rooms on the first floor and six on the second.

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Solomon Roadhouse is one of few surviving structures from the original townsite of Solomon and its neighbor, Dickson. Both prosperous during the early years of the 1900's, Solomon was a supply center for area miners and prospectors and Dickson, less than a mile away, was the headquarters and terminal for the Council City and Solomon River Railway. The roadhouse, reportedly, is the old Hotel Dickson built by the railway company in 1904. The present owner's father purchased the building in 1924 and operated it as a store and roadhouse. In 1939 the roadhouse was moved about a mile west to its present location adjacent to the Nome-Council Highway. The roadhouse continued to meet the needs of miners, explorers and travellers in the area until recently. Of interest, Solomon is the last waystation before the finish line in Nome for the annual 1,049 mile Iditarod Trail sled dog race. Privately owned, the building is not used at the time.

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Historical Background

Gold was discovered along the Solomon River by Pierce Thomas in June, 1899. The region, an extension of the Nome gold rush, grew rapidly. By 1904 preparations were being made for mining on a large scale. Three large ditches were under construction, hydraulic lifts were in use, the first dredge on the Seward Peninsula was operating in the area, and the Council City and Solomon River Railway was being built. Two towns had developed at the mouth of the Solomon River, Solomon on the west beach, Dickson on the east.

Survey work began in 1902 for a standard gauge railroad that would follow the Solomon River and connect Solomon with Council City, the supply center for the richest gold region on the Seward Peninsula. The coast terminal and supply base for the railroad was across the river from the gold rush town of Solomon, and was named after J. Warren Dickson the railroad's vice president and general manager. In addition to warehouses and offices the company built a hotel in 1904 that, it is believed, became known as the Solomon Roadhouse after the railroad discontinued operations in 1907.

Solomon and Dickson were connected by a ferry and a foot bridge. In local newspapers and other historic records the two towns are often referred to as one, using either name with equal frequency, and on occasion with the other name following in parenthesis. In 1904 Solomon, including Dickson, was a thriving town, third in size and importance after Nome and Council City on the Seward Peninsula. That year the community of Solomon had "three stores, four hotels and the usual quota of saloons" and was the terminus of the railroad.

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