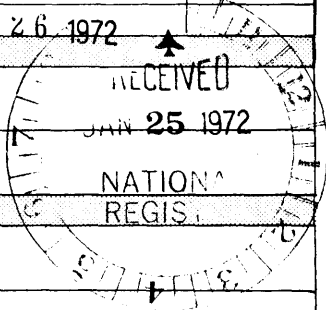


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: Litchfield	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Cornwall Bridge Railroad Station

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
At junction of Poppleswamp Brook Road and Kent Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Cornwall

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09 COUNTY: Litchfield CODE: 005

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Vacant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Penn Central

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
New York

STATE:
New York

CODE:
31

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Town Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Cornwall

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
09

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:
1966

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Connecticut Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
54 Pratt Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Hartford

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
09

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7. DESCRIPTION

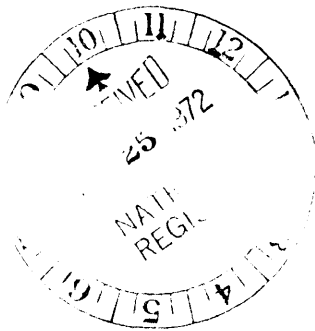
CONDITION

(Check One)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

One of the most attractive railroad stations in Connecticut, the Cornwall Bridge Station exists in almost complete originality. Its siding is board and batten, now in need of paint, and its slate roof has a wide overhang supported by the original incised and carved brackets, with an inset of scroll work. Built in the late 19th century, probably between 1865 and 1875, the building could most accurately be classified as Stick Style. There are exposed framing members in the form of brackets at the sides, and also at the gable ends. There is a wooden finial at each end of the roof and twin chimneys, each with a double drip course.

Upon examination in January, 1972, it was found that the building was structurally sound. There is no evidence of sagging or bulging. The roof shows no sign of leakage. On the interior the remnants of an active railroad station remain; the ticket windows are there along with the drawers and storage areas for the ticket agent. At the center of the interior, separating the waiting room from the baggage room, is an arch whose spandrels repeat the ornamental foliated scroll work of the brackets on the exterior. The rest of the interior is nicely finished in varnished wood including the old benches of the waiting room.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

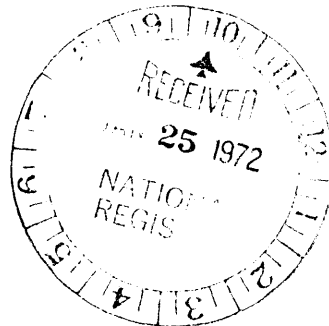
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cornwall Bridge Railroad Station is located in a small town and is an important landmark to the people of the area. A basically attractive building, it is endangered through neglect. As is the case with many old transportation facilities, it is being allowed to deteriorate. The station is now unused—boarded up and abandoned. Passenger service ceased some time ago and a freight train passes once a week without stopping.

Because the station is part of a rapidly vanishing "Americana", as well as an attractive building, artist Eric Sloane has begun procedure for acquiring and restoring the station. He would have it moved on the tracks the four or five miles south to the Sloane-Stanley Museum at Kent, as a part of the museum complex. Negotiation is underway with Penn Central and methods of moving the building on a flatcar are being investigated.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sloane, Eric. I Remember America. Funk and Wagnalls, New York, 1971.

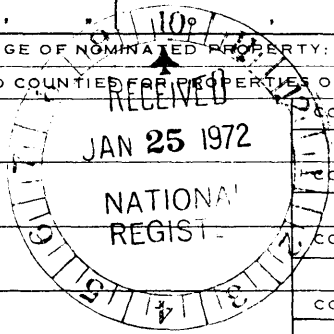
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Susan Babbitt, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: January 10, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
54 Pratt Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Susan Babbitt

Title State Liaison Officer

Date January 20, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/26/72

ATTEST:
William M. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date APR 26 1972

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Connecticut

change ownership designations

(8)

Hartford County

- ✓ Burlington: Brown Tavern - new owner is Town of Burlington
use - not yet open to the public
- ✓ East Granby: Viets' Tavern - new owner is State of Connecticut Historical
Commission
use - not yet open to public, to be restored
- ✓ New Britain: Hanna's Block - demolished September, 1972 F.C. 3-6-73

Litchfield County

- ✓ Cornwall: Cornwall Bridge Railroad Station - new owner is David Williams
use - proposed for residence
- ✓ North Canaan: Union Depot - new owner is Richard A. Snyder, Inc. of
Lakeville, Connecticut
use - proposed small shops,

