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United States Department of the Interior
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

other name/site number: AHRS Site No. BTH-001

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2. Location

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street & number: N/A not for publication: N/A

city/town: Kwethluk vicinity: N/A

state: AK county: Bethel code: 050 zip code: 99621

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: private

Category of Property: building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Russian Orthodox Church Buildings and Sites Thematic Resources

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination

request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Judith S. Pittman
Signature of certifying official

Feb. 21, 1991
Date

Alaska
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

✓ entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

Antonieta J. Ace

4/15/91

determined eligible for the
National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the
National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain): _____

for _____
Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Religion Sub: Religious structure

Current: Vacant/not in use Sub: N/A

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Other

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation: Wood roof: Wood
 walls: Wood other: _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church is a modest example of a Russian Orthodox church, presenting an eclectic mixture of Russo-European and Alaskan architectural traditions. Constructed in September and October of 1935, the church replaced at least one earlier building that was severely deteriorated (and was demolished in 1936). St. Nicholas Church is constructed of cedar, from its structural framework to the cedar shingles covering roof and walls. The foundation is log, with the sill laid directly on grade. Deterioration of the lower logs is evident. A fence encloses the church property and graveyard. Numerous fenced gravesites, some of which predate the church, lie within the property.

The floor plan is rectangular, and resembles a ship, a design often followed in Russian Orthodox churches. It measures 51'8" x 10'6". The roof is a simple gable. Two cupolas supporting onion-shaped domes surmounted with crosses formerly were located along the ridgeline. Blown off by high winds circa 1983, the cupolas are currently stored adjacent to the building and are in poor condition.

The sanctuary occupies the easterly 12'8". A distance of 6'10" separates the iconostas, the border of the sanctuary, from the altar, or krilos. The remaining 32' of the main structure comprises the nave. Four wood-framed windows are located at equal intervals along the south and north walls. Slightly vertical in appearance, each sash is set with six lights.

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A vestibule, which rises into a handsome belltower with square base, is centered on the west facade. It is a square room measuring 12'7" on a side and has a low angle hip roof surmounted by the belltower. A small window, with single glass pane, is centered on each of the side walls of the vestibule. The entrance doors are plain, but handsome, double wooden doors constructed of vertical planking. A simple flat-roofed, open porch, which formerly protected these doors, was removed in the late 1970s due to advanced deterioration. Two steps leading to the porch were removed at the same time. These steps and porch had replaced a slightly smaller, earlier porch.

Square in plan, the lower portion of the belltower is set approximately six inches into the front eave of the main roof. A single round light with sunburst frame is located in the north and south walls. Two round lights with similar, strikingly decorative frames are set into the west (front) wall with one located directly above the other.

The cupola with crown-shaped dome which sat directly on the square base was in deteriorated condition and was removed in 1984 or 1985 to avoid additional damage from high winds. It is located on the ground adjacent to the church and is in poor condition. The dome construction is wood frame covered with canvas. The octagonal cupola has four open arches and housed five bells of various sizes. Three of the bells have cracked and two have been installed in other locations. Handsome crosses, formerly located at the peak of the dome and four corners of the base, have been removed. These crosses, as well as the two mentioned earlier, were constructed in the village of Kwethluk specifically for St. Nicholas.

The church is in remarkably good condition for a building which has stood empty for more than ten years. It has sustained some water damage in the area of the belltower and through deteriorating window frames, but basically is sound. The alterations, removal of the cupolas and front porch, are significant modifications, but all are reversible. Physical remains and photographs of the cupolas and porch are available to guide accurate restoration efforts.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): A

Areas of Significance: Religion
Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1935

Significant Dates: 1935

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Russian Orthodox Church

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X
See continuation sheet.

Constructed in the fall of 1935, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church at Kwethluk replaced an earlier Russian Orthodox church building in the community. A small, modest building by today's standards, the 1935 church was one of two major community buildings in the small Yupik Eskimo village during the 1930s and is the oldest standing structure in the village today. The floor plan is rectangular and resembles a ship, a design found in a number of Russian Orthodox churches in Alaska. In addition to church functions, Kwethluk residents used the building for many community activities.

