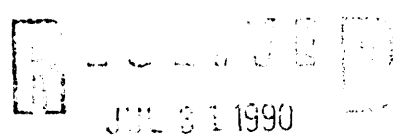


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REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL  
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

Historic Name: Palmer, Annie House

Other Name/Site Number:

2. Location

Street & Number: 284 Main Street

Not for Publication: \_\_

City/Town: Point Arena

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State: CA

County: Mendocino

Code: 045

Zip Code: 95468

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
____ 1	____ buildings
____	____ sites
____	____ structures
____	____ objects
____ 1	____ Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing:

Architectural and Historic Resources of Point Arena, California

4. 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 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. \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Stade R. Craigo Signature of certifying official 7/24/90 Date  
California Office of Historic Preservation State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Alvina Byer Signature of Keeper 9/13/90 Date of Action  
National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling  
Current: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Mid-19th Century: Greek Revival

Other Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation brick\_\_\_\_\_ roof asbestos\_  
walls weatherboard other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.  X  See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally\_\_\_\_\_.

Applicable National Register Criteria:  C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Significance: Architecture\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance:  1875 (estimated)

Significant Dates :  1875 (estimated)

Significant Person(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation:  N/A

Architect/Builder:  Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas of significance noted above.  X  See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References:		Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	10	440040	4306905	B	---	-----	-----
C	---	-----	-----	D	---	-----	-----

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

The northern half of Assessor's Parcel Number 27-111-10. The southern boundary is a line parallel to the north and south boundaries of the parcel drawn 34.65 feet from each of those boundaries.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

The boundaries encompass the land that has been historically associated with the property.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Donald S. Napoli and Maryln Lortie, State Historians \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: State Office of Historic Pres. Date: 2/21/90 \_\_\_\_\_

Street & Number: P. O. Box 942896 \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (916) 445-8006 \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: Sacramento \_\_\_\_\_ State CA ZIP: 94296-0001 \_\_\_\_\_

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This single story house has a single front-facing gable with a boxed cornice and cornice return. A small vent is placed at the top of the gable. Beneath the gable are a pair of windows and the front door. The windows are two-over-two and double hung. They are topped with decorative crown molding. The door has four octagonal panels and is capped with a single-light transom. Over the door is a small gable roof with pediment that is supported by plain diagonal braces. The door opens onto a small concrete stoop. On the south side of the building is a chimney of metal pipe. The braces are not original; they replaced narrow posts. The building is in a residential area just north of the commercial district. It once shared its parcel with an identical building and now adjoins a house constructed after the Second World War.

Photo Data:

Photographers: Don Napoli and Maryln Bourne Lortie  
Neg. Location: Ca. Office of Historic Preservation, Sacramento  
Date of Photo: Jan., 1989  
View: Looking northwest

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This small house represents the second wave of home-building in Point Arena, in which functionality was supplemented by a bit of decoration and some elements of style. Here the hood molding on the front windows provided the decoration, while the cornice return and pedimented front entry gave an indication of the Greek Revival. This style was popular in California from statehood to the coming of the Queen Anne (i.e., 1850-1880) and was used both by designers deliberately emulating classical forms and by less sophisticated builders merely following precedent. The latter probably occurred in this case, since the building lacks the symmetrical facade usually associated with the style and has no classical detailing except perhaps the hood molding. Nevertheless, the building is an excellent example of small houses of the period. The braces to the roof over the front door, which replaced narrow posts sometime in this century, constitute the only alteration. The house once had a twin next door, which burned down about eighty years ago. The building has a place in local lore, because its most prominent former owner, Annie Palmer, ended her teaching career at the Methodist school on the Point Arena Rancheria by murdering her lover in spectacular fashion.

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