

Sheldon Jackson Campus Historic Preservation Timeline

1991 *The Architecture of the Sheldon Jackson College Campus 1887-1990* by Edwin B. Crittenden, F.A.I.A.

Mid 1990s – Sheldon Jackson College asks Assembly for waiver on disposal fees for tearing down Allen Hall. **Building saved by their lack of funds** to take it down and replace.

1999 National Trust for Historic Preservation names the Richard H. Allen Memorial Building to its **Eleven Most Endangered Historic Places**

AMPPI (Allen Memorial Preservation Project, Inc.) forms to save Allen, raises \$1.5 million, mostly through Senator Stevens, and turn the project over to the college.

2001 Designation of **Sheldon Jackson School National Historic Landmark**

Early 2000s Historical Architect Linda Millard designs plan for **historic rehabilitation** of Allen Hall, contractor Dawson completes exterior before money runs out.

2004 Historic American Buildings Survey of the campus, complete architectural drawings of the five buildings of the quadrangle. Original 1910 blueprints and the HABS drawings have been invaluable.

2004 Campus Preservation Plan by University of Oregon Program in Historic Preservation, NPS, and Getty Foundation

2007 Sheldon Jackson College closes, sells property to settle debt.

2008 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation names campus to Twelve Most Endangered Historic Properties list, and **2010** names Sage Building to Ten Most Endangered list.

2010 National Trust for Historic Preservation names Sitka one of 2010 **Dozen Distinctive Destinations**

2011 Fine Arts Camp deeded core campus; Sitka Summer Music Festival had bought Stevenson Hall, and Sitka Sound Science Center purchases the Sage Building. Stratton Library purchased by State of Alaska for extension of Sheldon Jackson Museum.

Massive, unprecedented volunteer effort to save campus buildings, after decades of deferred maintenance and no heat for four winters. Historic preservation principles guide work from the start. Focus of first winters is on restoring **North Pacific Hall interior**, and in 2013/15 **Whitmore Hall interior**.

2012-2015: Allen Hall, with its auditorium renamed Odess Theater, **rehabilitation completed** to design by historical architect Linda Millard, with major funding by Carol Odess.

2012 Sheldon Jackson School and College Oral History project begins; over 50 persons interviewed to date

2013 "Bulldogs on Baranof" now the **Historic Restoration Team** program. Recent college graduates and students come for 4 weeks in the summer. 2013 work is on Allen interior and Hames Center roof.

2014 CLG grant for **window restoration, historic windows workshop, and brochure on the NHL**. Historic Restoration Team rebuilds the **roof of the Laundry Building**, which was in critical condition, to historic preservation standards.

2015 Historic Restoration Team restores the **facade of the North Pacific Hall**, using a CLG grant. **Sitka Summer Music Festival** uses Historic Preservation Fund grant for **plans for Rehabilitation of Stevenson Hall, and repairs foundation**; **Sitka Sound Science Center** uses federal and private grants to restore **walls and windows on the Sage Building**.

2016 Historic Restoration Team use CLG grant to **restore Whitmore Hall facade**; **Allen Hall completed** with drainage and landscaping; **Alaska Anthropological Association** meets on campus, participants take part in archaeology of landscaping project; **North Pacific Hall porch** replaced to match original; **NPS** sponsored **historic preservation workshop** on campus; **"History Walk"** with campus and other Sitka buildings to mark 50th anniversary of the Historic Preservation Act

2017 Fraser Hall facade and south wall restoration CLG grant and HRT project; NPS Vanishing Treasures workshop; Alaska Humanities Forum grant to develop historic interpretation for campus; **Sharing Our Knowledge: A Conference of Tlingit Clans** takes place on campus on 150th anniversary of Treaty of Cession, making Alaska part of the United States