Russian Orthodoxy took root in many Alaska Native villages in western Alaska during the mid-1800s, and expanded during a major missionary effort conducted by the church in the 1890s and early 1900s. Some reasons for the success of the Russian Orthodox Church in Alaska include its easy blending of Native and Russian traditions, early reliance on local lay leadership, and promotion of the use of the Native language.

The first Orthodox church at Kwethluk, a small Yupik Eskimo village on the lower Kuskowkim River 18 miles northeast of the village of Bethel, opened sometime during the early 1900s. A little earlier, another

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religious denomination, the Moravians, attempted to establish a mission station at Kwethluk. They sent an Eskimo lay missionary to the village in 1890. He was murdered later that year by the village men for reasons still unclear. The Moravians sent another helper to the village in 1895 and built a small chapel in 1896. What happened to this building is unknown. In 1926, the Moravians constructed an orphanage and boarding school three miles upriver from Kwethluk that they operated until 1973. The Moravians built another chapel at Kwethluk in 1945. In their annual reports, however, the Moravian missionaries wrote that Russian Orthodoxy was the major religion in the village of Kwethluk.

The U.S. Bureau of Education reported that 136 people, all Natives, lived in 22 cabins and one aboriginal kashgee (community men's house) at Kwethluk in 1930. A report nine years later said that all of the homes in town were in poor condition. The first Orthodox church had deteriorated to the extent it had to be replaced in 1935. An economic survey of Kethluk, written in January 1939, noted that the residents "by community action built a substantial well-constructed church built from lumber purchased in Seattle. They arrange for the church supplies, make collections to meet the running expenses, and partically support the native priest."

The new church and the school, the latter built by the U.S. Bureau of Education in 1924, were the major buildings in the village and the only buildings available for community activities. A "very small" trading post operated at Kwethluk in 1939. Kwethluk residents held many weddings, funerals, holiday celebrations, and other community functions at St. Nicholas Church. Before they built their chapel at Kwethluk in 1945, the Moravians used the Russian Orthodox church in the community for occasional services.

Kwethluk is still a small, predominantly Native community. A new school and new houses have replaced the buildings standing during the 1930s. The 1935 church has also been replaced by a new building, but villagers want to preserve the old church--the oldest standing building in their community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than 1 acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	04	367620	6744135	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

The nominated property occupies Lot 9, Block 15 of the Federal Townsite Land Survey (USS 4221), and is roughly 75' x 50' in size.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

The boundary includes the church building and adjacent yard that have historically been associated with the property.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Joan M. Antonson, State Historian; Donna Lane, Architectural Historian

