

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC AND/OR COMMON
* * Immaculate Conception Church (AHR Site FAI-030)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 115 North Cushman Street
CITY, TOWN: Fairbanks VICINITY OF: at Large
STATE: Alaska CODE: 02 COUNTY: Fairbanks CODE: 090

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska
STREET & NUMBER: 1316 Peger Road
CITY, TOWN: Fairbanks VICINITY OF: Alaska

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: District Recorders Office, State Office Building
STREET & NUMBER: 602 Barnette Street
CITY, TOWN: Fairbanks STATE: Alaska

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Alaska Heritage Resources Survey
DATE: October 10, 1972
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Alaska Division of Parks
CITY, TOWN: 323 East 4th Ave. STATE: Alaska
Senators: Ted Stevens/Mike Gravel Congressman: Don Young Anchorage, Alaska

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 present structure of Immaculate Conception Church is vernacular, accidental and eclectic. It has evolved over a period of years, primarily from 1904 through 1928. The nucleus of the present structure is the original rough frame house built hastily in September-October 1904. The site of that original structure was approximately 400 feet south of the present site, on the south bank of the Chena River. That was the first Roman Catholic church built in the interior of Alaska.

The original structure was of rough finished lumber, primarily of local origin. It measured 30 by 65 feet. That first autumn and winter there was no painting or finishing work -- little physical evidence to give the building identification as a church. The total cost of construction was \$6,512. The following spring and summer the living quarters were decorated and a library and reading room were opened.

In 1906 a church affiliated hospital was built across the river, set back several hundred feet from the river bank, which was occupied by a sawmill. A decision to move the church to the far bank of the river, to replace the sawmill, was executed in 1911. The church acquired the sawmill location. The old structures were torn down, the building site was cleared, basement area excavated, and a foundation frame was prepared to receive the original structure.

In late October 1911 the church on the south bank of the Chena was raised from its original foundation and prepared for relocation, at the same time the new site was being prepared to receive it. The contractor engaged for the moving job intended to bridge the river and move the building across the bridge. The cleric in charge thought otherwise and undertook the project himself.

The river had to be crossed diagonally, a distance of more than 400 feet. Two parallel lines were drawn on the ice, 30 feet apart, from one bank to the other, on the path along which the movement would take place. Holes were cut into the ice every 8 feet along each of these lines. Log sections were wedged into these holes and let freeze. The logs then were sawed to a height 2 feet above the ice to serve as piers to support the timber tracks on which the structure was rolled across the river, from the south bank to the north bank.

The north bank was steep, so the last step of the transit across the river was to raise the church 25 feet from the river's surface to the top of the newly prepared foundation. The move was executed and completed in mid-November. The weather, which had remained mild, turned bitterly cold, once the structure was set upon its new site. This structure has since served as the core for the subsequent development of the present main church structure.

In the spring of 1912 the rough basement excavation beneath the church was built into a parish hall and a separate residence building was constructed, leaving the church to serve wholly as a place of religious and ceremonial functions. Electric wiring was installed the summer of 1912.

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Major additional construction was undertaken in the spring of 1914. The single-centre church tower and spire was built and a vestibule or lobby added to the front of the structure, separating the entry function from the main chapel. The walls were raised five feet in height, and the roof, while being elevated, was raised in pitch from 40° to 45°. A gallery was built for the choir, and the entire church was refinished with pressed decorative metal.

The stained glass windows were installed during the years 1926-1928, and major work of landscaping and planting of the lawn was completed. These renovations presented the church with the appearance and structure it retains to this time.

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 checked="" 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/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1904 to present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Rev. Francis Monroe, S.J.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In August 1904 the Rev. Francis Monroe, S.J., received orders at St. Michael, Alaska, to proceed to the gold rush camp at Fairbanks on the Chena River, and to build there a church to serve the emergent community. The discovery of gold in the Fairbanks area in 1902 had drawn prospectors from the boom towns that had emerged in the Klondike to the east and from Nome to the northwest. The town was in its second booming season. Choice lots in the center of the most occupied area of the town were no longer available. Father Monroe located a lot along the Chena River at the end of the built up area. His site had one most desirable characteristic. It lay along the main road to the major placer mining creeks.

