

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Vermont
COUNTY:	Bennington
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ENTRY DATE	AUG 28 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Arlington Green Covered Bridge**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

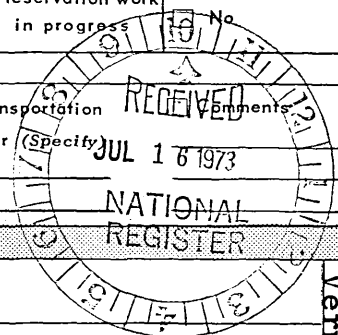
STREET AND NUMBER: **Town road across Battenkill River immediately south of Vermont Route 313, 0.2 mile west of West Arlington village**

CITY OR TOWN: **Arlington** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: **Vermont** CODE: **50** COUNTY: **Bennington** CODE: **003**

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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
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)



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Town of Arlington**

STREET AND NUMBER: **(no street number)**

CITY OR TOWN: **Arlington** 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: **Arlington** STATE: **Vermont** CODE: **50**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1973**  Federal  State  County  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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(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 Arlington Green Covered Bridge consists of a single span supported by two flanking timber Town lattice trusses. A tie-rod extends from each corner of the superstructure to the river-bank below it, and a guy cable has been strung from the west side to the north bank for reinforcement. The north end of the bridge rests on an abutment built of stone slabs which have been faced with concrete; the south abutment consists of stone slabs which have been mortared together. The bridge is 80 feet long and 17.5 feet wide, with a 14-foot roadway.

On the exterior, the large planks pegged together diagonally to form the trusses (and side walls) of the bridge are sheathed with flush boards hung vertically. Similar siding protects the ends of the trusses immediately inside the portals. The gables are sheathed with flush boards hung horizontally. All of the siding is painted red. There are five small rectangular windows in each side of the bridge. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.



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**3. 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) 1852

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) _____
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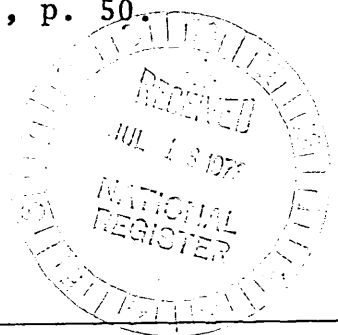
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although one of the oldest bridges in Vermont, the Arlington Green Covered Bridge remains structurally original, unreinforced by internal devices. The bridge stands in an unusually attractive environment, defining the north end of the hamlet by the same name within the larger setting of the extraordinarily scenic Battenkill valley. Bypassed by the state highway, the bridge and hamlet have been spared the destructive traffic and commercial blight common to most Vermont villages.

The covered bridges of Vermont are among its most cherished and symbolic historic resources. About one hundred bridges still stand in the state, the greatest concentration by area of covered bridges in the country.<sup>1</sup> Many of these bridges are integral parts of unique architectural environments whose physical setting and cultural context have been little altered until recently. However, extensive highway construction programs are now drastically changing the historic environment of the state. The Vermont Division of Historic Sites wishes to extend the recognition and protection of the National Register to the majority of the surviving covered bridges, including the Arlington Green bridge.

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1. R. S. Allen, Covered Bridges of the Northeast, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1957, p. 50.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Spargo, John, Covered Wooden Bridges of Bennington County,  
Bennington Historical Museum and Art Gallery, Bennington,  
Vt., 1953.

Allen, Richard Sanders, Covered Bridges of the Northeast, The  
Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1957.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

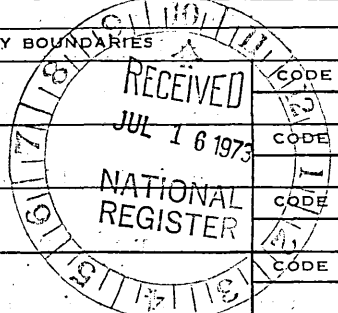
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one acre.

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, Researcher

ORGANIZATION: Vermont Division of Historic Sites DATE: June 8, 1973

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: July 11, 1973

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

Robert W. Utley  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 8/27/73

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: [Signature]