Organization: Alaska Division of Parks Date: April 13, 1989

Street & Number: P.O. Box 107001 Telephone: 907-762-2622

City or Town: Anchorage State: Alaska Zip: 99510-7001

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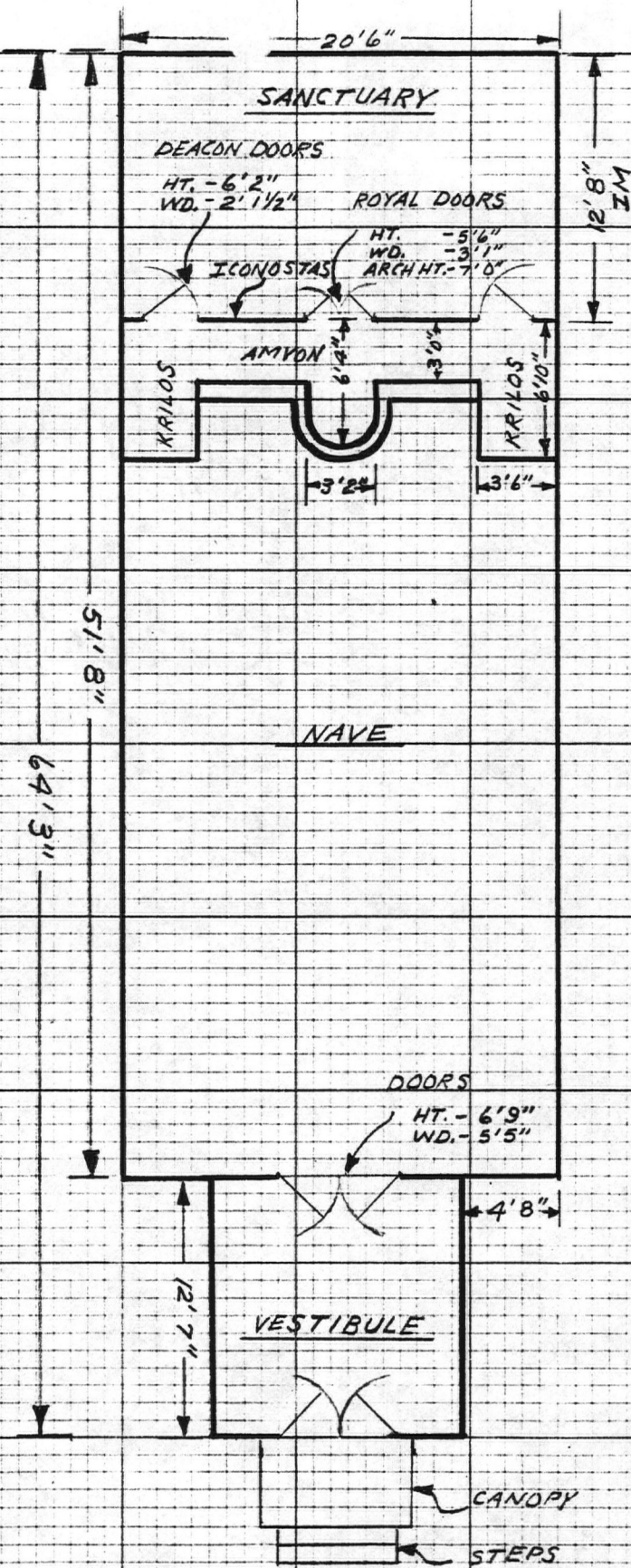
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1. St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church (AHRS Site No. BTH-001)
Kwethluk, Alaska
Nick N. Epchook
December 1987
P.O. Box 60, Kwethluk, Alaska 99621
Looking east

 2. St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church (AHRS Site No. BTH-001)
Kwethluk, Alaska
Nick N. Epchook
December 1987
P.O. Box 60, Kwethluk, Alaska 99621
Looking southeast

 3. St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church (AHRS Site No. BTH-001)
Kwethluk, Alaska
Nick N. Epchook
December 1987
P.O. Box 60, Kwethluk, Alaska 99621
Looking northeast

 4. St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church (AHRS Site No. BTH-001)
Kwethluk, Alaska
Nick N. Epchook
December 1987
P.O. Box 60, Kwethluk, Alaska 99621
Looking northwest



NOTE:
 IM = INSIDE MEASUREMENTS
 THE CHURCH STRUCTURE
 WAS MEASURED FROM THE
 OUTSIDE.

SCALE 1/8" = 1' (APPROX)

**ST. NICHOLAS
 RUSSIAN ORTHODOX
 CHURCH
 KWETHLUK, ALASKA**

SURVEY DATE 8-2-73
 DRAWN BY I. PHILEMONOFF

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

MULTIPLE NAME: Russian Orthodox Church Buildings and Sites TR

STATE & COUNTY: ALASKA, Bethel

DATE RECEIVED: 3/04/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/19/91
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4/04/91 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/18/91
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91000385

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: Y SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 4/15/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church is significant as representative of the success of the Russian Orthodox Church in Alaska and in the community of Kwethluk. It is one of two major community buildings in the Eskimo village. In design, it illustrates an eclectic mix of Russo-European and Alaskan architectural traditions.

RECOM./CRITERIA Recent / A+C
REVIEWER Antonietta G. Lee
DISCIPLINE History
DATE 4/15/91

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ___summary paragraph
___completeness
___clarity
___applicable criteria
___justification of areas checked
___relating significance to the resource
___context
___relationship of integrity to significance
___justification of exception
___other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