Father Monroe begged funds to build his church and raised \$3,051.00 by the time he had secured a site. The following summer he raised an additional \$4,795.75, by continuing his personal solicitations, while traveling all over the placer creeks in his ministry. These funds paid for finishing the church inside and out, and for beginning the library and reading room.

When the impetus of the gold rush abated, the character of Fairbanks which emerged proved different from most other boom towns of the Klondike-Alaska gold rush era. Fairbanks had developed significant characteristics of permanency, which few other gold rush towns had. This element of permanency included her churches and their institutions, including the Immaculate Conception Church.

Construction of the hospital, across the river, was begun in 1906, also in response to vital needs of the emerging community. The subsequent move of the original church structure in 1911, across the Chena River to the hospital area, was designed to consolidate the main community services of the church onto contiguous sites. Even travel across the river was to be avoided during the long bitter cold winter months, which included twenty-hour nights at -60° f. So, the buildings were moved together. The functions of the hospital, the priests' residence, and parochial school (originally occupying the church basement), were then centralized in contiguous buildings.

The embellishment and decoration of the church, and the permanent additions and decorations over the years, reflected a constant level of increasing activity in support of the community's needs. The construction of military bases near Fairbanks during and after World War II -- Ladd Field (later Fort Wainwright) and Eielson Air Force Base -- called for additional support from the civilian religious community, and stimulated still further the role of the church in the growth of Fairbanks.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Golden Jubilee, Immaculate Conception Church. /Fairbanks, 1954/
 Archives, Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska
 Church Records, Immaculate Conception Church, Fairbanks, Alaska

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	0,7	4,6,5,8,9,0	7,1,9,1,2,4,2	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Commencing at a point 400.3 feet south from the N.W. corner of Block Four of the North Addition to Fairbanks, which said point is on the W. boundary of said block; thence N. 77° 47' E 91.8 ft. to a post; thence S. 11° 04' E. 155.2 ft. to a point on the S. boundary of said block; thence S. 54° 33' W. 34.7 ft; thence S. 62° 32' W. 65.0 ft. to the SW corner of said block; thence N. 10° 24' W. 186.2 ft. to the place of beginning.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE	Alfred Mongin Architectural Historian	DATE	November 18, 1975
ORGANIZATION	Alaska Division of Parks	TELEPHONE	(907) 274-4676
STREET & NUMBER	323 East 4th Avenue	STATE	Alaska 99501
CITY OR TOWN	Anchorage,		

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 *William Steinhilber*
 TITLE *Deputy SHPO* DATE *January 19, 1976*

FOR NPS USE ONLY	I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE	<i>4/3/76</i>
ATTEST:	<i>Robert B. Ketting</i> DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE	<i>3-30-76</i>
	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER		

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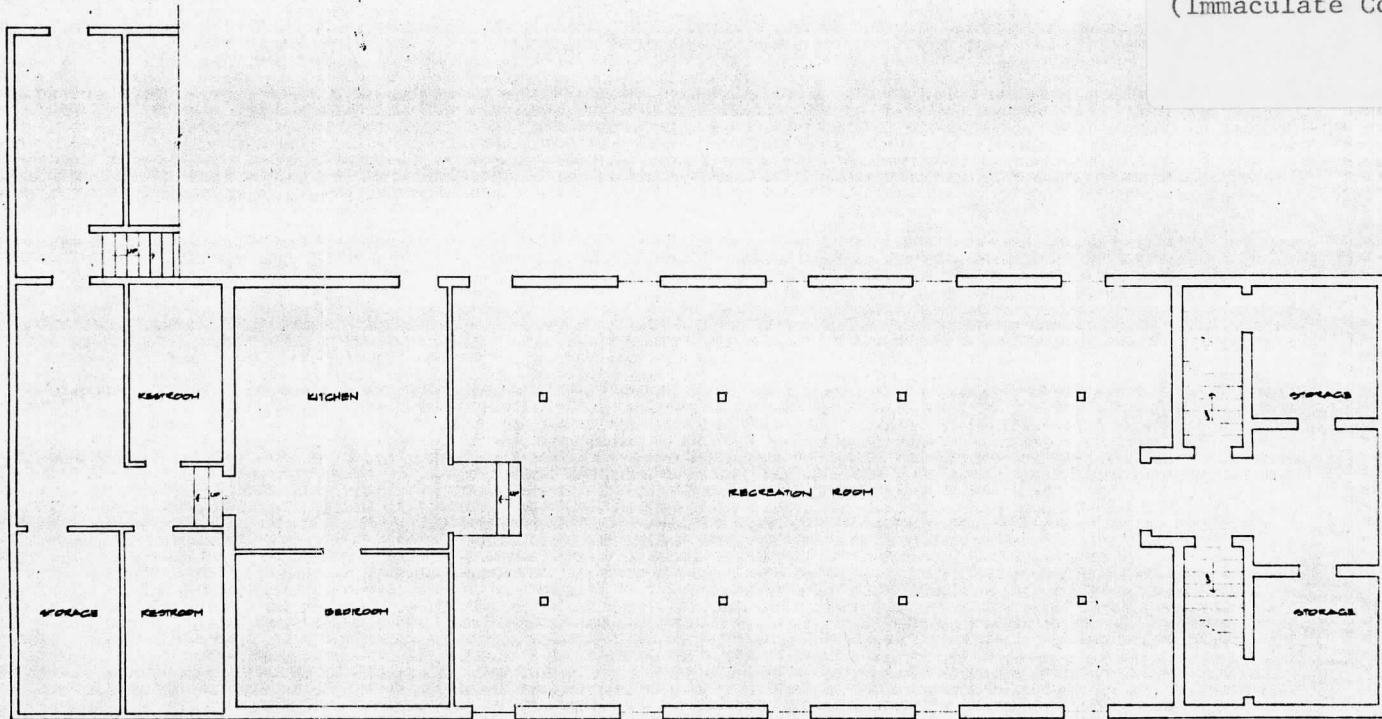
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and

