

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 of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Michaelson Cabin
other names/site number Alaska Heritage Resource Survey Site #SEW-153

2. Location

street & number NE/NW/NW Section 28, T7N-R1W, Seward C-7 Quad not for publication
city, town _____ vicinity _____
state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____ zip code _____

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ structures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	<u>1</u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	<u>5</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
None

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official _____

Date _____

State or 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): _____

Signature of the Keeper _____

Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/Camp/Seasonal Residence

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic Camp/Seasonal Residence

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

No Style

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Fieldstone

walls Weatherboard;

roof Steel, Asphalt

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The site contains a gabled wood frame dwelling, a shed-roofed wood frame sauna, a gabled wood frame privy, and a shed-roofed wood frame meat house.

Feature 1 is a gabled wood frame, one-story dwelling which has an unmortared fieldstone foundation. The structure is three main parts, in "dogtrot" configuration. The eastern pen has 1"x12" board walls nailed horizontally to each other and possibly to a frame. The roof of the eastern section is weathered 1"x6" boards. The roof of the eastern pen is full dimension 2" X 6" planks, which are overlain with asphalt roll material and then weathered 1" boards. All observed nails are round wire type. At least one corner of the eastern pen has modern dimension 2" X 5" plate set at an angle in a post. The north wall of the east pen has apparently been rebuilt: a sheet of plywood underlies the weathered board siding. The middle section of the building has vertical board and batten siding, two 4-pane fixed windows on each of the north and south sides, and new sheet metal over a weathered board roof. The western pen is the largest and has vertical board-and-batten siding, sheet metal roofing, and a shed addition on the north side. The addition has vertical board walls. A recent aluminum chimney rises from the east end of the large west pen.

Feature 2 is a shed-roofed wood frame sauna, reportedly built in 1976 (AHRS form). The structure has weathered horizontal board siding, no visible foundation, and corrugated sheet metal on the roof. Siding may have been salvaged from an older structure. Feature 3 is a gabled wood frame privy with vertical board siding, asphalt roll material on a board roof, and no foundation. Feature 4 is a gabled wood frame meat storage building which has horizontal board-and-batten walls, battened asphalt roll material on the roof, and no visible foundation. The upper walls are screened, and a wood plank floor is elevated about 35cm above ground level. All nails are round wire type. Feature 5 is a pile of salvaged lumber and a burn barrel. Some of the lumber has notches for joist fittings; this may represent parts of an original structure on the site which has been demolished.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered significance of this property in relation to other properties:
 nationally statewide locally N/A

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D N/A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Period of Significance

N/A

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Robert Michaelson prospected and mined on the Kenai Peninsula and adjacent areas before, during, and long after the 1896-1898 gold rush to the area Barry 1973). Michaelson staked claims on Canyon and Mills creeks in 1895, and he reportedly built a cabin near the confluence of those creeks about that time. A "Michaelson Cabin" is shown to the northeast of the confluence on a 1910 map (Sleem 1910). The cabin was standing at least until the early 1920s, when Michaelson went blind and left Alaska (Estes 1981).

The original cabin was reported to have been located a short distance to the northeast of the current cabin site. The original Michaelson cabin is reported to have been destroyed during the construction of a mining camp to Juneau and Mills creeks at an unknown date, and the current cabin was not built until the 1930s or later (Draft National Register Nomination 1977; Estes 1981). The privy is reported to have been built in the 1940s, and the sauna in 1976.

This property is recommended to be not eligible for nomination to the National Register under any of the eligibility criteria. The property has no known associations with events, patterns, or persons important in history. It does not contain structures which represent significant types, periods, or methods of construction. Evidence has not been found that the property has yielded or might yield information important in prehistory or history.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Draft National Register of Historic Places Nomination Dated 7/15/1977. On file at State Historic Preservation Office, Anchorage.

Estes, Ed

1981 Interview at Moose Pass, Alaska, June 15, 1981. On file at Bureau of Land Management Anchorage District office, Anchorage, Alaska.

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 #

See continuation sheet

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

UTM References

A Zone Easting Northing
C Zone Easting Northing

B Zone Easting Northing
D Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

N/A: Not eligible.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

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1991 Survey and Evaluation of the Iditarod Trail and Connecting Trails in the Chugach National Forest. Report prepared for U.S. Forest Service, Chugach National Forest, Anchorage, Alaska.

Sleem, D.H.

1910 Map of Kenai Mining District and Moose Pass Regions, Kenai Precinct, Alaska. Rand, McNally & Co., Engravers, Chicago.