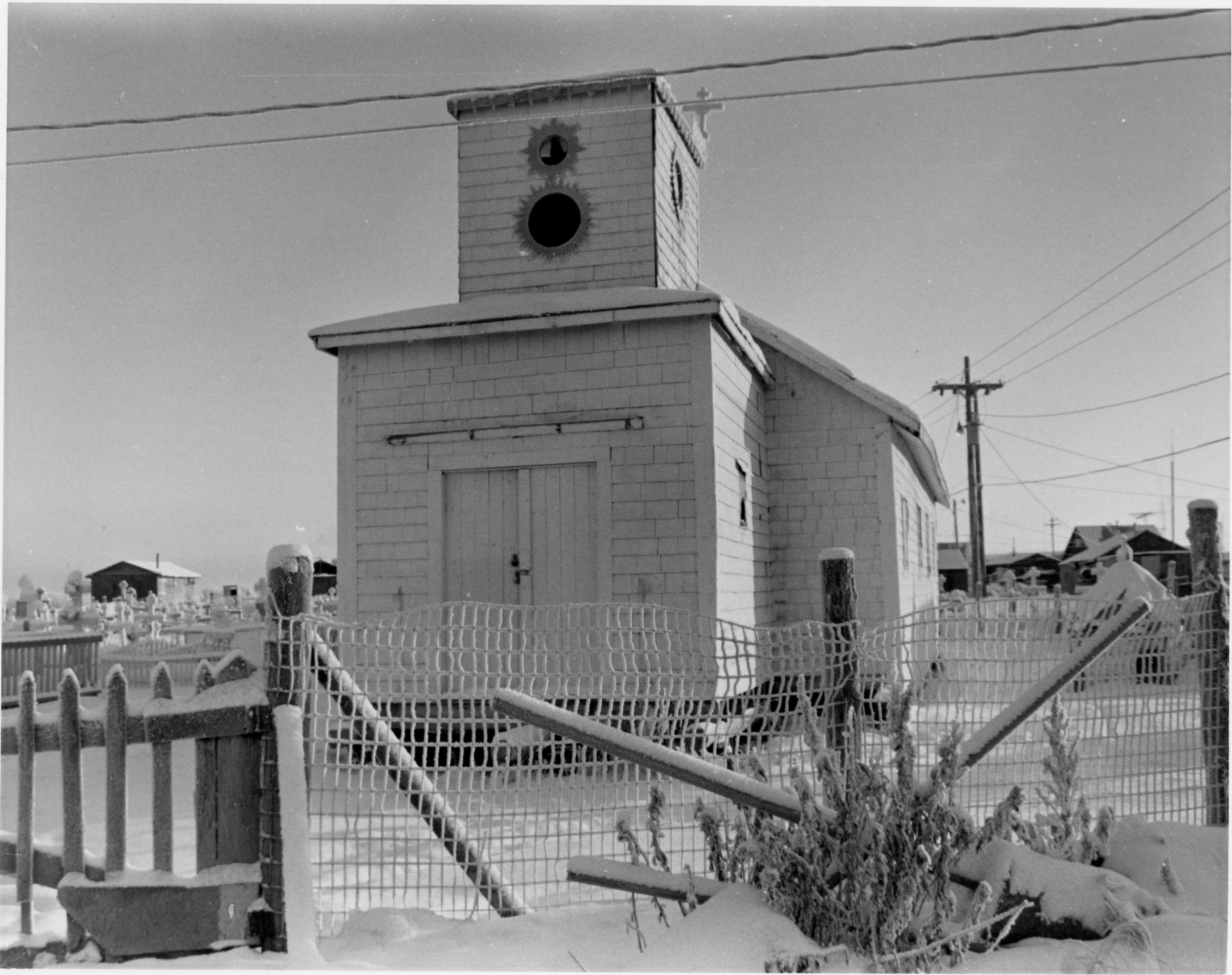
OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone

Signed

Date



ST. NICHOLAS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

AHRS SITE No. BTH-001

Kwethluk, Alaska

#1

Russian Orthodox Church
Belg + site 70



ST. NICHOLAS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
AHSR SITE No. BTH-001
KWETHLUK, ALASKA

#2

Russian Orthodox Church
Bldgs & Sites in



St. NICHOLAS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
AHS SITE No. BTH-001
KWETHLUK, ALASKA

