

A ~~W~~. They had regular trail, you know, the Stampeders Trail, and they go here, and they had somebody bring them across the bay here and right between here and Bluff. They have a regular trail that's almost, well several years ago you could just see it you know. And every so often there would be a pile of rocks on the trail. But the people, the Stampeders, they would grab a handful of rocks from inbetween, when they get to this spot they would throw it on there and eventually that pile became a regular mark. Yes, they were pretty high.

LARRY  
POLK

S. Stampeders did that?

A ~~W~~. Yes, they had a well defined trail all the way on the edge of the coast here.

S. Here it is on the map. Here's Golovin. Now did they go straight across to this northern route? Or did they just go straight across to this southern one?

A ~~W~~. I don't know, they may have gone across but the one I'm talking about where they have these piles is right here.

S. Coming up from, is that Cheokook?

Tape 4, Side B

A ~~N~~ \_\_\_\_\_ somebody put it as Cheokook.

S. Cheokook, the one in ink there is correct?

A ~~N~~ Yes. They have a roadhouse there. And this is the \_\_\_\_\_ trail for mail teams.

S. They had the old ARC cabin there. We saw a date in there '36. Was the old roadhouse the structure right behind it?

A ~~N~~ We have a regular building where a person could stay overnight and then added to that they have a little building for dogs with kennels, I mean boxes right in the meadow. I don't know if they are there any more but

S. Was that right by the ARC building over there? Right behind it towards the lagoon there.

A ~~N~~ Yes, that's the only building.

S. In fact, yes, it's a building that kind of like, here's the ARC cabin, there is a building and it had like a wing or something off it.

A ~~N~~ Yes, that probably was for the dogs.

S. That was the dogs in there, in the wing. And then this is the roadhouse structure here. What was that called, just Cheokook Roadhouse?

A ~~N~~ Cheokook

S. Cheokook. That was what it was called? Was there an operator there, anybody that ran it, or was it just a shelter cabin?

A ~~N~~ It was more or less a shelter cabin. And in them days when I personally went through there, they always left a supply of wood for the next traveler.

Cheokook SITE

FROM BLM Peterson Tape 4, Side A

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Bluff, Alaska. Five-panel door, typical of others along trail. Six-pane windows. Entry to south, facing ocean as others.

Wanigan similar to construction to one at mining camp at Bluff, backed up to rear of structure 16. Hardrocked mine south of Bluff or east of Bluff as drilled for several tunnels. Four cars, \_\_\_\_\_, several structures and ruins. Dwayne took several pictures.

From Bluff south to Cheokook(?) no evidence of trail along the ridges or over by Square Rock. Assume, probably traveled the ridges, approximately one-half to one-quarter mile off the beach. No evidence of any cat trains or heavier travel over this section. Trail Bluff to Cheokook. Evidence Nine Mile Creek of two ruins, more or less house pits, log construction, approximately 12 foot square and a poorman's shelter. Appears to be an old site and no evidence of any white cultural objects around.

Cheokook <sup>SITE</sup> side, the spit in front of the lagoon, houses, ruins of several structures, quite old, six or eight structures. Additionally, there seems to be evidence of a, there is a State or cadastral survey aerial marker at this site also right in the middle of the lagoon spit. Cheokook site, evidence of, well existing structure last of Road Commission structure. Sign inside says "Property of Alaska Road Commission." Rules underneath have been torn off. Stenciled all over the planking that's inside. It is all milled. One by eight drop siding similar to some of the other lip siding. One there is stenciled ARC, Nome. Name here Eben S., Wayne S., Lincoln back from White Mountain, November 9, 1939. The date on here. OK, Sam and George, here on February 25, 6th and 7th, 1936.

Shelter cabin different from other cabins in that it has a breezeway between one section containing the dog kennels, the other section containing the sleeping cabin. Dog kennel faces east, west with its long side fronting the ocean, the Bering Sea. East side of structure, dog kennel frame construction, 2 x 4 milled, studs, single plate, 2 x 4 rough sawn rafters with 1 x 8 lip siding roof, walls, sod floor. Dog kennels raised on platform with bends with a top above approximately 3, 40 inches high. One window, south side dog kennel. Entryway to kennels from, two entryways; outside entry from east

side, other entry from west side. Symmetrical with other into breezeway. Raised platform one step. Breezeway has one by eight lip siding, same as walls, ceilings for floor approximately three foot wide. Window at north end of halfway, breezeway, entryway south side of breezeway. Doorway off center east side of enclosed sleeping area. Deadbolt, mechanical deadbolt lock, planking door with horizontal and diagonal nailer. Evidence of doorways on kennels, existing door nailed in place at window and hallway. Doorway fits entryway into dog kennels. Possibly way was used for wood storage. Typical casing doorway south side of entryway. Interior sleeping quarters, two bunks raised platform, approximately 28 inches. Small table bench, vertically cut, 55-gallon drum unlike cabins in interior. Front feed top stacked 5" chimney through ceiling. Thirteen galvanized safety. Bench southeast corner of Road Commission cabin. Shelving above. Six-pane window south and west. No window north. Outside of structure, tar paper, building paper vertically applied with batten. Same outside and exposed lip siding. Corner trim galvanized hood vent over stove for roof vent. Ceiling, building paper on ceiling, on roof. Remains of canvas boat on north side of structure, in ruin state. A small kayak or boat. Fixed, square stern one end, approximately 14 feet long. Room structure behind the ARC cabin or to the north approximately 55 yards in ruin state appears to be an L-shaped structure. Log purlin roof, planking across, negative on that. Purlin roof on log shaped structure facing to west; main structure seems to be on the east side running with the gabled end from north to south. Log structure saddle notched, evidence of broad axed work. Complete ruin shape. Some evidence of milled lumber, perhaps partitions or walls. Casings for mill lumber and have been nailed into log ends.

Inform Cary and Terry that the wildlife sanctuary status by Bluff, airstrip also at Bluff. Topkok site also evidence of 10 to 15 house pits on the spit in front of Topkok Lagoon. Short section approximately 2 miles west of Topkok Head, two trails are marked and both of them have tripods. No trails seen north of Taylor Lagoon going towards Nome from Topkok Head, assume trail ran on beach or has also ran on beach or borders the south side of Taylor Lagoon. Consult the possibilities in the management plan of insert selected cases for certain roadhouses giving outright grants to do such things as putting new roofs or shingles, roofing on structures, fixing foundations, saging walls, etc. May work cases or be part of the \_\_\_\_\_ ownership, do not really have