Rev. Francis E. Mueller, S.J. - Chancellor
Roman Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks
1316 Peger Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

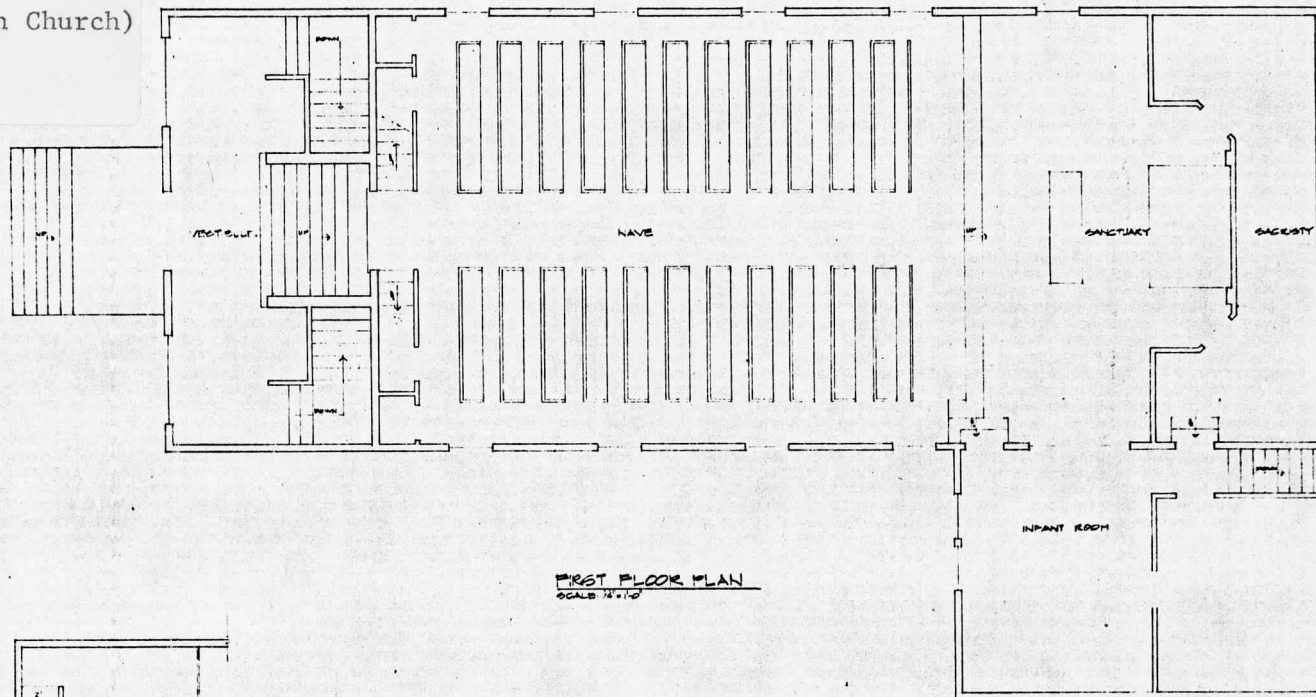
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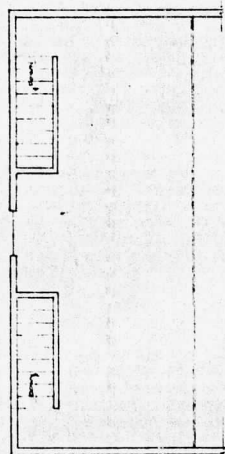
BASEMENT PLAN
SCALE 1/4"=1'-0"

