

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

DATA SHEET

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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NOT FOR PUBLICATION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

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Cornwall via.

VICINITY OF

Vermont

STATE

CODE

CODE

Vermont

50

001

COUNTY

Addison

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
— DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
— STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
— SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
— OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			X 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.

Office of the Town Clerk, Town of Cornwall

STREET & NUMBER

R D # 2

CITY, TOWN

Middlebury

STATE

Vermont

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE

1972

— FEDERAL X 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"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____

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 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

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY One Acre

UTM REFERENCES

UTM OR C

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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

DATE

Vermont Division of Historic Sites

1/24/75

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Pavilion Building

802-828-3226

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Montpelier

Vermont

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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

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

AB Montessori

DATE

4/21/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST: Charles Adams

DATE

4/18/75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

Property Old Stone Blacksmith Shop

State Vermont

Working Number 4.1.75.583

Addison

TECHNICAL

Photos 2

Maps 1

CONTROL

*OK pl
4.3.75*

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Accept 4-4-75
Selwyn*

What about the interior?

ARCHEOLOGIST

*Accept
M. Barnes
3 Apr 75*

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Accept
Cole
4.14.75*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

*Accept
Hennig
for Murray
4.18.75*

National Register Write-up _____

Federal Register Entry 6-3-75

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

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PHOTO CREDIT Courtney Fisher

Historic Preservation Specialist

DATE OF PHOTO January 1975

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4 IDENTIFICATION

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

PHOTO NO. 2

Detail of the south (gable end) elevation and the southeast corner
of the building.

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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VIEW	102
DATE	1/75
FILE #	75-A-4
SUBJECT	OLD Stone Blacksmith Shop
COUNTY	Addison
TOWN	Cornwall
VERMONT DIVISION OF HISTORIC SITES	



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View of the south (gable end) and east (main) elevations looking northwest.

PHOTO NO. 1

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Vermont

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE United States Geological Survey

SCALE

1:24000

DATE

1943

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

VERMONT
(ADDISON COUNTY)
CORNWALL QUADRANGLE
7½-MINUTE SERIES

This is a detailed topographic map from the U.S. Geological Survey, showing a rural area in Vermont. The map includes contour lines, roads, and various geographical features. Key features include the Lemon Fair River, Middlebury Creek, and the Otter Creek. Towns like Middlebury, Cornwall, and West Cornwall are shown, along with numerous roads, bridges, and landmarks. The map is color-coded with green for forests and blue for water bodies.

Map details include:

- Geological Survey:** BURLINGTON CIVIC CENTER 39 MI. MIDDLEBURY 3.2 MI. 6372 II SW (Middlebury)
- Corps of Engineers:** VERGNEES 14 MI. MIDDLEBURY 1.3 MI. 6371 I SW (Sudbury)
- Scale:** 7 1/2-MINUTE SERIES
- Coordinates:** 43°52'30" N 73°07'30" W to 48°00' N 73°00' W
- Vertical Scale:** 330 000 FEET
- Horizontal Scale:** 1:250,000
- Landmarks:** Old Stone Blacksmith Shop, Middlebury Country Club, PORTER HOSPITAL, Cady School, Farmingdale, Wainright Hill, Halcott Blk, Over Hill, Central School, Jerusalem Sch, and numerous roads and bridges.

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6371 IV SE Mapped by the Geological Survey
1943

UTM GRID AND 1943 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Vermont
rectangular coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue

CORNWALL, VT.
NW/4 BRANDON 15' QUADRANGLE
N4352.5—W7307.5/7.5
1943

A circular red stamp with a decorative border. The border contains the numbers 1 through 12 in a clockwise sequence, with '12' at the top, '1' at the bottom, '2' at the right, '3' at the bottom-right, '4' at the bottom-left, '5' at the left, '6' at the top-left, '7' at the top-right, '8' at the right, '9' at the bottom-right, '10' at the bottom-left, and '11' at the left. In the center of the stamp, the word 'RECEIVED' is printed in a bold, sans-serif font. Below it, the date 'APR 01 1975' is printed in a slightly smaller font. At the bottom of the stamp, the words 'NATIONAL REGISTER' are printed in a bold, sans-serif font.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE VERMONT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Greensboro Depot	Greensboro Orleans County
Old Stone Blacksmith Shop	Cornwall vicinity Addison County

Also Notified

Hon. Patrick J. Leahy
Hon. Robert T. Stafford
Hon. James M. Jeffords

Regional Director, North
State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. William B. Pinney, Director
Vermont Division of Historic Sites
Pavilion Building
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

Regional Director, North
Atlantic Region

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4-23-75

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

(1) NAME as it appears on federal register: Old Stone Blacksmith Shop		(2) OTHER NAMES: vicinity of Cornwall		(3) date of entry: 4-21-75	(4) county code: 001
(5) LOCATION street & number: N of Cornwall on VT 30		city / town	state VT	county Addison	(6) NPS REGION: North Atlantic
(7) OWNER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL (agency name)		(8) ADMINISTRATOR:			
(9) EXISTING SURVEYS <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> HAER <input type="checkbox"/> NHL		(10) FUNDED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	(11) CONGRESS. DISTRICT State	(12) SOURCE OF NOMINATION	
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functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: BLACKSMITH / LGT. INDUSTRY CURRENTLY: VACANT					
dates of initial construction: C. 1791-1805 major alterations: historic events:					
architect: master builder: engineer:					
landscape architect/garden designer: vernacular interior decorator: artist: artisan: builder/contractor:					
names give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:					
NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP RANDOM COURSED CUT LIMESTONE, 1 STORY, RECTANGULAR, STANDING SEAM TIN GABLED ROOF, OFF-CENTER DOUBLE-DOOR VEHICULAR ENTRANCE, STYLIZED QUOINS; ALTERATIONS. VERNACULAR. EARLIEST SURVIVING EXAMPLE OF LIGHT INDUSTRY ESSENTIAL TO DEVELOPMENT OF TOWN; RARE EXAMPLE OF ^{EARLY} STONE BUILDING TECHNIQUES.					