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ALASKA HERITAGE RESOURCES SURVEY  
SITE CARD10-521  
REV. 1972, 1976

1. NAME OF SITE  
Knik Town Site

2. PERTINENT DATES  
1920 AD-1916 AD

3. LOCATION Located in ANC quad B8, on right bank of Knik Arm, where the Iditarod Rail begins. Sits directly below Knik Lake, approximately mile.

4. DESCRIPTION (DIMENSIONS, PRESENT CONDITION, TOPOGRAPHICAL & OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES, ETC.)  
Two structures remain from original townsite, as does a cemetery. First building is a two story frame structure used as a museum. The second, a log cabin is used for storage.  
SIGNIFICANCE: Knik served as a trading/transportation center for gold/coal mining in Susitna and Mat. Valley from 1898 until the spring of 1916 when the AK Railroad reached Ship Creek. When the railroad opened up a Townsite at Wasilla, passengers and goods could travel from Seward to this area. The Museum was originally a store; then a Roadhouse.

5. SIGNIFICANCE

6. DANGER OF DESTRUCTION  
Unknown - buildings intact however.

7. RELEVANT PRINTED, MANUSCRIPT, PHOTOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

Potter, 1967: 38-41, Orth "67"

8. OWNER OF PROPERTY/ADDRESS  
Museum - Mat-Su. Borough  
Cabin-Laura Birdsell, SR Box 470, Wasilla

9. DATE OF THIS REPORT  
8/23/73

SPACE BELOW FOR ADP USE ONLY

CODED BY WFLJ

QUAD ID ID#  
ANC 003

SITE NAME  
Knik Town Site

LAT. (DEG) (MIN) (SEC)  
61 27 30N

LONG. (DEG) (MIN) (SEC)  
149 43 18W

THEME RESOURCE NATURE  
5 H 2

OWNERSHIP SIZE  
MUL 040

PRESERVATION STATUS  
NHR

CULTURAL AFFILIATION

BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCE  
0930: 67: 38-41

DATES  
AD 1902

RELIABILITY AHRN DATE  
1 07/24/73

SR/REF DATE  
07/24/73

SITE CONDITION  
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SITE ENVIRONMENT  
16

SITE REPOSITORY