

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 (Russian Orthodox Church) ~~of~~ St. Peter and St. Paul

and/or common Bramble Church

2. Location

S of Rauch on MN 65

street & number Minnesota Highway 65

N/A not for publication

city, town Unorganized Territory (T63, R22)

Rauch vicinity X vicinity of Bramble

state Minnesota

code 22

county Koochiching

code 071

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Andrew Lucachick

street & number N/A

city, town Gheen

N/A vicinity of

state Minnesota 55740

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Koochiching County Courthouse

street & number 4th Street & 8th Avenue

city, town International Falls,

state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date June, 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- Fort Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul

state Minnesota 55111

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Russian Orthodox Church of St. Peter and St. Paul is located in a rural setting near the incorporated community of Bramble in the southeastern corner of Koochiching County.

The church is a gable-roofed frame structure with a square entrance tower capped by a double onion dome. Simple double hung Gothic windows are situated on the apse and sides of the church. Orthodox crosses are placed on the rear of the roof ridge line and at the pinnacle of the dome. The entrance tower is pierced by wooden louvers on the upper sides and a simple double doorway. The gable roof features simple returns on the front facade, and a chimney rises from the northwest corner of the structure.

The interior of the church features rough board flooring and benches at the sides for elderly parishoners. The iconostas (1926) of the decorative partition separating the sanctuary from the nave are credited to Alex Tarabenez.

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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1915–18 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Russian Orthodox Church of St. Peter and St. Paul is significant for its association with the early settlement of the southeast corner of Koochiching County. Much of this area of northern Minnesota is made up of forest lands and peat bogs, and sizable portions of the county have never been intensively settled. There were, however, several sections where settlers made attempts to clear the land and develop agricultural operations. The southeastern corner of Koochiching County included one of these areas; it was populated by immigrants of Russian, Finnish, Scandinavian, Italian, and Austrian-Hungarian descent. Many of these settlers were originally attracted to the iron mines in Ely (approximately 70 miles to the east) and later took advantage of land available for homesteading to the west. The combined populations of T64,R22, and T63,R22, Koochiching County, rose from no reported population statistics in 1900 to 295 in 1910 and to 493 in 1920. The Russian Orthodox Church of St. Peter and St. Paul was constructed in 1915–1918 by the Russian settlers in the area on land donated by William Lucachick. Most of the other public and institutional structures dating from the period of initial settlement have been razed or substantially altered; the integrity of the church and its modest but distinctive detailing suggesting its ethnic associations make it an important building in this section of Koochiching County.

9. Major Bibliographical References

- VonAlman, Charlotte. Silverdale Rauch Bramble, Marceline, MO.: Privately published, 1979, p. 131-134.
- Tarassar, Constance J. Orthodox America 1794-1976. Syosset, New York: Privately published, 1975. p. 168.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2 acres

Quadrangle name Rauch Quad.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The property nominated is all of that part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 33, T 63, Range 22 described as follows: An exact square beginning at a point at the NW corner of section 33 thence 295.16 ft. S.; thence 295.16 ft. E.; thence 295.16 ft. N; thence 295.16 ft.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries W. to pt. of beginning.

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dennis A. Gimmetad, Acting Assistant State Historic Preservation Officer

organization Minnesota Historical Society date 16 November 1982

street & number Fort Snelling History Center telephone (612) 726-1171

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota 55111

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

Russell W. Fridley
title State Historic Preservation Officer date 12/22/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 1/27/83

for Alvina Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melony Lynn
11/19/89

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National Park Service

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**Note: These changes apply to
St. Peter and St. Paul Russian
Orthodox Church in Koochiching
County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 83000908

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Koochiching

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Saints Peter and Paul Russian
Orthodox Church

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Bramble

ADDRESS: Mn. Hwy. 65

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date