#3

Russian Orthodox Church Bldg.
& Site #3



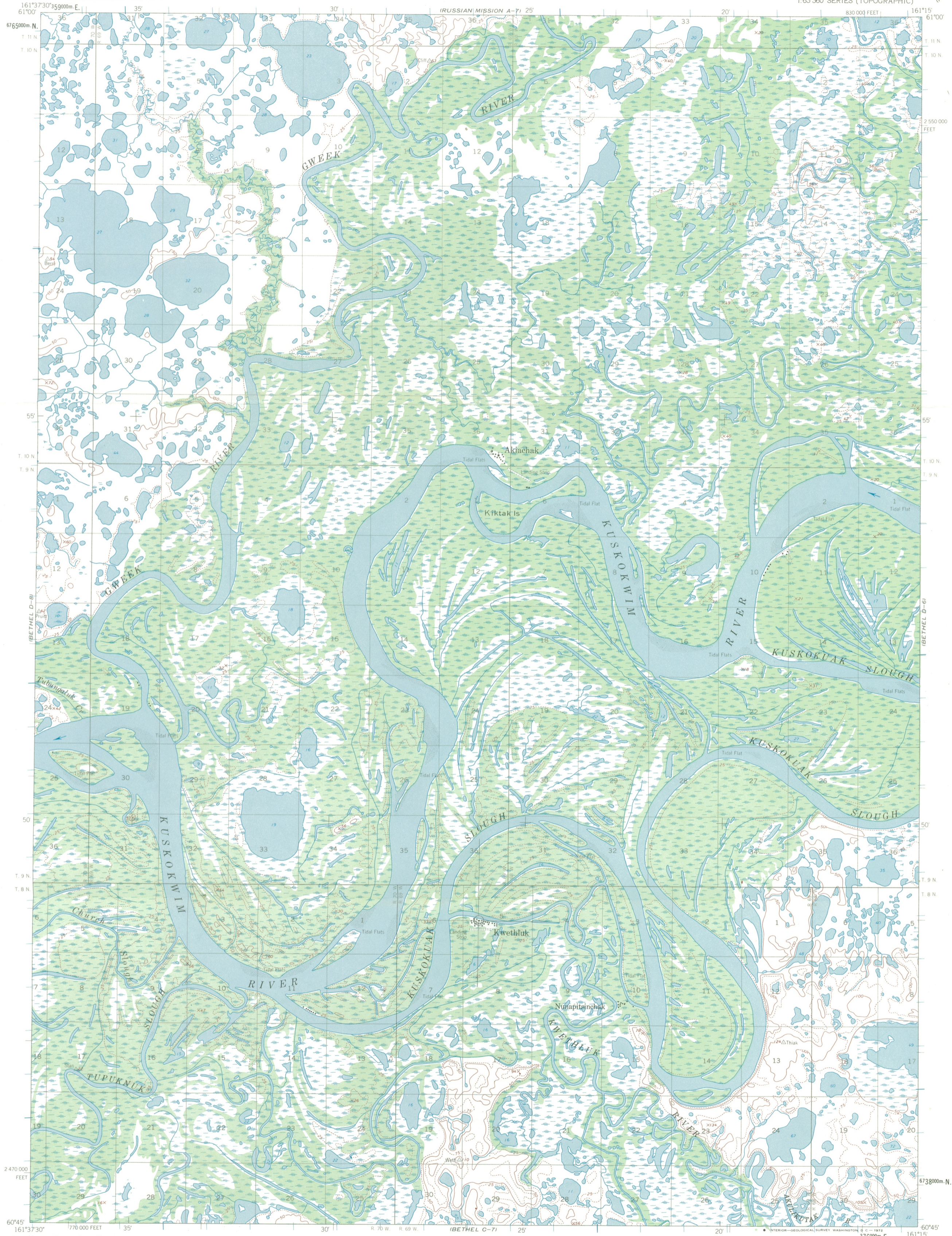
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KWETHLUK, ALASKA

Russian Orthodox Church
Blvd + sites 7d

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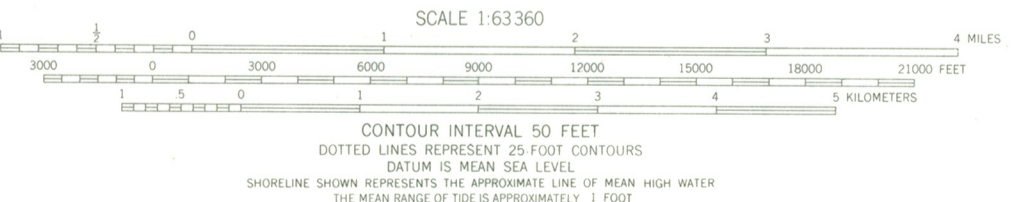
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

