

First Universalist Church
Ridge Road (Route 104)
Childs
Orleans County
New York

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE NEW YORK	COUNTY ORLEANS	TOWN OR VICINITY CHILDS
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH		HABS NO. NY-6240
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Ridge Road (Route 104)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1834	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Interesting example of cobblestone construction, perhaps the most documented and best preserved example in New York.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Cobblestone		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) One story on a rectangular plan.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Pedimented entrance gable, stone quoining, bell tower.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Panelled balcony on sides of church supported by stylized Gothic cluster columns, choir loft with columns supporting arched screen, trompe l'oeil apse behind pulpit.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Early 20th century tower removed rather than repaired. 1963 acquired by the Cobblestone Society which restored the church. Tower a gift of John Brush (1965).		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Basement level contains Cobblestone Society Museum.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Shelgren, Olaf William Jr., Cary Lattin and Robert Frasca. <u>Cobblestone Landmarks of New York State</u> . Syracuse University Press: 1978.		
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