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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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DATE ENTEREDSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Russian Bishop's House

AND/OR COMMON

Russian Mission Orphanage

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Lincoln and Monastery Streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sitka

VICINITY OF

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Alaska

02

Borough of Sitka

100

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 AGENCY**REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (*If applicable*)

National Park Service, Alaska Regional Office

STREET &amp; NUMBER

540 West Fifth Avenue

STATE

CITY, TOWN

Anchorage

VICINITY OF

Alaska

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

State - Municipal Office Building

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Lake Street

STATE

CITY, TOWN

Sitka

Alaska

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE

July 1961 (Revised July 1965)  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

National Park Service

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

District of Columbia

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD (RBH)  
 FAIR (105)

DETERIORATED (school)  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE  
(Bldg. 105 only--date  
unknown)

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Russian Bishop's House site includes the Russian Bishop's House and two ancillary buildings: the Old School and House No. 105. The Russian Bishop's House is a two-story log structure, 42 feet in width and 63 feet in length. The Old School is a two-story frame structure, measuring 18 feet by 32 feet, and located immediately east of the Russian Bishop's House. House No. 105 is a one-story frame structure 26 feet by 28 feet (+), located northwest of the Russian Bishop's House.

The Russian Bishop's House was built between 1841 and 1843. It was divided lengthwise into nine bays, each 7 feet in dimension, or one sazhen, a Russian unit of measure.

The bays were typically fenestrated with four light casement windows topped by two light transom. The second floor south windows were made up of six light casement windows topped by a two light transom.

A hip roof, probably of board material originally, covered the house. This roof was supported by a sophisticated system of rafters and tie beams which, in effect, functioned as trusses.

Attached to the east and west ends of the main structure were subordinate shed roofed structures known as galleries. These were of heavy timber framed construction and housed stairways, storage, latrines, and entryways. The galleries extended the full width of the main structure and were fourteen feet (+) in width.

The main structure was sided on the south side (probably in 1851) with weather-boarding. The galleries were enclosed by a board and batten vertical siding. The log wall of the north elevation remained exposed until the 1887 rehabilitations.

The building became the education and administrative headquarters of the Orthodox faith in Alaska, although under ownership of the Russian American Company. The first floor of the building housed administrative offices, classrooms, living quarters, and the kitchen. The second floor housed the chapel, the Church of the Annunciation, and Bishop Innocent's (Ivan Veniaminov) living quarters.

There were problems with the structure as time passed. The roof leaked and the unseasoned wall logs shrank as they air-dried in place. The side galleries were roofed with sheet iron in 1849. In 1850 Bishop Innocent made recommendations for the rehabilitation of the structure to the Cathedral Arch-Priest Peter Litvinstsiy, who formalized the request in a report to the New Archangel Ecclesiastical Consistory.

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During the late 1920's the lower floor was converted into three apartments, while the large room in the southwest corner of the building was used for meetings and other activities. It is likely that electrical and plumbing systems were initially installed by this time. In 1936 the community library was housed in the large southwest room after the library building burned.

In 1949 this same room was turned into a gift shop, and the west window in the south wall was enlarged for a door. The Sitka Historical Society also used the room for a meeting place and artifact storage from 1957 through November 1966. The first floor apartments were closed in 1967. Finally, in 1969, Bishop Theodosius moved into a new residence, leaving the building empty.

The Old School was constructed in the late summer of 1897 for a kindergarten and girls' classes. A circa 1900 photograph shows the building had a masonry chimney and four-over-four light, double-hung windows. These are still in existence, although deteriorated to varying degrees. A circa 1905 photograph shows wood shingle roofing. By that year, gutters and downspouts had been installed. Church records show that in 1908 repairs were made to floor, windows, doors, and fireplace. In a circa 1915 photograph an enclosed stairway, an addition, shows at the north end of the building. The date of this addition is not known. It is still in existence although in a deteriorated condition.

In March of 1922, Bishop Dashkevich recommended the entrance of the Old School face the American public school to its east. Consequently the original west entrance was closed up and replaced with a double-hung window. The interior stairway at the west entrance was removed. A 1924 photograph shows the addition of a stairway on the east exterior. This stairway is no longer present.

There is little documentation concerning changes to the Old School from the 1940's to the present. In 1922 there were large undivided rooms on both floors. In a 1943 photograph it appears that north-south center walls were installed in both the upstairs and the downstairs rooms. Asphalt shingle siding was applied in 1963 and removed in 1981. A 1965 photograph shows a structure attached to the north end of the building; this structure has since been removed. In the 1960's and 1970's it appears the building became a tenement. The interior now includes a living room/bedroom area at the south end of the building, entry way and storage area, and kitchen area on each floor.

The third building at the site, House No. 105, was built in 1887. Its intended use was as income or rental property. Originally located 100 feet north of the Russian Bishop's House, it was described in 1892 as having four rooms. In 1936

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In 1867 following the purchase of Alaska by the U.S. Government, the Russian American Company transferred ownership of the site, along with other church-related properties, to the Russian Orthodox Church in North America. Sometime after 1867 and prior to 1885, a small porch was constructed at the main entry on the south elevation of the Russian Bishop's House.

In 1872 permission was given to transfer the seat of the diocese to San Francisco. During the absence of the Bishop, spatial uses were altered: living quarters for the priests were moved upstairs and a second-floor kitchen was added. However, the house suffered much neglect, and by early 1886 permission had been sought from the St. Petersburg Synod for major repair work. It was completed in May 1887 under the supervision of Peter Callsen.

The 1887 repair and rehabilitation work is one of the key events in the building's history. The original timber-framed stairwell galleries were replaced and siding was placed on all four sides of the structure. Rotted sill logs were replaced in the north wall. The interior was repaired and painted. Two doors in the chapel were sealed and a new one installed. Also at this time nearly an entire interior crosswall was removed, creating the large southwest room on the first floor of the house. During the late 1880's part of the lower floor was used as an inn for travelers.

In approximately 1896 a small one-story frame addition that functioned as a washroom was added to the east gallery. Also during the 1890's a door into the north end of the west gallery was closed. It is also probable that the roof was reshingled very early in the twentieth century. By the turn of the century the two original classrooms on the first floor were being used as bedrooms for orphaned boys.

In 1903 an auxillary diocese was established for the Aleutian Islands and Alaska with a Bishop at Sitka. This was the first time since 1872 that a Bishop had been in full-time residence in the Bishop's House. Now the space functions again changed as the priests made room on the second floor for the Bishop.

During the twentieth century the first floor of the Bishop's House continued to evolve in use while the second floor continued to house the chapel and the Bishop's quarters. During the 1920's (and possibly earlier) local newspapers, the Sitka Sun and Sitka Tribune, were both printed in the building in conjunction with a church printing shop.