BETHEL (D-7) QUADRANGLE
ALASKA
1:63 360 SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox
Church
AKRS Site No. BTH-001
Kwethluk, Alaska
UTM Zone 04
347620 EASTING
6744135 NORTHING

Mapped by the Army Map Service
Edited and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USC&GS and USCE
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1952 and 1957, field annotated 1954.
Universal Transverse Mercator projection, 1927 North American datum
10,000 foot grid based on Alaska coordinate system, zone 7
1000 meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 4, shown in blue
Land lines represent unsurveyed and unmarked locations
determined by the Bureau of Land Management
Folio S-9, Seward Meridian



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
No roads or trails in this area

BETHEL (D-7), ALASKA
N6045-W16115/15X22.5

1954
MINOR REVISIONS 1970

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

Russia or Alaska Church Buildings and Sites TR

Russia or Alaska Church Buildings and Sites TR Alaska



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Control by USC&GS and USCE

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1951, field annotated 1951. Map not field checked

Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 8531 and 8589. This information is not intended for navigational purposes

Universal Transverse Mercator projection, 1927 North American datum, 10,000-foot grid based on Alaska coordinate system, zone 4, 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 5, shown in blue

Gray land lines represent unsurveyed and unmarked locations predetermined by the Bureau of Land Management. Foto S-16, Seward Meridian

Swamps, as portrayed, indicate only the wetter areas, usually of low relief, as interpreted from aerial photographs

Lake elevations are uncheckd



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Light-duty ————— Unimproved dirt - - - - -



CONTOUR INTERVAL 100 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 50 FOOT CONTOURS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOWER LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE AVERAGE RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 15 FEET



SELDOVIA (B-5), ALASKA
N5915—W15130/15X22.5

1951
LIMITED REVISIONS 1976

FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
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JUN 6 1980

Property Owner Waiver, National Register

RE: 3330-1

AHRS SITE NO. BTH-001

Judith E. Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer
Pouch 7001
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Dear Ms. Bittner:

This will confirm that I am informed and aware of the effects of listing an historic property in the National Register of Historic Places. I recognize that, under the National Historic Preservation Act, I am entitled to object to the proposed listing (of my property) by a notarized, written statement. If I as the sole owner object, then my property will not be listed. However, if there are multiple owners of this property and a majority of the owners do not object, the property may be listed.

If the property is approved by the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer and sent to the Keeper of the National Register, I understand that I have the right to again object by a notarized signed request to the SHPO within 30 days. If this is done, the nomination will be transferred from the Keeper to the Secretary of the Interior for determination of eligibility.

The following is the address of my property as certified by your office to be potentially eligible for the National Register:

NICK N. EPCHOOK
Box 60
Kwethluk, AK 99621

Please be advised that I hereby waive my right to object to the proposed listing. Indeed, I notify you that I desire that this property be listed in the National Register at the earliest possible date, and will appreciate your assistance toward this end.

Sincerely,

12-15-87
DATE

Nick N. Epchook
NAME

NOTARIZED BY Carl Michael - Postmaster
Kwethluk
AK 99621



TED

SAINT NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH
Fr. Martin M Nicolai Pastor
Kwethluk, Alaska 99621

April 03, 1989

ATTN: Judith Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer

Neil C Johanssen
Director

Jo Antonson
Director

RE: 3330-1-1 St Nicholas Church: Kwethluk

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Dear Mr. Neil C Johanssen:

The receipt of your March 24, 1989 is acknowledged.

In behalf of my fellow parishners, I wish to express my appreciation for St. Nicholas church being on the historic Nomination list.

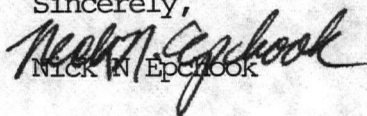
Please let me clarify what seems to be misunderstanding . The St. Nicholas church is not my property but that it is the parishners property. I am only the spokesman for them. The parishners will appreciate the nomination come to its happy ending.

Regarding the upcoming Historic sites advisory committees April 26, 1989 meeting and your invitation for meeting to attend. I thank you, However the date falls on the Russian Orthodox Passion Week just before our Easter sunday and that I would not be able to attend. If you can, Please read this letter to them and that we will be anxiously waiting for the good news on our churchs nomination.