CATHOLIC CHURCH
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
115 N. CUSHMAN ST. FAIRBANKS ALASKA

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FIRST FLOOR PLAN
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"



BALCONY PLAN
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

CATHOLIC CHURCH
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
116 N. CUSHMAN ST. PAIRBANKS ALASKA



Property Immaculate Conception Church

State Alaska Working Number 8.8.73.3435

76002278

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 1

Wrong Zone
Signature OK. Letter in file

CONTROL

OK pl
1.28.76

I don't know what to suggest. The building appears eligible for architecture, and yet we still do not have an architectural description, or statements of architectural or religious significance.

HISTORIAN

Conference or Accept
W. R. Luce
1/29/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

I think religious significance as anchor for permanent community and as first R.C. Church built in interior is sufficient.

ACCEPT
LEBOVITZ
2-12-76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

Agree with Bill. Adequate significance.
Continued significance.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Colz
3-26-76

BRANCH CHIEF

accept
Humphrey
3-29-76

KEEPER

Accept
Kettig (for Murtagh)
3-30-76

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 5-4-76 Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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INT:2106-74

PROPERTY	Immaculate Conception Church STATE Alaska	
WORKING NUMBER	8-8. 73 3435	
TECH REVIEW	Photos <u>1</u>	
	Maps <u>1</u>	
CONTROL REVIEW	Xerox map. # 12 <u>No letter</u> authorizing signature. Xerox map + photo forms	CM 8-9- 73
HISTORIAN	despite moving & alterations appears sign for Alaska + its age	Return then Accept AML - 8/9/73
ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN	Interesting property despite move. We need	Accept etc 9/6/73
ARCHEOLOGIST	Better description and some history of church itself since we had to send it back anyway	Return form info 9-10-73 C. Shull (then accept)
REVIEW UNIT CHIEF		
BRANCH CHIEF		
KEEPER		

National Register write-up _____
Federal Register entry _____

Send-back 9.19.73
Re-submit 1.27.76
Entered _____

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

- 1. Name. _____
- 2. Location. _____
- 3. Classification. _____
- 4. Owner of Property. _____
- 5. Location of Legal Description. _____
- 6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____
- 7. Description. Please provide a more detailed architectural description of building, including more details on alterations.
- 8. Statement of Significance. _____
- 9. Bibliography. _____
- 10. Geographical Data.
 - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. Longitude (or Latitude) appears to be off by about _____ . Please check.
 - b. Acreage. _____
- 11. Form Prepared By. _____
- 12. Certification. We have no document giving her the authority to sign
- Photographic Coverage. _____
- Map Coverage. Please send an original USGS map that enables us to check lat. + long.
- Other. Please use original photo and map forms

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked. Shaps
SIGNED: Sam A. [Signature]



Catholic Church and Hospital
Fairbanks, Alaska

CANN
HOLD

1928

Fairbanks Church grounds & Hospital
with Father O'Reilly & Brange
in the shade July 1928

Father Selon

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
115 N. CUSHMAN ST.
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701

VIEW SOUTH TO FRONT
OF CHURCH

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NPS Number 43/76

Title: Immaculate Conception Church
Interior Detail, Alaska

Loc. View north toward front
of Immaculate Conception
Church

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2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Fairbanks

____ VICINITY OF

STATE
Alaska

COUNTY
at Large

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Father Delon

DATE OF PHOTO

NEGATIVE FILED AT Alaska Division of Parks

July 1928

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO.