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the lot on which House No. 105 was located was sold to the City of Sitka. It is not certain the house was moved off that lot then; long-time Sitka residents indicate it was moved to its present site in the late 1950's or early 1960's.

A six-over-six light, double-hung window had been replaced by 1974 with a one-over-one light window. Photographs from 1975 show the windows boarded over and the building with a rear addition. The date of the addition is unknown.

In 1962, under the provisions of the Historic Sites Act of 1935, the Russian Bishop's House was designated a National Historic Landmark. A national survey of historic sites and buildings form was completed in July 1965. With the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the Russian Bishop's House, known at the time as the "Russian Mission Orphanage," was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Congress allocated funds to purchase the site on October 18, 1972. In 1973, after one hundred and thirty years of continuous use of the site by the Russian Orthodox Church, the National Park Service took possession of it. In 1980, the site was redesignated the "Russian Bishop's House" on the National Register.

By that time the weathering, foundation problems, and leakage had taken their toll on the Russian Bishop's House. Interior finishes were falling away while exterior siding rotted and buckled.

In the summer of 1976 the National Park Service removed extraneous modern partitions on the first floor, removed and stored the handhewn historic first floor planking, and conducted more extensive investigations of the historic fabric as well as stabilization work. The additional fabric investigation dramatically showed the necessity of providing a foundation for the main structure and replacing rotten wall and sill logs. Five phases of a complex six-phase restoration project have been completed as of this writing. The structural integrity is now assured and the external restoration is now complete. Phase six will involve interior restoration on the second floor and adjustments for adaptive use on the first floor.

The overall form and much of the fabric of the Russian Bishop's House has not changed extensively since 1843 with the exception of the galleries on both ends of the building. These were removed and replaced in 1887.

The Old School was used for storage for some years; it is now boarded up and not in use. The professionally recommended treatment for the Old School is that the exterior of the building be restored to an appearance of the 1896 to 1922 period and the interior be adapted for National Park Service uses supporting the operation and maintenance of the Russian Bishop's House. The purpose would be to create a rehabilitated, functional facility with an historic appearance. (This would not, however, be an academic restoration.) Due to limited funds, management is proceeding

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with an alternate method of treatment described in the historic structures report. The building will be stabilized and will remain closed to the public. It will continue to function as an architectural buffer between the Bishop's House and the adjacent modern development.

In 1976 the interior of House No. 105 was adapted for use as a "construction shack." The chimneys and rear addition were removed. These and the rear doorway were boarded over. The interior floors and walls were covered with plywood. The house has continued to function as a "construction shack" to the present. Recommended treatment for House No. 105 is repair and stabilization.

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House 105, located on the west side of Monastery Street in Sitka, is a 1 1/2-story wood-frame, gabled roof building, 32'5" x 24'3". It has a composition shingle roof, horizontal drop-siding, ten 6/6 light, double-hung wood windows. The building is painted grey. There are currently three ground floor rooms and an attic space. A stairway bisects the ground floor, providing access to the attic space.

Originally, the house appears to have been white. The ground floor had four rooms, separated two on a side by stairwell to the attic. An 1892 floor plan shows the same room arrangement, for the main building, with a back addition (no longer extant) containing a kitchen and hall space.

There is evidence of two chimneys on the building. No chimneys are extant. One entrance door is located in the east face (Monastery Street side). A back (west) door, directly opposite to the existing front (east) door, also was once present as were two corresponding back (west) windows. The building stands on a temporary wood crib foundation. The National Park Service intends to rehabilitate the building for use as a support facility for the Russian Bishop's House unit, Sitka National Historical Park.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
—PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
—1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
—1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
—1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
—1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
X 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
—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 1843 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Russian presence in the New World does not loom large when one is surveying those nations that explored, exploited, and settled the North American continent. However, lasting monuments to the Russian venture in North America were left by the Russian Orthodox Church missionaries: buildings and, the living proof of their work, the Russian Orthodox community in Alaska.

The Russian Bishop's House site at Sitka was a cultural and educational center in Alaska from the 1840's to the mid-twentieth century. The Russian Bishop's House was the residence of Ivan Veniaminov, the great Russian religious leader and first Bishop of Alaska, and the administrative center for his and other Orthodox missionary efforts among the peoples native to Alaska. The great religious and moral influence exerted from this missionary center can be observed by the large numbers of Orthodox communicants living in the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands, and other Alaskan coastal communities.

In addition to the historical significance associated with the site, the Russian Bishop's House is significant architecturally because of the high quality and unique construction characteristics of Russian vernacular design, such as the intricate joinery methods.

The Russian Bishop's House is significant in the category of engineering because it displays a building system that is capable of distributing structural loads in a more sophisticated manner than that typically found in log construction on this continent. The roof truss system exemplifies this. Also important in the category of engineering is the effective system of heating and conserving heat in the building, exemplified by the gallery "airlocks," a method unique and sophisticated among log structures on this continent.

Historical and building elements are discussed in more detail below under the categories of historical, structural, architectural, and environmental characteristics. The Old School and House No. 105 are addressed in the ancillary buildings section.

#### Historical

Returning from Russia to Sitka on September 27, 1841, with the rank of Bishop of Kamchatka, the Kuriles, and the Aleutians, Ivan Veniaminov set about expanding the educational and missionary efforts among the peoples native to his vast diocese.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See attached continuation sheet

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .5

UTM REFERENCES

A	0,8	41	8,0	0,14	16,3	2,3	0,0,4
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING					

Quadrangle name Sitka

B							
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING					
D							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See attached continuation sheet

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Joaqlin Estus, Historian

February 11, 1983

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

540 West Fifth Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

907/271-4165

STATE

Anchorage

Alaska 99501

## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is  National  State  Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE Linda McClelland

TITLE Federal Preservation Office, Historian

DATE 5/16/83

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

DATE

5/25/83

DATE

7/10/83

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Native schools were established at St. Paul's Harbor (Kodiak), Alma Island, at the Nushagak and Kvichak missions, and Bering Islands. From a missionary center at Redoubt St. Michael on Norton Sound his emissaries even penetrated into the lower Yukon and Kuskokwim River basins. Existing schools, such as those at Unalaska and the Pribilof Islands, were continued and improved.

Adolph Etolin, Governor of Russian America, and chief executive of the Russian American Company in America, had the Russian Bishop's House built to fulfill obligations to the Russian Orthodox Church set forth in the Tsar's Ukase of 1821. The House was built to serve as Veniaminov's residence, office, and private chapel.