I Pray to God that this will be so.

Thank you,

Sincerely,


Nick W Epchok

HISTORIC SITES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 VOTING RECORD FOR NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS

DATE: April 26, 1989

It is moved that St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church (does)/(does not) qualify for the National Register of Historic Places under one or more of the following criteria (36 CFR 60.6):

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION. The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects of State and local importance that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and;

- A. X That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B. _____ That are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
- C. _____ That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. _____ That have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

*(Certain properties not eligible under these criteria may qualify through certain exceptions.)

Level of significance: National _____ / State X / Local _____

Moved by: Renee Blahuta Seconded by: Alan Boraas

Vote on Motion:

IN FAVOR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	RESULT
<u>Blahuta</u>	_____	_____	PASSED <u>5-0</u>
<u>Boraas</u>	_____	_____	REJECTED _____
<u>Haigh</u>	_____	_____	TABLED _____
<u>Howard</u>	_____	_____	
<u>Sorenson</u>	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	

*CRITERIA CONSIDERATIONS. Ordinarily cemeteries, birthplaces, or graves of historical figures, properties owned by religious institutions or used for religious purposes, structures that have been moved from their original locations, reconstructed historic buildings, properties primarily commemorative in nature, and properties that have achieved significance within the past 50 years shall not be considered eligible for the National Register. However, such properties will qualify if they are integral parts of districts that do meet the criteria or if they fall within the following categories:

- A. A religious property deriving primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance.
- B. A building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person or event.
- C. A birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance if there is no appropriate site or building directly associated with his productive life.
- D. A cemetery which derives its primary significance from graves of persons or transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events.
- E. A reconstructed building when accurately executed in a suitable environment and presented in a dignified manner as part of a restoration master plan, and when no other building or structure with the same association has survived.
- F. A property primarily commemorative in intent if design, age, tradition, or symbolic value has invested it with its own historical significance.
- G. A property achieving significance within the past 50 years if it is of exceptional importance.

IF TABLED OR REJECTED, please give reasons and instructions on how to proceed:

Other motions, comments, etc: _____

SAINT NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH
Fr. Martin M. Nicolai Pastor
Kwethluk, Alaska 99621

June 01, 1989

RE:St.Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

Dear Ms. Judith E Bittner:

Thank you for your letter dated April 28, 1989. I am very pleased with ~~you~~ report that the Historic Committee members had voted unanimously that saint Nicholas was qualified for the National Register of Historic places.

I am praying that the committee will continue on with the nomination when they review it again and that the keeper of the National Register of Historic Places in Washington D,C. will not reject but accept Saint Nicholas's nomination. I know that my fellow parishners will be very happy and thankful to learn of the successful conclusion of your and for Committees efforts.

For your and the Committees information during the spring flooding, Sadly, One of our fellow parishers passed away but we were glad that Saint Nicholas, Thank God, was available for our use since our new church was surrounded by flood waters. From this, You can see how very much important the "OLD CHURCH" is to us, its parishners.

Please allow me to thank you again, THANK YOU.

Sincerely,

Nick N. Epthook
Nick N. Epthook

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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

WALTER J. HICKEL, GOVERNOR

3601 C STREET
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99503
PHONE: (907) 762-2622

MAILING ADDRESS:
P.O. Box 107001
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99510-7001

February 21, 1991

Re: 3330-2 St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

Carol D. Shull, Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
Interagency Resources Division, National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, D.C. 20013-7127

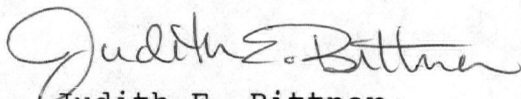
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Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is a nomination for St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, Kwethluk, Alaska, to the National Register of Historic Places. The property is an addition to the Russian Orthodox Church Buildings and Sites Thematic Resources nomination. At the time the thematic nomination was prepared, the Kwethluk church was not fifty years old. Now that it is, the Russian Orthodox Church and the Kwethluk parishioners are interested in having the building listed in the National Register and included in the thematic nomination.

If you or your staff have questions regarding the nomination, please call Jo Antonson, State Historian, or me at 907-762-2622. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Judith E. Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer

JEB/jma

enclosure