View north toward Front of Immaculate Conception Church

1 24

#1 REAR OF CHURCH OLD LOCATION FAIRBANKS



#2

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

VIEW SOUTH — ORIGINAL REAR

WALL OF BUILDING

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Interior District, Alaska
Loc. View south showing
original rear wall of
building 2 of 4

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COUNTY

at Large

STATE

Alaska

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Father Jette

DATE OF PHOTO

NEGATIVE FILED AT

Alaska Division of Parks

c. 1905

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO.

View south showing original rear wall of building

244



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

VIEW SOUTHEAST SHOWING PRESENT
APPEARANCE OF MODIFIED AND
AUGMENTED REAR AND SIDE
WALLS

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Title: Immaculate Conception Church
Interior District, Alaska

Loc. View Southeast showing present
appearance of modified &
augmented rear & side walls of bldg.
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Fairbanks

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COUNTY

at Large

STATE

Alaska

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Alfred Mongin

DATE OF PHOTO 17 December 1975

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PHOTO NO.

View southeast showing present appearance of modified
and augmented rear and side walls of building

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View looking north showing additions of vestibule and bell tower to original building

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CITY, TOWN _____ VICINITY OF COUNTY STATE
Fairbanks at Large Alaska

3 MAP REFERENCE

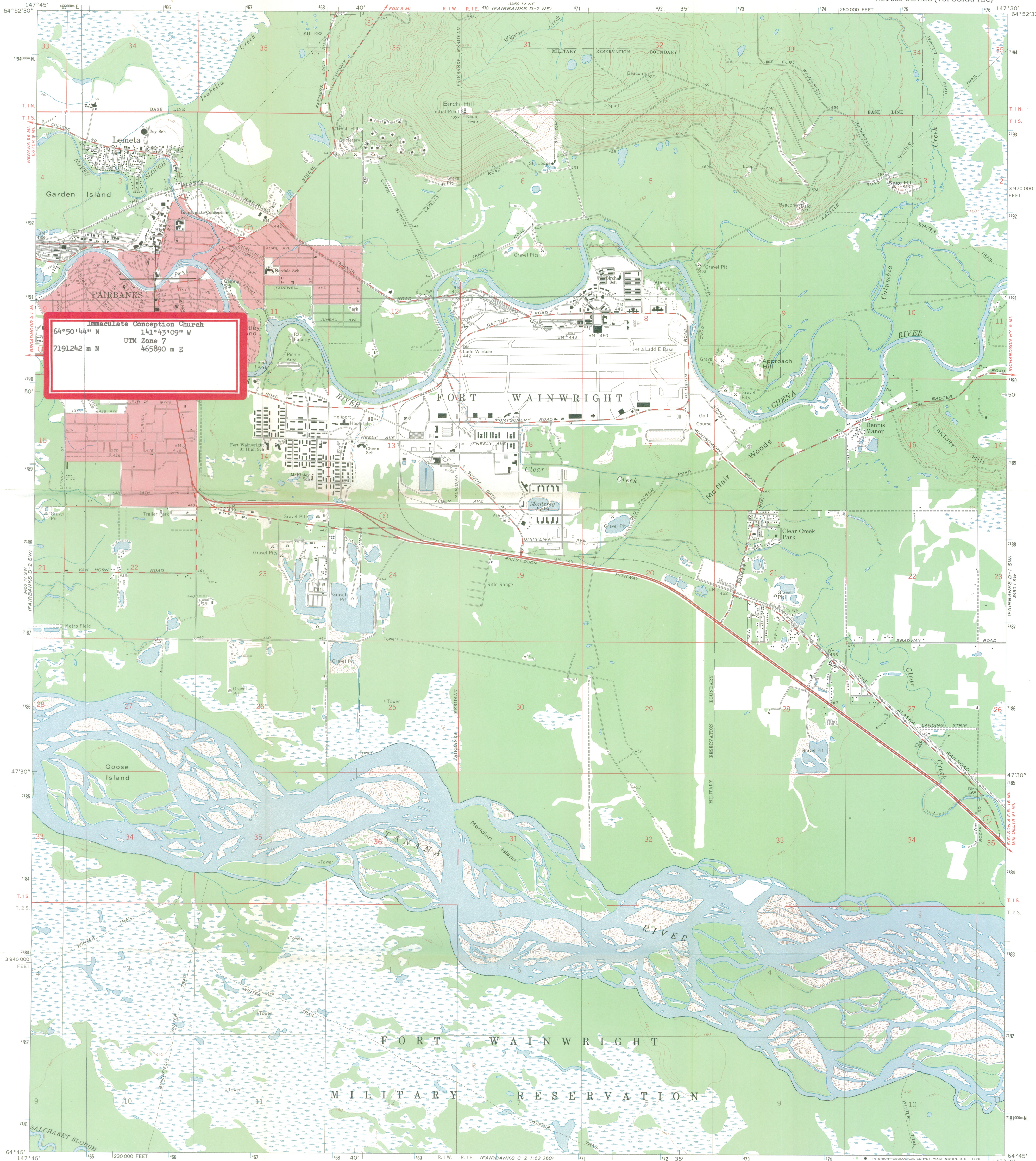
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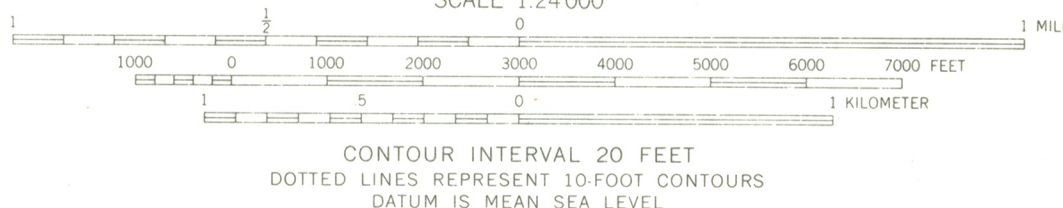
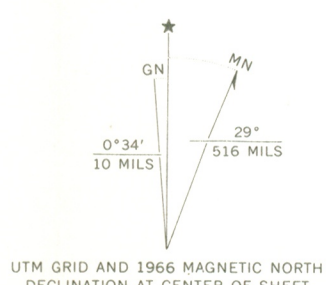
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



