

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE 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 &amp; NUMBER

Vermont Route 30

CITY, TOWN

Cornwall

STATE

Vermont

VICINITY OF

CODE

50

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Vermont

COUNTY

Addison

CODE

001

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☒ OTHER: None**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Stuart Witherill

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cornwall

VICINITY OF

STATE

Vermont

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET &amp; NUMBER

R D #2

CITY, TOWN

Middlebury

STATE

Vermont

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE

1972

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Vermont Division of Historic Sites

CITY, TOWN

Montpelier

STATE

Vermont

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☒ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED

☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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 checked="" 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

A 18 6439110 48707110  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
C         

B           
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
D         

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

UTM OK C

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

Courtney Fisher, Historic Preservation Specialist

ORGANIZATION

Vermont Division of Historic Sites

DATE

1/24/75

STREET & NUMBER

Pavilion Building

TELEPHONE

802-828-3226

CITY OR TOWN

Montpelier

STATE

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

AK Montrose

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  
Selovich

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  
Herring  
for Muntz  
4.18.75

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

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Federal Register Entry 6.3-75

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT Courtney Fisher  
Historic Preservation Specialist

DATE OF PHOTO January 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT

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**4 IDENTIFICATION**

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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

# 102

VIEW	Def
CREDIT	Co
DATE	1/75
FILE #	75-A-4
SUBJECT	Old Stone Blacksmith Shop
COUNTY	Addison
TOWN	Cornwall
VERMONT DIVISION OF HISTORIC SITES	



VERMONT DIVISION OF HISTORIC SITES

COUNTY Addison

Form No. 10-301a  
(Rev. 10-74)

SUBJECT Old

DATE 1/75

CREDIT Co

VIEW South

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PHOTO NO. 1

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

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STATE

Vermont

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE United States Geological Survey

