

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Vermont
COUNTY:	Franklin
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	NOV 20 1974

1. NAME COMMON:	Hopkins Covered Bridge
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Town road across Trout River, 2.5 miles northwest of Montgomery village			
CITY OR TOWN: Enosburg		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Vt. District	
STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50	COUNTY: Franklin	CODE: 011

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY		
OWNER'S NAME: Town of Enosburg		
STREET AND NUMBER: (no street number)		
CITY OR TOWN: Enosburg	STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION		
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Office of Town Clerk		
STREET AND NUMBER: (no street number)		
CITY OR TOWN: Enosburg	STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS		
TITLE OF SURVEY: Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey		
DATE OF SURVEY: 1974	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Vermont Division of Historic Sites		
STREET AND NUMBER: Pavilion Building		
CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier	STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

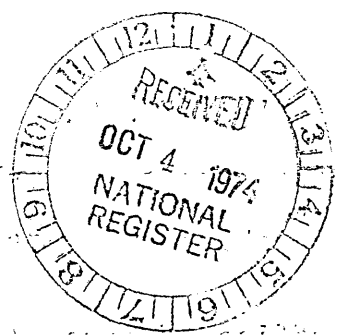
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hopkins Covered Bridge consists of a single span supported by two flanking timber Town lattice trusses. During recent repairs to the bridge, two steel beams were cantilevered outward from the west abutment to support the bottom chords. The structure rests on abutments built of irregular stone slabs laid dry; the west abutment has been capped with concrete.

The Hopkins Bridge is 91 feet long overall and 19.5 feet wide, and has a 16-foot roadway. The wood floor consists of planks laid flat and perpendicular to the trusses, overlaid with two transverse strips of planks for driving surfaces. The floor begins 6.5 feet inside the west portal; the approach is gravel.

On the exterior, the heavy planks pegged together diagonally to form the trusses (and side walls) of the bridge are sheathed with unpainted flush boards hung vertically. Similar siding protects the ends of the trusses immediately inside the portals. The siding stops short of the eaves to leave strip openings along the tops of the walls.

The gable ends are also sheathed with unpainted flush boards hung vertically. The portal openings have diagonal upper corners which correspond to the interior struts. The medium-pitch gable roof is covered with standing seam metal sheeting.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1875**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hopkins Covered Bridge crosses the Trout River northwest of Montgomery village just inside the boundary of Enosburg township, the only covered wood bridge remaining in that town. Two brothers, Sheldon and Savannah Jewett of Montgomery, built the Hopkins Bridge in 1875. Upstream of the Hopkins Bridge in the same watershed and within the town of Montgomery are six other covered bridges also built by the Jewett brothers. The Jewetts used Town lattice trusses in all of the seven bridges. The bridges also share common architectural design and similar dimensions except for length (the Hopkins Bridge is the longest at 91 feet).

Together the seven bridges in Enosburg and Montgomery constitute the most extensive surviving record of the work of any individual covered bridge builders who practiced their trade in Vermont. The complete inventory of bridges built by the Jewett brothers is unknown; Richard Sanders Allen writes that they built bridges "for more than thirty years."¹ The brothers prepared the timber for their bridges at their own mill, which stood in the West Hill district of Montgomery near one of the remaining bridges.

The covered bridges of Vermont are among its most cherished and symbolic historic resources. About one hundred of the bridges still stand in the state, the highest concentration by area of covered bridges in the United States.² Many of these bridges have been altered only slightly, and many relate to other structures and villagescapes to form a unique historic environment. Recently, however, various forces have caused drastic changes in the state. The covered bridges have become subject to increasingly intense and detrimental effects of those changes. The Vermont Division of Historic Sites, therefore, wishes to extend the recognition and protection of the National Register of Historic Places to a majority of the remaining covered bridges.

1. Richard S. Allen, Covered Bridges of the Northeast, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1974, p. 60, (rev. ed.).

2. Richard S. Allen, Covered Bridges of the Northeast, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1974, p. 50.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allen, Richard Sanders, Covered Bridges of the Northeast, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1974 (rev. ed.).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	72	40	26
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

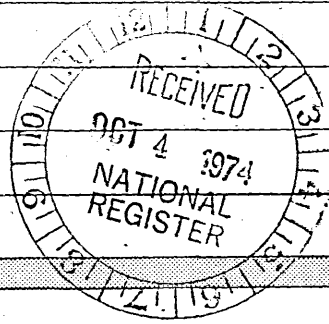
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Hugh H. Henry, Historic Sites Researcher

ORGANIZATION

Vermont Division of Historic Sites

DATE

7/11/74

STREET AND NUMBER:

Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN:

Montpelier

STATE

Vermont

CODE

50

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 William B. Pomeroy

Title Director of Historic Sites
State Historic Preservation
Officer

Date 9/30/74

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

A. D. Neortensen
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/20/74

ATTEST:

Charles A. Sperry
Keeper of The National Register

Date 11. 14. 74