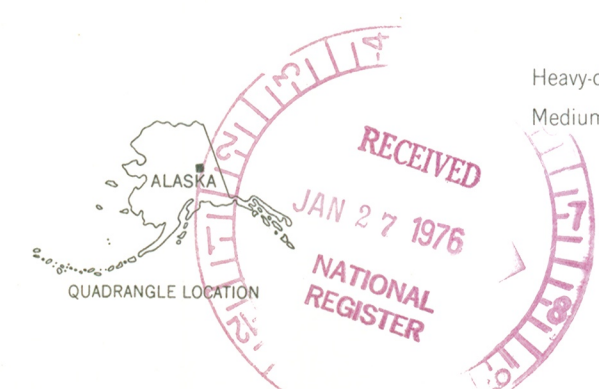
Immaculate Conception Church
64°50'44" N 141°43'09" W
7191242 m N UTM Zone 7
465890 m E

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1966
Universal Transverse Mercator projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Alaska coordinate system, zone 3
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 6, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Gray land lines represent unsurveyed and unmarked
locations predetermined by the Bureau of Land Management
Folios F-6, F-7, F-9, and F-10, Fairbanks Meridian
Swamps, as portrayed, indicate only the wetter areas,
usually of low relief, as interpreted from aerial photographs



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 10-FOOT CONTOURS
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
○ State Route

FAIRBANKS D-2 SE, ALASKA
N6445—W14730/ 7.5 x 15
1966
AMS 3450 IV SE—SERIES Q801

Immaculate Conception Church

VOTING RECORD

NATIONAL REGISTER
NOMINATION:

Immaculate Conception Church

DATE April 12, 1973

YES

NO

State Historic
Preservation Officer (Smith)

State Archaeologist (Workman)

Architect (Bridges)

Historian (Cashen)

Historian (Frederick)

Historian (Wallace)

Historian (Rock)

TOTAL

APPROVED

Certified by:

Stipulation (if any): _____



HISTORIC PRESERVATION MATERIAL

Transmittal Inventory

19 January 1976

(Date)

TO: Dr. William J. Murtagh
~~Keeper of the National Register~~
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

1. National Register Nomination: Immaculate Conception Church
2. Property Photographs and Forms: a. July 1928 View North
b. c. 1905 View South
c. December 1975 View Southeast
d. December 1975 View North
3. Property Maps and Forms: a. USGS Fairbanks D-2 SE, Alaska
b. _____
4. Other: 9/19/73 National Register Resubmission Instruction Form

State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Parks
323 E. Fourth Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501



HISTORIC PRESERVATION MATERIAL

Transmittal Inventory

28 January 1976

(Date)

FILE: 3330-1
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TO: Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240



1. National Register Nomination: Immaculate Conception Church (additional material)
2. Property Photographs and Forms: a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____
3. Property Maps and Forms: a. _____
b. _____
4. Other: First Floor and Balcony Plan (1 sheet); Basement Plan (1 sheet).
Both sheets dated 6/9/73.