The cornerstone of the Russian Bishop's House was laid sometime in 1841. By December of 1843, the substance of the work was completed at a cost to the Russian American Company of 25,000 rubles.

When Fort Ross in California was evacuated by the Russians in 1842, the church paraphernalia in their entirety were moved from the California chapel to Sitka and placed in the Bishop's chapel, also known as the Church of the Annunciation. In 1841, Veniaminov established an ecclesiastical school for Russian children and children of mixed blood at Sitka. This institution was located in the Russian Bishop's House after 1842. In 1845 the school was elevated to the status of a seminary, where the subjects of study were Russian, English, religion, mathematics, navigation, history, and bookkeeping. In 1858, the seminary at Sitka was transferred to the Asiatic mainland and, in 1859, Veniaminov left Alaska to work in Siberia. He became the Metropolitan of Moscow in 1867 and died in 1880.

As a result of Veniaminov's and later missionaries' efforts, the number of Orthodox communicants in Alaska increased from 5,512 in 1841 to 9,568 by 1860 and were scattered over a vast region. In 1867 Russian America was sold to the United States and the North American Orthodox Church reorganized. It continued to prosper until the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 abruptly halted Russia's support for the North American diocese.

After 1917 there was little change or growth in the diocese for nearly 40 years. In 1967, however, the Church, with new leadership and a renewed sense of mission in Alaska, began expanding its program in Alaska. In 1979 there were 75 Orthodox communities in Alaska, 30 with churches and the remainder with chapels. Twenty-two priests, 16 of them Native, served a far-flung diocese.

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Structural

The foundation system of the Russian Bishop's House was originally stone rubble. Uniquely, this was constructed to conform to the grade, with the stones decreasing in size as the grade rose. In this manner the foundation provided a fairly level surface on which to set the structure. Typically, full-length Sitka spruce logs were used in the walls.

Adolph Etolin was a native of Finland and it is known that he was accompanied by skilled axmen from his country. They were unexcelled as timber workers, and most of Sitka's finest log buildings were hewn by them out of native spruce. Thus a good possibility exists that Finnish craftsmen constructed the Bishop's House. Russian and Finnish construction methods were similar, and typical Russian architectural detailing of the period was employed.

The joinery of exterior corners and of the interior walls to the exterior walls display a sophistication superior to that usually found in log construction on the North American continent.

Of special note is the roof framing method. It is composed of a log rafter system in hip roof form, with opposing rafters connected at their lower ends by a "tie beam," thus creating a truss system.

Architectural

Window and door jambs are mortise and tenon joined and wedged into place at the head, providing structural stability at openings in the log walls. Other sophisticated detailing is found on such elements as the original door hardware, some of which have brass cover plates over iron hinge leaves.

Ivan Veniaminov (Bishop Innocent) may well have drawn the original plans for his residence, as he did for St. Michael's Cathedral. The original floor plan represented the integration of structural and functional needs.

Environmental

Several elements in the structure are noteworthy in regard to control of the environment. The galleries functioned as air locks, preventing direct heat loss from the main structure to the exterior. Oakum and moss between exterior wall logs prevented moisture entry and heat escape. Sand insulation between floor and ceiling planks provided audio and thermal barriers. The first floor was heated by cylindrical iron

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stoves. Massive masonry stoves at the second floor were fired during the day and slow released heat during the night. High door thresholds and partial walls helped control drafts and the distribution of heat among the rooms.

Ancillary Buildings

The Old School served as a Russian Orthodox Church school from 1897 to 1922, and as a public school for the following decades. It reflects the influence of the Russian Orthodox Church in the educational aspect of Alaska in the late nineteenth and first quarter of the twentieth centuries.

While House No. 105 is located within the boundaries of the Russian Bishop's House site, it remained outside direct involvement with church activities, serving mainly as a rental property and, at times, as a priest's residence. No notable persons or events have been related to House No. 105. The historic correspondence indicates the building was considered substandard from the late 19th century on, an assessment that still holds.

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House 105, built in 1887, has local significance as one of the oldest extant houses in Sitka, Alaska. Additionally, as a rental property for the Russian Orthodox Church, it illustrates the involvement of the church in the local economy. This involvement was necessitated by the reduction of support from Imperial Russia for church activities following the transfer of Alaska in 1867.

The following history was completed by Paul Cloyd, in: Historic Structure Reports for House 105 and the Old School, (May 1984, National Park Service):

House 105 is a one-story frame residence which was built in the summer of 1887 by Peter Callsen. He had reported to Priest Vladimir Donskoi that the then existing church structures which were known as numbers 35, 104, and 105 were beyond repair and that:

...it would be more practical to destroy these three old buildings and erect new houses in their places built the American way, that is frame houses....<sup>1</sup>

Priest Donskoi noted that Callsen would replace all three houses for the sum of \$2,700. In April 1887, a contract between the church and Mr. Callsen for this work was signed. Construction money for Houses 35, 104, and 105 was borrowed from St. Paul Island and Belkofski churches, an amount of \$2,565.<sup>2</sup> A 1905 survey plat shows that House 105 was originally 110 feet north of the Bishop's House. House 104 was built across the path to the west of 105. The path is now Monastery Street.

Church correspondence indicates that these houses were constructed for the purpose of providing rental income for the church. In a report dated July 22, 1892, Donski described House 105 as having four rooms and that both houses 104 and 105 had land surrounding them. He also reported that the construction debt had been paid, that unspecified repairs had been made on both houses, costing \$53.75, and that House 105 was being rented for \$10 per month. In 1895 Priest Anatolii Kamenskii, who succeeded Donskoi, noted that the houses were too flimsy and renters did not like to stay there in winter. Priest Kamenskii wrote in early 1896 that "House 105 had been occupied by teacher Alexander Protopopov..." and in April of 1897 that "House 105 occupied by Mr. Berny in the hope of an early spring, required repairs this year." The repairs cost \$76.80.<sup>3</sup>

Both Houses 104 and 105 were occupied in the early years of the twentieth century by Priest Andrei Petrov Kashevarov and his large family. The clergy, however, did not like to live in these structures as they were not insulated and heating them was expensive.

Few changes to House 105 can be detected in historic photographs. The attached circa 1902 photograph although of poor clarity, indicates the house unchanged from its original construction, although House 104 is seen with a dormer.

<sup>1</sup> Report by Vladimir Donskoi, No. 23, February 4/16, 1887, Library of Congress, Alaska Russian Church Archives, hereafter cited as LC, ARCA.

<sup>2</sup> Donskoi report, April 2, 1893, LC, ARCA.

<sup>3</sup> Kamenskii, Report No. 26, April 8/20, 1897, LC, ARCA.