Middlesex County

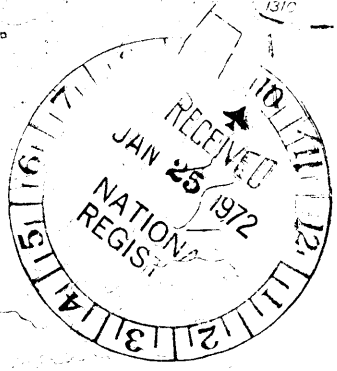
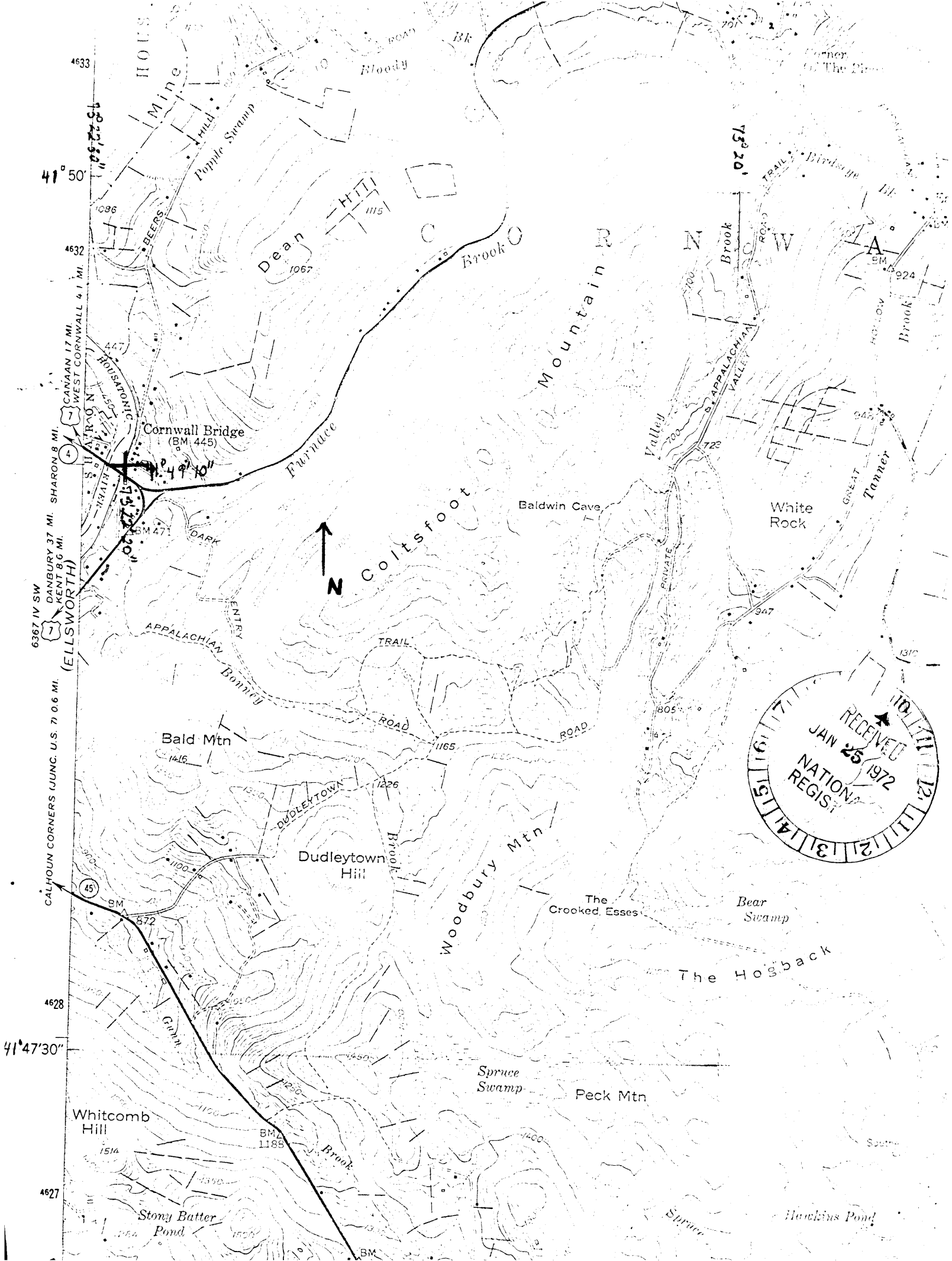
- ✓ Chester: Old Town Hall - now open to public

New Haven County

- ✓ Southbury: Bullet Hill School - restored and open to public as
Tercentenary Headquarters

New London County

- ✓ Ledyard: Lester (Nathan) House - now open to public
- ✓ New London: Fort Trumbull: Block House, c. 1775, open to public occasionally



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DANBURY 37 MI. SHARON 8 MI.
KENT 8.6 MI.
WEST CORNWALL 4.1 MI.
CANAAN 17 MI.
ELLSWORTH

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41° 50'
4632
4628
41° 47' 30"
4627

76° 22' 30"
76° 20'