State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Parks
323 E. Fourth Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ALASKA

Date Entered APR 3 1976

Name

Immaculate Conception Church

Location

**Fairbanks
Interior District**

Hon. Ted Stevens

Also Notified

**Hon. Mike Gravel
Hon. Don Young
Regional Director, Pacific
Northwest Region**

P.R.:M Mott:coc 4/12/76

**State Historic Preservation Office
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MR NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Immaculate Conception Church
 2 OTHER NAMES: (AHR Site FAI-030) *AC*
 3 date of entry: 4-3-76
 4 county code: 090

5 LOCATION street & number: 115 N. Cushman St.
 city / town: Fairbanks
 vicinity of: Fairbanks
 state: AK
 county: Fairbanks
 6 NPS REGION: Pacific N. West

7 OWNER: PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name)
 8 ADMINISTRATOR:

9 EXISTING SURVEYS: HABS HAER NHL
 10 FUNDED?: YES NO
 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT:
 12 SOURCE OF NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL
 if state who prepared form?
 13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?: YES NAME:
 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?: YES NAME:
 15 ACREAGE: 2.1
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION:
 excellent deteriorated altered original site
 good ruins unaltered moved 1911
 fair unexposed reconstructed unknown
 unexcavated excavated
 17 features:
 INTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7
 EXTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRONS: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS: YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown
 19 ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO
 20 SAVED?: YES NO
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?: yes no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2 COMMERCE-6 ENTERTAINMENT-26 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 POLITICS / GOVT.-21 RECREATION-28
 ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1 COMMUNICATIONS-7 EXPLORATION-12 LAW-16 RELIGION-22 SETTLEMENT-29
 AGRICULTURE-3 CONSERVATION-8 HEALTH-27 MILITARY-18 SCIENCE-23 URBAN PLANNING-31
 ARCHITECTURE-4 ECONOMICS-9 INDUSTRY-13 MUSIC-19 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 ART-5 EDUCATION-10 INVENTION-14 PHILOSOPHY-20 SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 TRANSPORTATION-25
 22 CLAIMS: explain
 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

23 functions:
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: religious
 CURRENTLY:
 24 dates of initial construction: 1904
 major alterations:
 historic events: moved 1911
 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION:

26 architectural style(s): STICK STYLE ELEMENTS
 27 architect:
 28 master builder:
 29 engineer:

30 landscape architect / garden designer:
 31 interior decorator:
 32 artist:
 33 artisan:
 34 builder / contractor:

35 NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL: REV. FRANCIS MONROE, S.J., - FOUNDER OF CHURCH.
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP: *OVER HIGH BASEMENT,* FRAME, CLAPBOARDING; 1 1/2 STORIES, L-SHAPED, STANDING SEAM TIN GABLED ROOF, EXTERIOR CHIMNEY; 1-STORY FULL-WIDTH PROJECTING ENTRANCE VESTIBULE WITH GLAZED DOUBLE DOORS, TRANSOM AND FLANKING TRIPLE WINDOWS; SURMOUNTING STATUARY, PROJECTING CENTER BELL TOWER WITH STICK WORK BELLY OPENINGS AND KICKED PYRAMIDAL ROOF, FLANKING ROUND-ARCHED OPENINGS, REAR GABLE DECORATIVE VERTICAL SIDING; PRESSED TIN INTERIOR DECORATION, STAINED GLASS CHOIR LOFT; 1-STORY REAR WING, 2-STORY SIDE WING; MOVED, 1911. STICK STYLE ELEMENTS. FOUNDED BY REV. FRANCIS MONROE, S.J., TO BRING RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE TO THE THEN MINING BOOM TOWN OF FAIRBANKS. MOVED 401 ACROSS THE CHENA RIVER *
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* 36 WHEN FROZEN, OCTOBER 1911