SCALE

1:24000

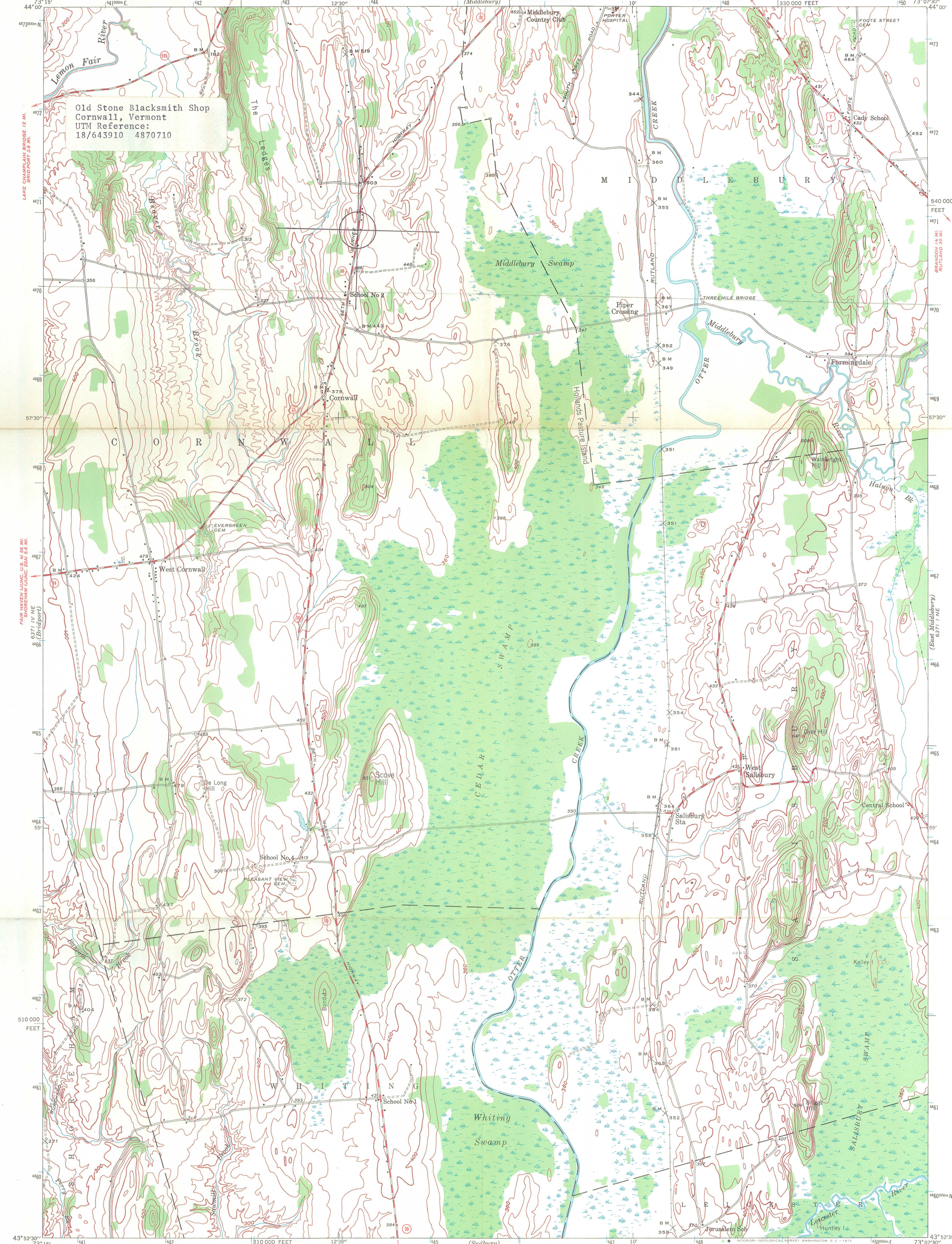
DATE

1943

**4 REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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



Old Stone Blacksmith Shop  
Cornwall, Vermont  
UTM Reference:  
18/643910 4870710

6371 IV NE  
(Bridgeport)

(East Middlebury)  
6371 I NE

Map by the Geological Survey  
1943

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Unimproved dirt ———  
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

UTM GRID AND 1943 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24000  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



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 1/4 BRANDON 15 QUADRANGLE  
N4352.5—W7307.5/7.5  
1943  
AMS 6371 I NW—SERIES V813

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

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE      VERMONT

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<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  
Atlantic Region

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

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4-23-75

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# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: **Old Stone Blacksmith Shop** 2 OTHER NAMES: 3 date of entry: **4-21-75** 4 county code: **001**

5 LOCATION street & number **N of Cornwall on VT 30** city / town **vicinity of Cornwall** state **VT** county **addison** 6 NPS REGION: **North atlantic**

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 **State** 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL (if state who prepared form?)

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ YES, NAME **NO** 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☒ YES, NAME **NO** 15 ACREAGE **1** ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION ☐ deteriorated ☐ altered ☒ original site ☐ excellent ☐ ruins ☒ unaltered ☐ moved ☒ good ☐ unexposed ☐ reconstructed ☐ unknown ☐ fair ☐ unexcavated ☐ excavated 17 features: INTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☒ UNKNOWN-4 EXTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☒ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ☐ 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 ☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ POLITICS/GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ 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' ☒ SURVIVING REMNANTS OF EARLY ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY. 'only' ☐

23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **BLACKSMITHY / LGT. INDUSTRY** 24 dates of initial construction: **C. 1791 - 1805** major alterations: historic events: 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

26 architectural style(s): **VERNACULAR** 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: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP **RANDOM COURSED CUT LIMESTONE, 1 STORY, RECTANGULAR, STANDING SEAM TIN GABLED ROOF, OFF-CENTER DOUBUR-DOOR VEHICULAR ENTRANCE, STYLIZED GNOINS; ALTERATIONS. VERNACULAR. EARLIEST SURVIVING EXAMPLE OF LIGHT INDUSTRY ESSENTIAL TO DEVELOPMENT OF TOWN; RARE EXAMPLE OF <sup>EARLY</sup> STONE BUILDING TECHNIQUES.**