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In 1936 the lot on which House 105 was located, was sold to the City of Sitka. It is not certain that the house was moved off the lot at that time. Long-time residents indicate that it moved to its present site in the late 1950s or early 1960s. The present site is approximately 50 yards west and south of the original site, currently an elementary school playground. The current site is 25 feet west across Monastery Street and 5 feet north of the west gallery of the Russian Bishop's House.

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Russian Orthodoxy in Alaska, Barbara S. Smith, Alaska Historical Commission, Anchorage, Alaska, 1980.

10. Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The boundary is coterminous with the southeast portion of Tract G formerly called the Greek Church Mission Reserve and now owned by National Park Service. The site is a rectangular lot with the upper left quadrant intersected by Monastery Street and the lower left quadrant missing. It is bordered on the south by Lincoln Street. The property line proceeds north from Lincoln Street approximately 100' at 56°30'W., 70 feet west along the north property line to N75°44'E.

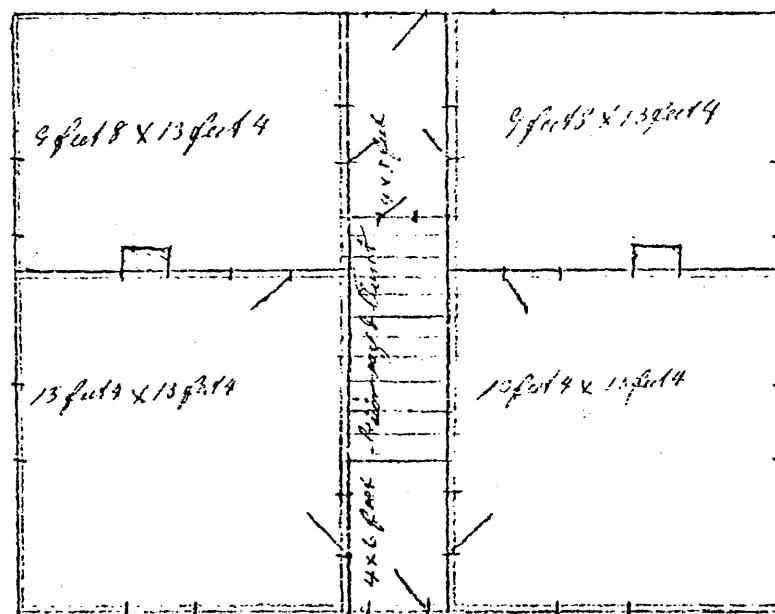
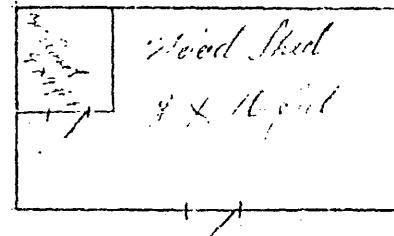
Notre Dame Square, Grand Séminaire Léger, in Saint-Boniface

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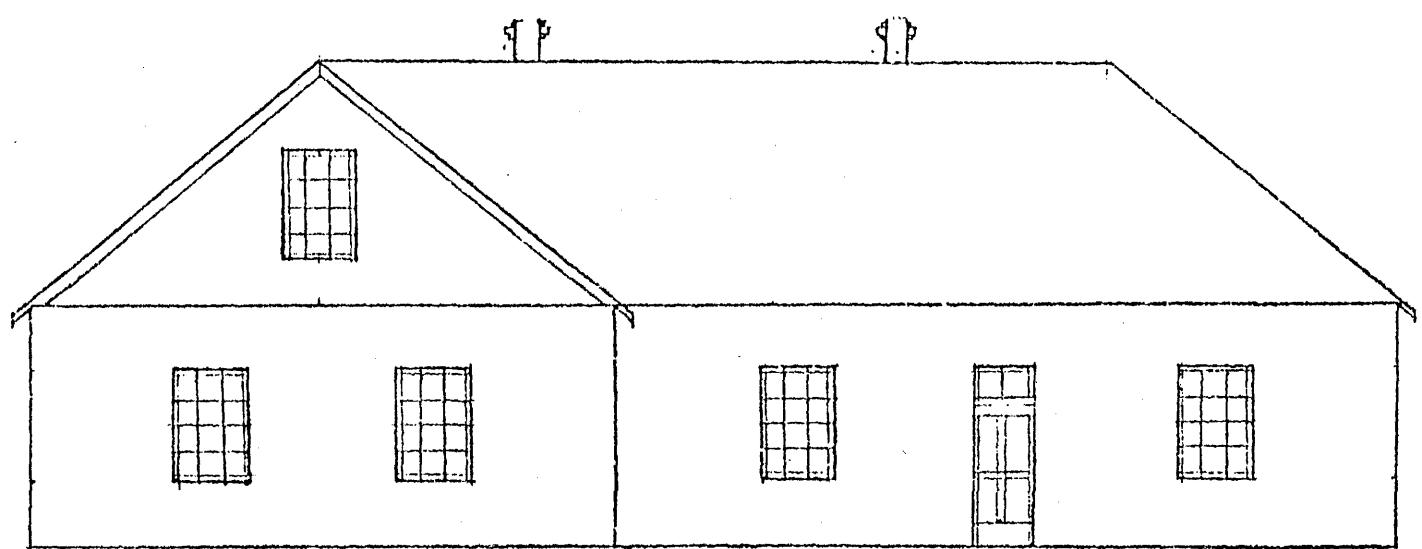
Two houses behind

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FIGURE 1. Floor plan with report by Vladimir Donskoi.  
Dated February 4/16, 1887  
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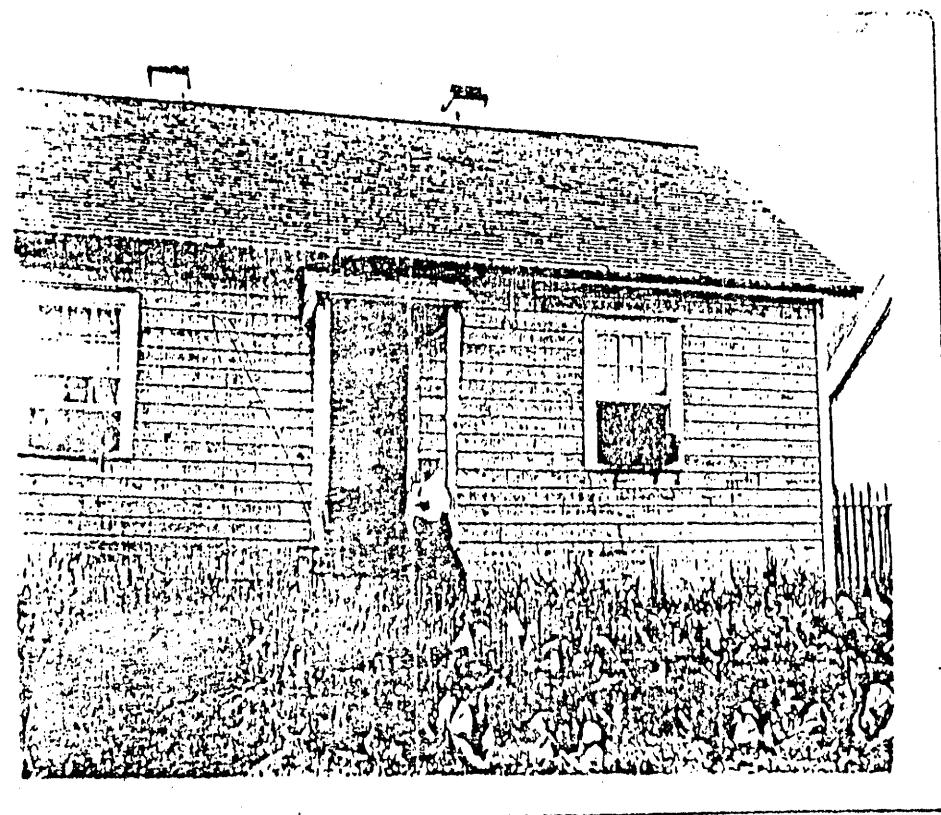


