

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Old Stone Blacksmith Shop

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Vermont Route 30

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Cornwall

VICINITY OF
CODE

50

Vermont
COUNTY

Addison

CODE

001

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: None

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Stuart Witherill

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cornwall

VICINITY OF

STATE

Vermont

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

R D #2

Office of the Town Clerk, Town of Cornwall

CITY, TOWN

Middlebury

STATE

Vermont

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE

1972

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Vermont Division of Historic Sites

CITY, TOWN

Montpelier

STATE

Vermont

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Stone Blacksmith Shop is oriented to the east and to the road, Vermont Route 30, with the front elevation facing the road. The building is set back approximately 22 feet from the road and is built into the side of a shallow hill which rises sharply from the road to an open field and orchard immediately behind. While the front elevation stands full height above grade, the rear elevation is almost completely buried below grade, the top of the rear wall rising approximately one foot above the grade of the open field.

The building is rectangular in shape, measuring approximately 30 by 19 feet, and is one story high, standing six and one-half feet at the rafter plates and twelve and one-half feet at the ridge, with a gable roof, the ridge of which is parallel to the front and rear elevations. The walls of the building are constructed of irregularly cut limestone blocks laid in random courses with larger, more regularly cut blocks on the corners acting as quoins. The roof is of wood frame construction and is covered with sheet metal.

There is one square window opening with a wood casement centered in each gable end elevation, and there are two narrow horizontal window openings with wood casements directly beneath the eave of the roof and flush with the ground on the rear elevation. On the north and south sides of the front elevation are, respectively, a square door opening with double wood doors hung on wrought iron strap hinges and a rectangular window opening with a wood casement. The window sashes have been removed.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

Town Development

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Stone Blacksmith Shop is significant as the earliest surviving representative of a service industry essential to the early development and prosperity of the town of Cornwall. Equally significant, the building's limestone construction is not typical as most early blacksmith shops operated in buildings of wood frame construction. The building's construction was undoubtedly due to the local abundance and availability of limestone as a building material in spite of the fact that the percentage of buildings of limestone construction to those of wood frame and brick construction in this part of Addison County is very low.

A blacksmith shop was in continuous operation on this location from 1791 until 1908 when Frank Brown, the last blacksmith to operate the business, died. In 1791 Thomas Pritchard purchased from Daniel Foot and Timothy Baker the land on which the present building is located and started a blacksmithing business. In 1805 Pritchard sold the business to Daniel Huntington, another blacksmith. Subsequent blacksmiths were Ambroise Judd and Shubel Ripley.

Exactly when the present blacksmith shop was erected is not documented. A comparison of the dates of other buildings of limestone construction located in neighboring towns shows that the blacksmith shop could have been erected anytime between circa 1790 and circa 1845. Local oral tradition states that the blacksmith shop was erected between 1791 and 1805 by Thomas Pritchard.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Matthews, Lyman; History of the Town of Cornwall, Vermont.
 Middlebury, Vermont: 1862.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM OR UTM

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY One Acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	6,4,3,9,1,0	4,8,7,0,7,1,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Courtney Fisher, Historic Preservation Specialist

ORGANIZATION

Vermont Division of Historic Sites

DATE

1/24/75

STREET & NUMBER

Pavilion Building

TELEPHONE

802-828-3226

CITY OR TOWN

Montpelier

STATE

Vermont

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

William B. Pinney

TITLE

William B. Pinney, Director
 State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

2/13/75

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

A. R. Montrose

DATE

4/21/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Charles A. Murray

DATE

9.18.75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting