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1826. Almost a century after the settlement was first established, about 1870, the first R.O. church building was constructed. The present church building dates back at least fifty years. (Fedorova, 1973, 226; Schnurer, 1974, 16, 25, 28, 29; Wallace, 1974, 110; Kreta, Notes).

The present building is a study in economical use of existing materials. It is little more than two rectangular small buildings joined to form one elongated cabin. The overall length is 38'3", with the longer (western) section about two-thirds of the length, and entry through a wide single-leaf door of vertical battened boards, directly into the nave. The shingled roof is a medium-angle gable, surmounted east of the mid-point by a modest octagonal cylinder-shaped cupola, which, in turn, is surmounted by a low-angle pyramidal roof from which spires the single high cross. (Father P. Mercurief, Floor Plan, May 28, 1976; Kreta/Mercurief, Photos).

Tradition says that the altar section was once part of a local store, and that the longer end, the nave, was once part of a local dance hall. There is no architectural distinction to the building, but it is an unusual example of adaptive use, and retains the integrity of its use over the past half century as the community R.O. church. (Kreta, Notes).

QUAD: Seldovia

1. St. Nicholas Chapel (AHRS SITE NO. SEL-023)
2. LOCATION
 - a. NA
 - b. Seldovia
 - c. NA
 - d. Alaska
 - e. 02
 - f. Kenai-Cook Inlet Division
 - g. 120
3. AHRS DATE: May 18, 1973
4. CONDITION: Good

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5. ALTERED
6. ORIGINAL SITE

Tradition relates that there was a log church here early in the 19th century, replaced by this church at a date not documented, possibly in the 19th century. cursory examination suggests that this handsome village church was built in three segments. The main chamber, housing the nave and altar, are now one rectangular building, measuring 37'10.5" in length and 21'2" in width. The eastern 2/3rds of this probably was the original church, with the remainder added at a later date. The medium low-angle gable roof is capped by a quadrangular cupola covered by a pyramidal roof, from which spires a R.O. cross. At the west (entry) end of the building, there is a rectangular tower, 8'2" in depth and 8'6.5" in width, which houses an entryway and bell tower of a partially exposed octagonal design, surmounted by a low-angle pyramidal roof, from which spires the high cross of the church. The tower is probably the last addition to the structure, but even that may date back more than fifty years. (Kreta, Notes; Father P. Mercurief, Floor Plan, May 25, 1976; Wallace, 1974, 110, Plate 136; Kreta/Mercurief, Photos).

QUAD: Sitka

1. St. John the Baptist Church (AHRS SITE NO. SIT-055)
2. LOCATION
 - a. NA
 - b. Angoon, Alaska
 - c. NA
 - d. Alaska
 - e. 02
 - f. Angoon Division
 - g. 030
3. AHRS DATE: May 18, 1973
4. CONDITION: Good
5. UNALTERED
6. ORIGINAL SITE

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QUAD: RUSSIAN MISSION (C-1)

St. Sergius Chapel, Little Russian Mission (also known as Chuathbaluk) (AHR SITE NO. RUS-015)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Tallest elevation in remote Alaskan Native village, sited at northeast end of only and main community road, 750 feet on the road line from high tide mark, as sited on U.S. Survey map sheet 872, enclosed. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Russian Mission (Little) 1963".

QUAD: RUSSIAN MISSION (C-4)

St. Seraphim Chapel (Old Church), Lower Kalskag (AHR SITE NO. RUS-017)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is on Lot 7, Block 3, U.S. Survey map sheet 4414, Lower Kalskag Townsite, per letter from George E. M. Gusafson, Bureau of Land Management Alaskan Townsite Trustee, to Very Reverend Joseph Kreta, March 21, 1974.

QUAD: Samalga Island

St. Nicholas Church, Nikolski (AHR SITE NO. SAM-022)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on U. S. Survey map sheet 808, enclosed. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Nikolski 1967".

QUAD: SELDOVIA (B-6)

Saints Sergius and Herman of Valaam Church, English Bay (AHR SITE NO. SEL-018)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on U.S. Survey map sheet 368, enclosed. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "English Bay (Alexandroeska) 1962".

QUAD: SELDOVIA (B-5)

St. Nicholas Chapel, Seldovia (AHR SITE NO. SEL-023)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on U. S. Survey map sheet 371, enclosed. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Seldovia 1963"; and, on State of Alaska, "City of Seldovia Alaska," aerial photo map (1971, 1972)

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LOCATION: English Bay

NAME OF PROPERTY AND AHRS NUMBER: Saints Sergius and Herman of Valaam Church
(AHRS SITE NO. SEL-018)

QUADRANGLE SCALE: 1: 63, 360

UTM REFERENCE:

ZONE: 0 5

EASTING: 5 6 1 3 9 1

NORTHING: 6 5 7 9 9 9 6

QUADRANGLE NAME: Seldovia (B-5)

LOCATION: Seldovia

NAME OF PROPERTY AND AHRS NUMBER: St. Nicholas Chapel (AHRS SITE NO. SEL-023)

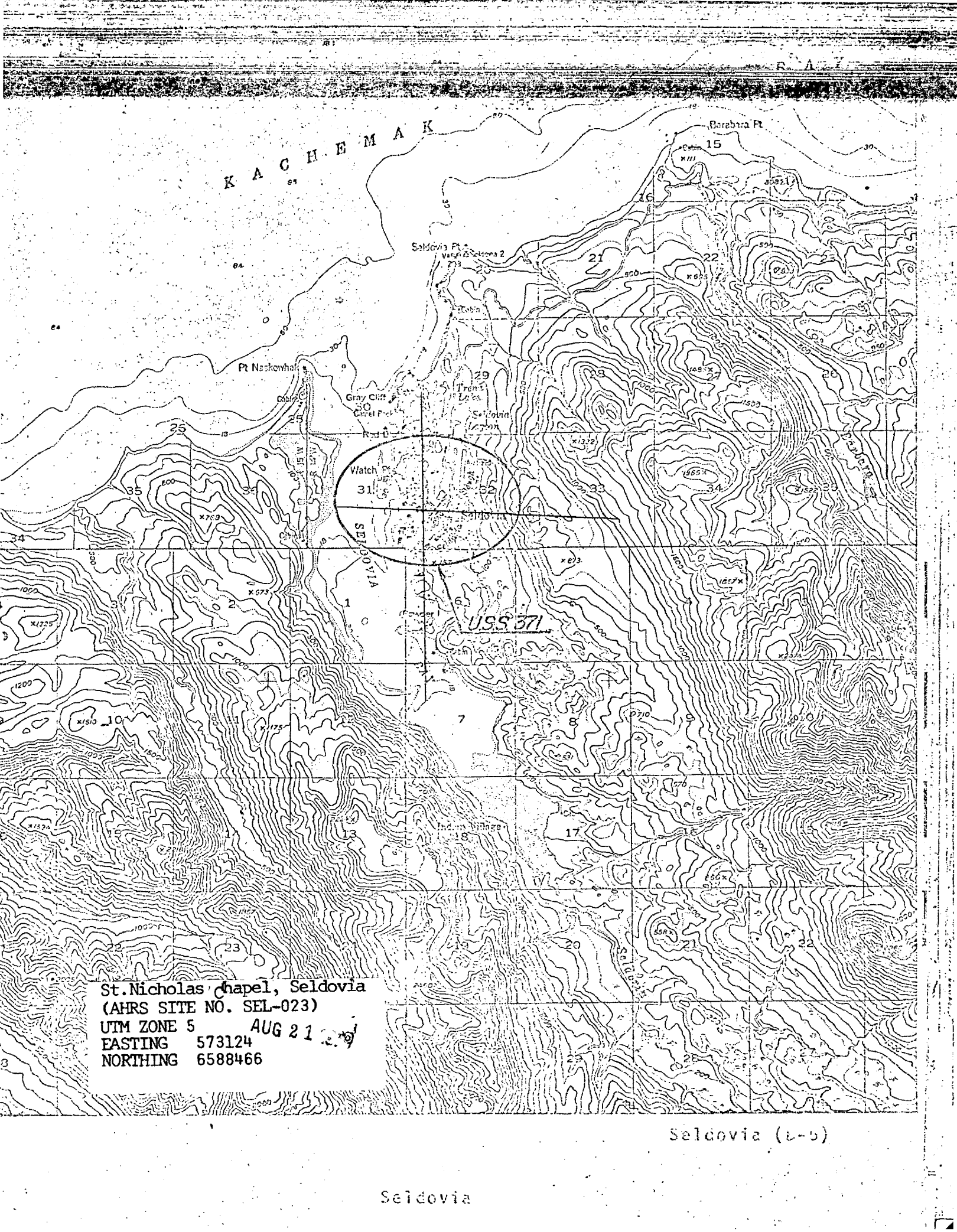
QUADRANGLE SCALE: 1: 63, 360

UTM REFERENCE:

ZONE: 0 5

EASTING: 5 7 3 1 2 4

NORTHING: 6 5 8 8 4 6 6



KACHEMAK

Borebara Pt.

Seldovia Pt.
Watch Pt. Station 2

Pt. Naskowhak

Gray Cliff

Circuit Post

Watch Pt.

USS 371

Indian Village

St. Nicholas Chapel, Seldovia
(AHR SITE NO. SEL-023)
UTM ZONE 5
EASTING 573124
NORTHING 6588466

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