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**FIGURE 2.** Sketch with report by Vladimir Donskoi.  
Dated February 4/16, 1887  
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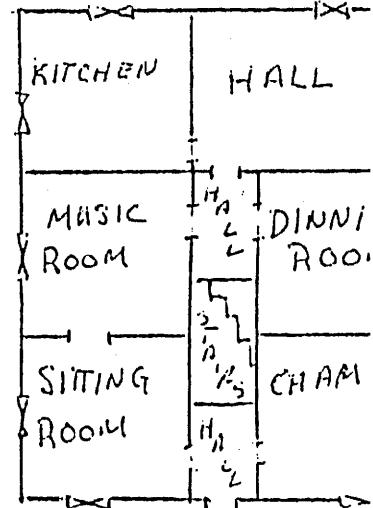
HOME OF WOODWARD FURRY STORE AND  
MAUD MARGARET(GRANT) STONE WHILE  
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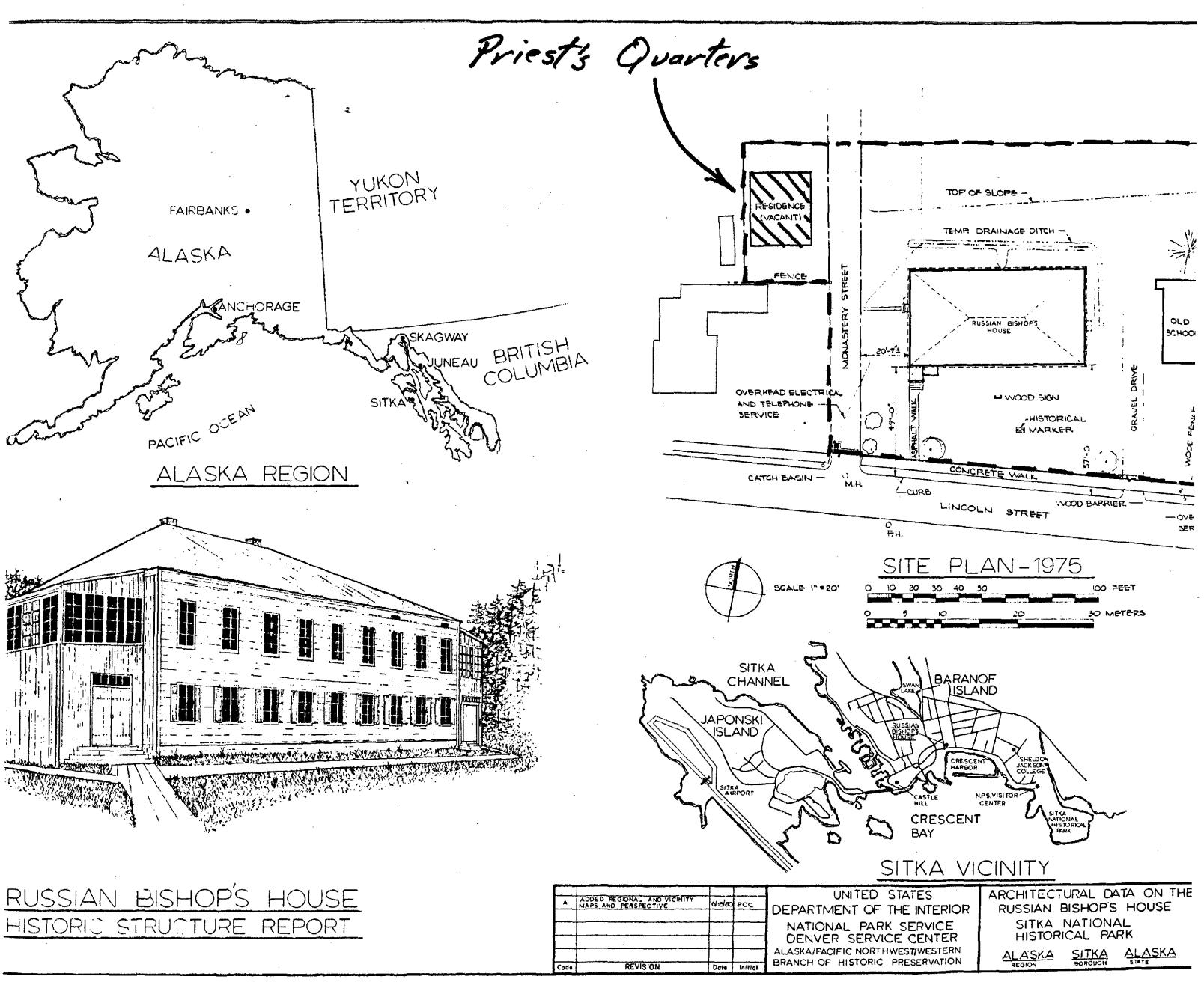
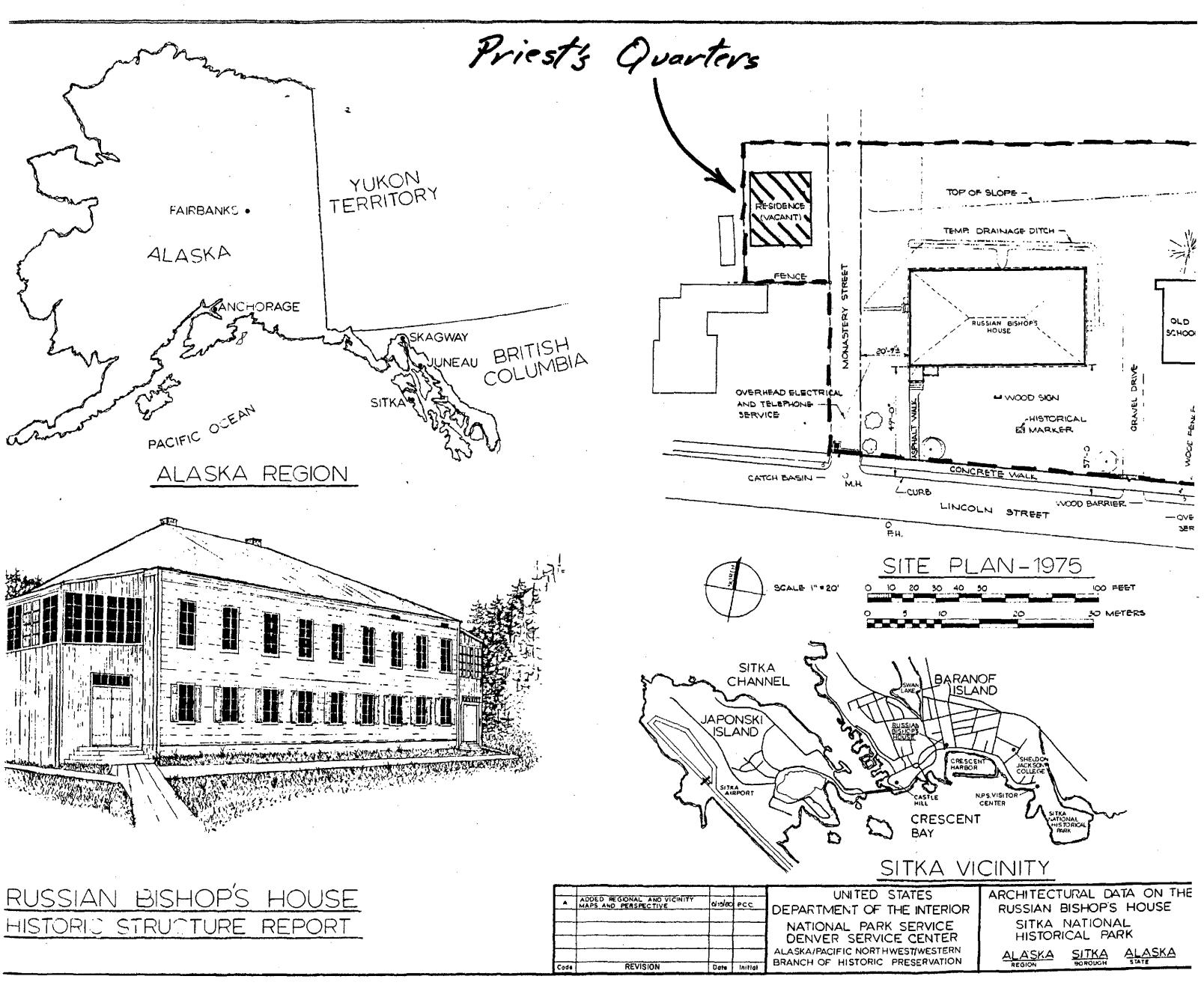
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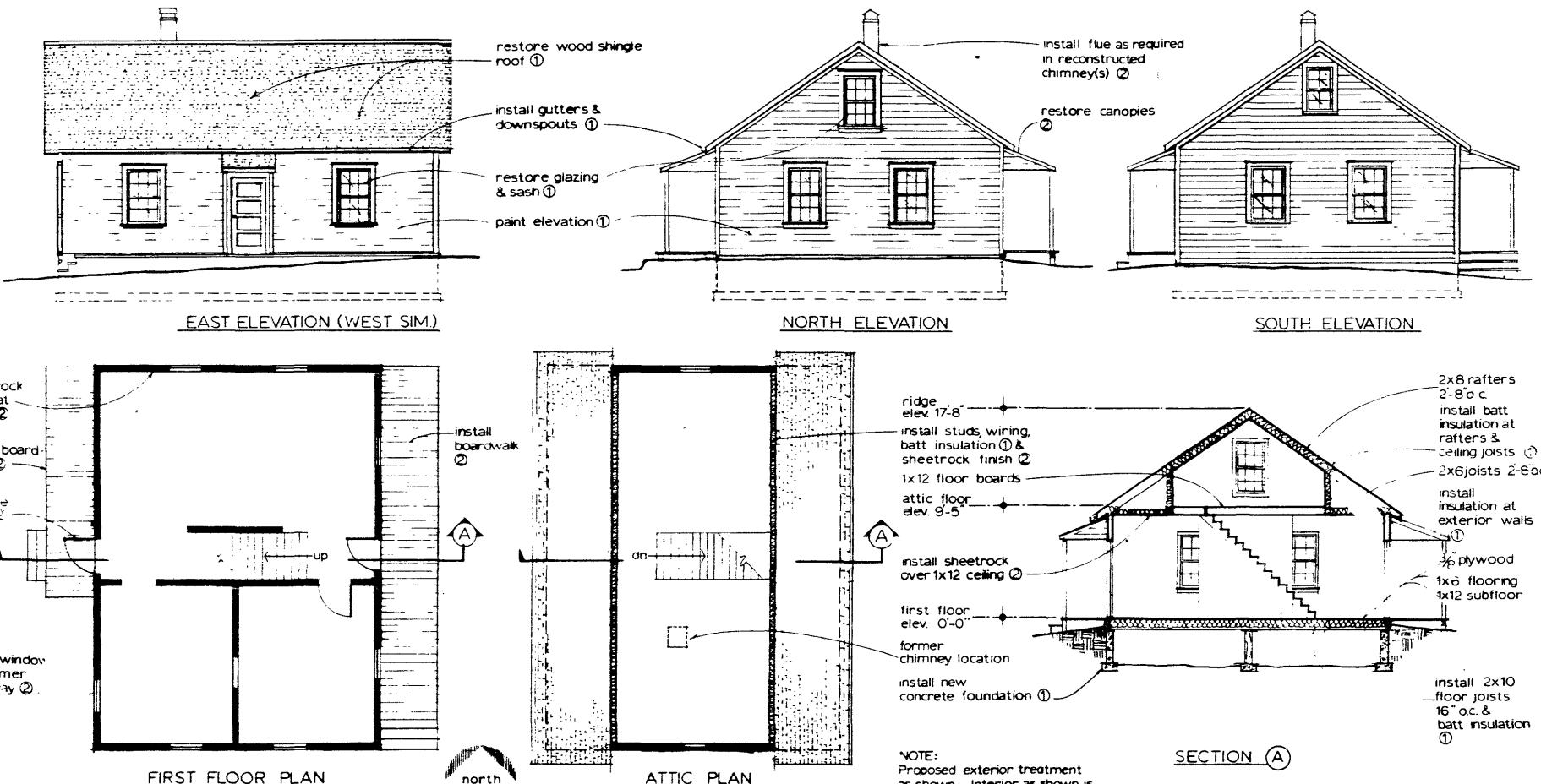


MAUD MARGARET (GRANT) STONE ON  
FRONT STEPS OF HOUSE.

