

VIRGINIA

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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SURVEY FORM

Historic name Minnieville Cemetery and Sacred Heart Church Site County/Town/City Prince William County

Common name

Street address or route number S.R. 643 (Spriggs Rd) cl.9 mi. S. of interex. w/S.R. 642 (Hoadly Rd) Date or period Early 1900s.

Source of name

USGS Quad Independent Hill

Architect/builder/craftsmen

Original use Cemetery

Original owner Sacred Heart Church?

Present owner Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Present owner address 14160 Ferndale Rd.

Dale City, VA 22193

Source of date church records Stories

Present use Cemetery Acreage cl acre

Foundation and wall const'n

Roof type

State condition of structure and environs Cemetery is in good condition, though some vandalism

has occurred.

State potential threats to structure

Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes ___ no _x-

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

Church, which was dismanteled and moved to its present location on Hoadly Road, probably was situated just east of the cemetery. Lumber and some of the window frames from this church were used in the new building, which is said to be similar, except for the addition of a choir loft and a steeple.

Cemetery is in an enclosed, fenced parcel, cl00' x 100', and is located about 1,200 feet off Spriggs Rd., at the end of an unimproved private lane.

Interior inspected?

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

This area was settled in the early 1900s by Eastern European Catholic immigrants who came to Prince William and took up land as farmers. Some of the immigrant Catholics were of the Byzantine Rite, and in 1925 they constructed St. Mary's on Hoadly Rd. Sacred Heart Church, a mission church, was a small frame building built by Father William Jan on land donated by Joseph Cheslock. Prior to the erection of the church, masses were said in the houses of its founders. Below is a list of some of the names associated with the building of the first church: The Joseph Cheslocks, the Joseph Bensaks, the John Sholtises, the Steve Chapuras, the Sunoga family, the Dan Duritzas, the Maraza family, Mrs. Drotar, the Mike Gabas, the Joseph Stefkos, the John Pauloviches, Mrs. Liza Smith, the John Samskys, the John Buckos, the Vasil Olears, the Mike Olears and George Shutlack. The Duritzas, Pauloviches, Buckos and George Shutlack were Byzantine Rite Catholics who probably later built St. Mary's Church nearby.

Sources and bibliography
Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.) Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.) Church history (1-page) provided by Father Keane Names and addresses of persons interviewed Fr. Vincent Keane, Pastor, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 14160 Ferndale Rd., Dale City, VA 22193 Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.) TO TOKEN PROB. LOC.

Name, address and title of recorder

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