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SITKA 1892-3

**FIGURE 3.** House 104 (105 similar).  
Sitka Historical Society





HOUSE NO. 105  
HISTORIC STRUCTURE REPORT  
SITKA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

**NOTE:**  
Proposed exterior treatment  
as shown. Interior as shown is  
existing. Interior treatment  
to be determined as required  
by future selected use.

treatment priority: ①

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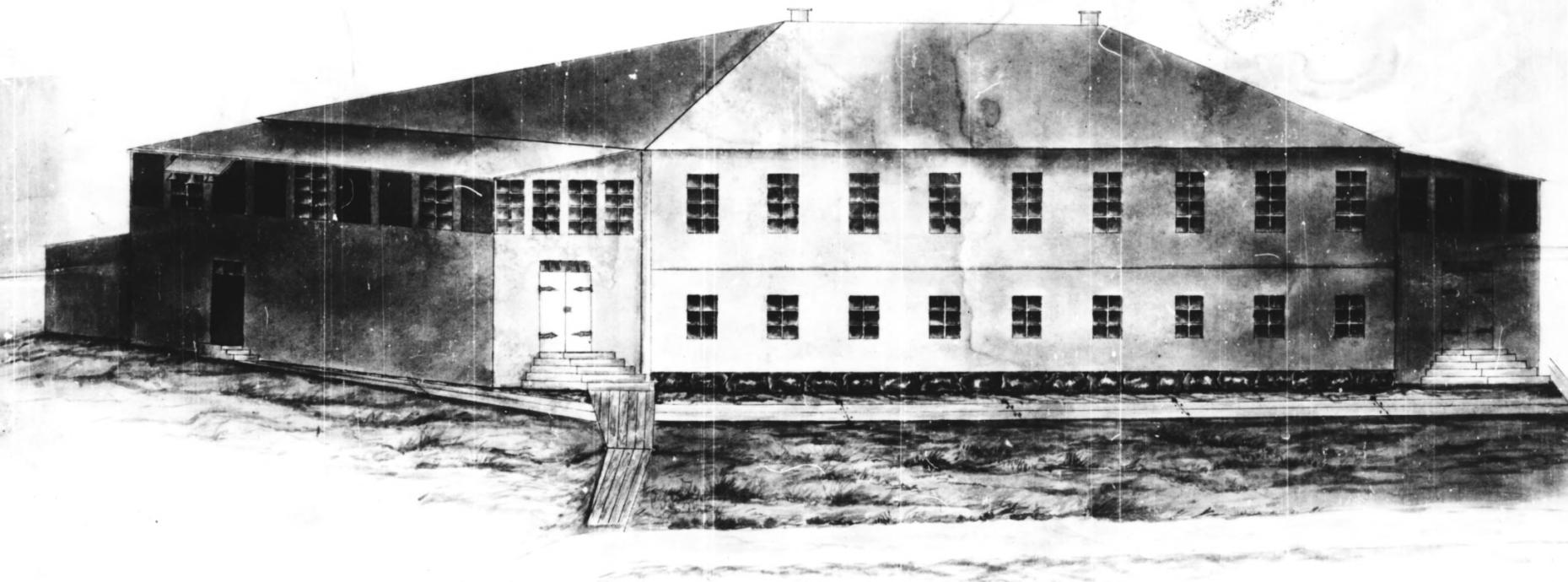


FIGURE #1 . . . SOUTHWEST ELEVATIONAL SKETCH 1842  
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*Нижний этаж*

Во дворе находятся  
1. Конная стойка Лисачка  
2. Угловое плавильное  
3. Красильня  
4. Сынчария  
5. Хиасоли  
6. Конная стойка Торосса  
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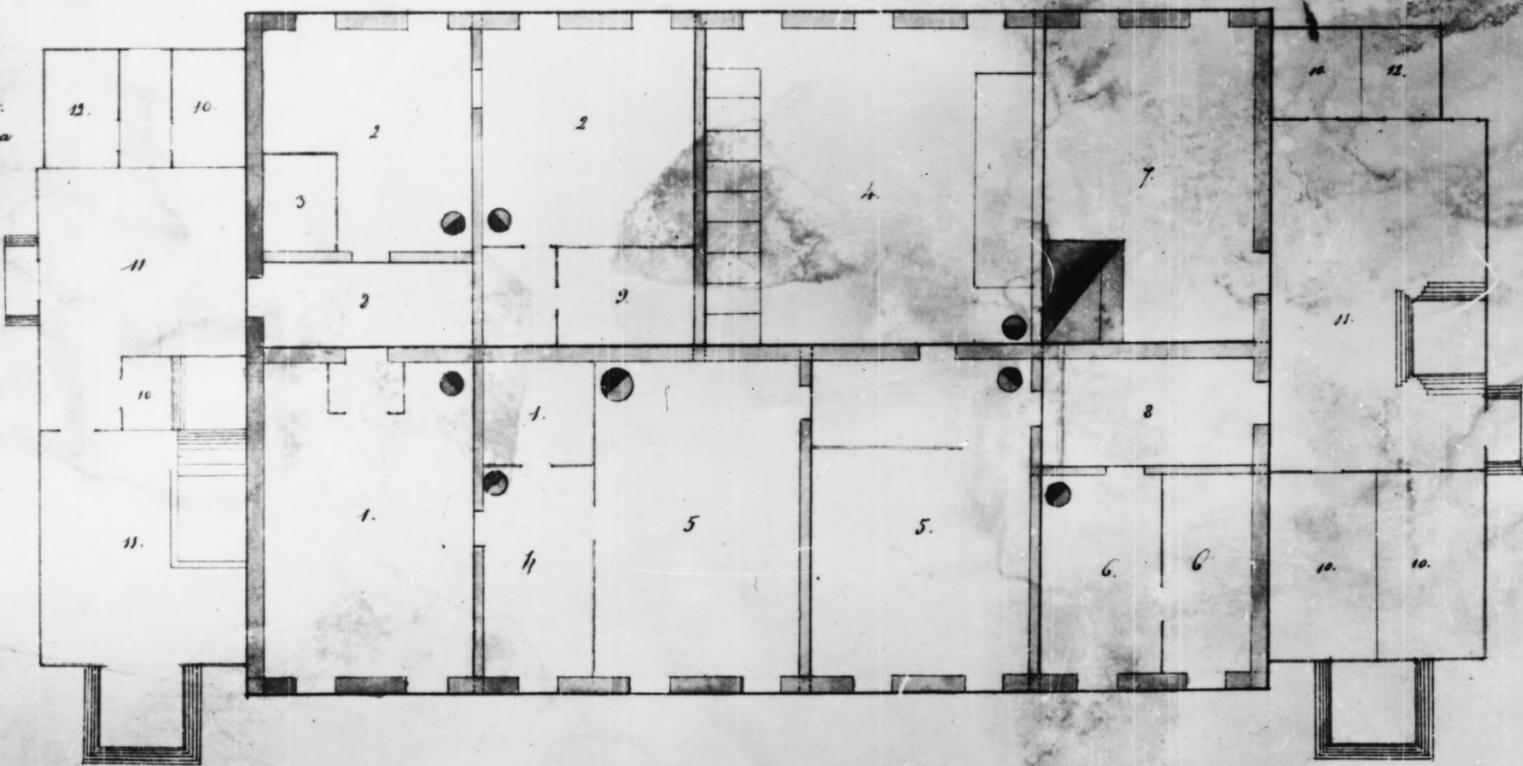
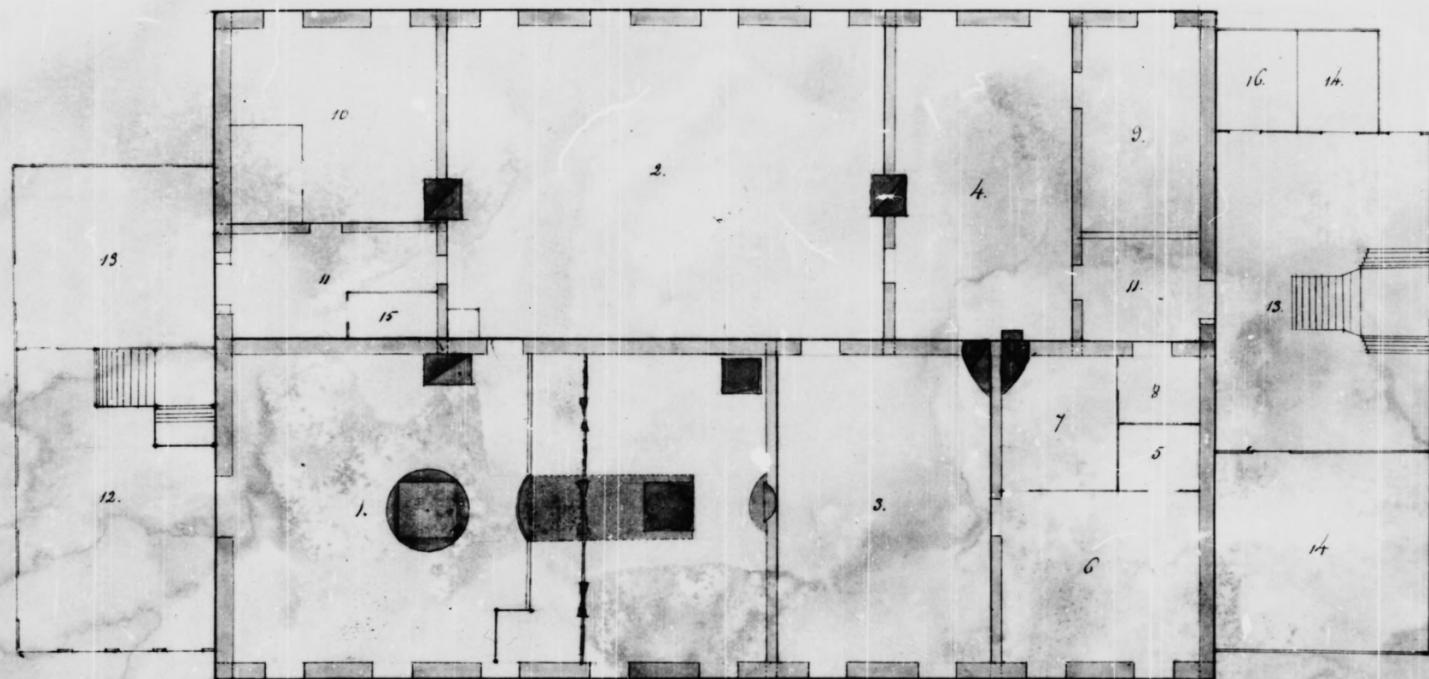


FIGURE #2 . . . FIRST FLOOR PLAN 1842  
SITKA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Бараний Домик.

По верхнему Домику

1. Чайхона.
2. Гараж.
3. Торговая.
4. Спальня.
5. Гидротруба.
6. Кабинет.
7. Столовая.
8. Библиотека.
9. Столовая.
10. Кухня и кухонная.
11. Контора.
12. Паспорт.
13. Сенс.
14. Чуланы.
15. Балконы на первом этаже.
16. Окна оконные.



Масштаб по горизонтали один футовый шаг.

FIGURE #3 . . . SECOND FLOOR PLAN 1842  
SITKA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

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FIGURE #12 . . . SOUTHWEST VIEW OF HOUSE ca. 1890. NOTE RECONSTRUCTED GALLERIES, NEW SIDING AND PORCHES. ALSO NOTE NEW CAP AT EAST CHIMNEY. SITKA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.

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FIGURE #39 . . . SOUTH ELEVATION OF BISHOP'S HOUSE, AUGUST 1967.  
SITKA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK



Southeast view of Old School, showing relationship of Old School to east wing of Russian Bishop's House (center far left of photo) and adjacent modern development; 1982



Northeast view of Old School, 1982. (Note boat harbor in background)

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Page from ecclesiastical newspaper  
removed from wall of Russian Bishop's  
House during restoration.

Photo by Bob Belous, NPS, n. d.



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Russian Mission Orphanage, 1842  
Showing Detail of Log Construction  
and repair work on front.  
Sitka, Alaska

N.P.S. Photo, 1965



MISSION  
Russian Orphanage - ~~Sitka~~ - constructed in 1842

Now used as the bishop's residence

June 3, 1959

Sitka, Alaska

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