

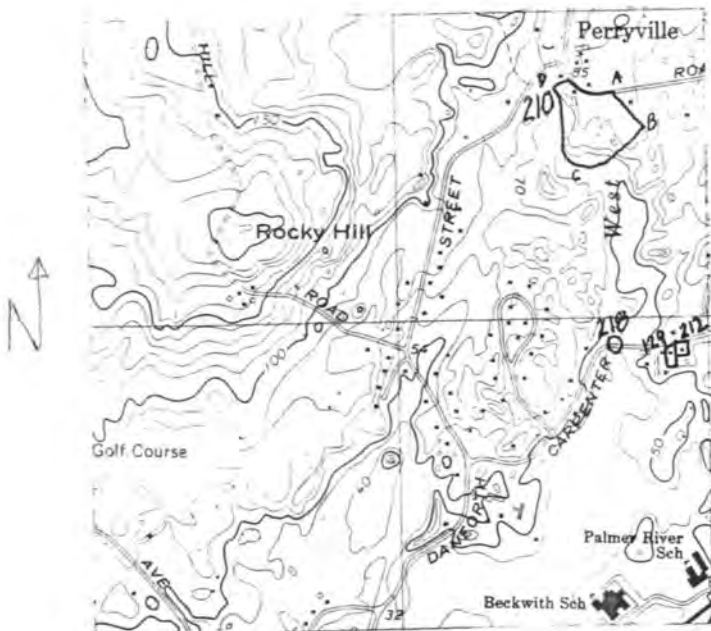
FORM F - STRUCTURE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	802

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



UTM: 19/312680/4635920

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Rehoboth
Address Carpenter Street

Name Carpenter Bridge
Present use Bridge on public roadway
Present owner Town of Rehoboth

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	<u>X</u>	pound	_____
canal	_____	powder house	_____
dam	_____	street	_____
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____
other	_____		

5. Description

Date 1873
Source Town Records

Construction material stone pier -
a clear span with one pier and two
Dimensions abutments.

Setting rural context

Condition restored 1981

6. Recorded by J.F. Manyan
Organization Rehoboth Historic
Commission
Date February 1982

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Town of Rehoboth
Original use Bridge
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>X</u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u>X</u>	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	<u>X</u>
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>X</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Carpenter Street Bridge (1873) which spans the west branch of the Palmer River at Carpenter Street is the only surviving example of the small stone bridges built to span Rehoboth's many streams in the 19th century; others have been replaced by modern concrete and culvert construction.

The present bridge replaced an early double span wooden bridge erected c.1720 when Carpenter Street, originally an Indian trail, was recognized as a public road. It was probably first used primarily to transport sawn lumber from Rehoboth mills to coastal towns for sale and shipment; later it facilitated the transport of corn and grain to and from mills, as well as the movement of Rehoboth's growing population. The bridge continued in use with only minor repairs until 1873 when a special appropriation was made at Town Meeting to replace it with a lower maintenance stone bridge.

The Carpenter Street Bridge was erected in two weeks in the summer of 1873 under William Lake, road boss, and three assistants at a total cost of \$218.15 (\$15 for materials). Only local stone from Rehoboth farms and locally milled guard rail timber were used. Construction consists of two head abutments and a central pier of dry laid fieldstone flared at the top to reduce the cap stone span. The cap stones measure up to 10 feet long, 3 feet wide and 18 inches thick. Low stone retaining walls extend along the road for several yards, infilled between the walls and road bed with gravel.

10. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Rehoboth Multiple Resource Area
State Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Brown House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

Trace M. Boyd 6/6/83

12. Briggs Tavern

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/83

13. Carpenter Bridge

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/8314. Carpenter, Christopher,
House (60 Carpenter St.)Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/8315. Carpenter House
(89 Carpenter St.)Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/8316. Carpenter, Col. Thomas, III,
HouseEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/83

17. Cushing, Caleb, Farm

Combined

Keeper

Attest

18. Cushing ^{CALEB,} House and FARMEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/83

19. Drown, Nathaniel, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/83

20. Elm Cottage/Blanding Farm

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/83

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Carpenter Bridge (Rehoboth MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 4/25/83Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84Date Due: 5/26/83 - 6/19/83Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/6/83☐ RETURN☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Entered in the
National Register

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

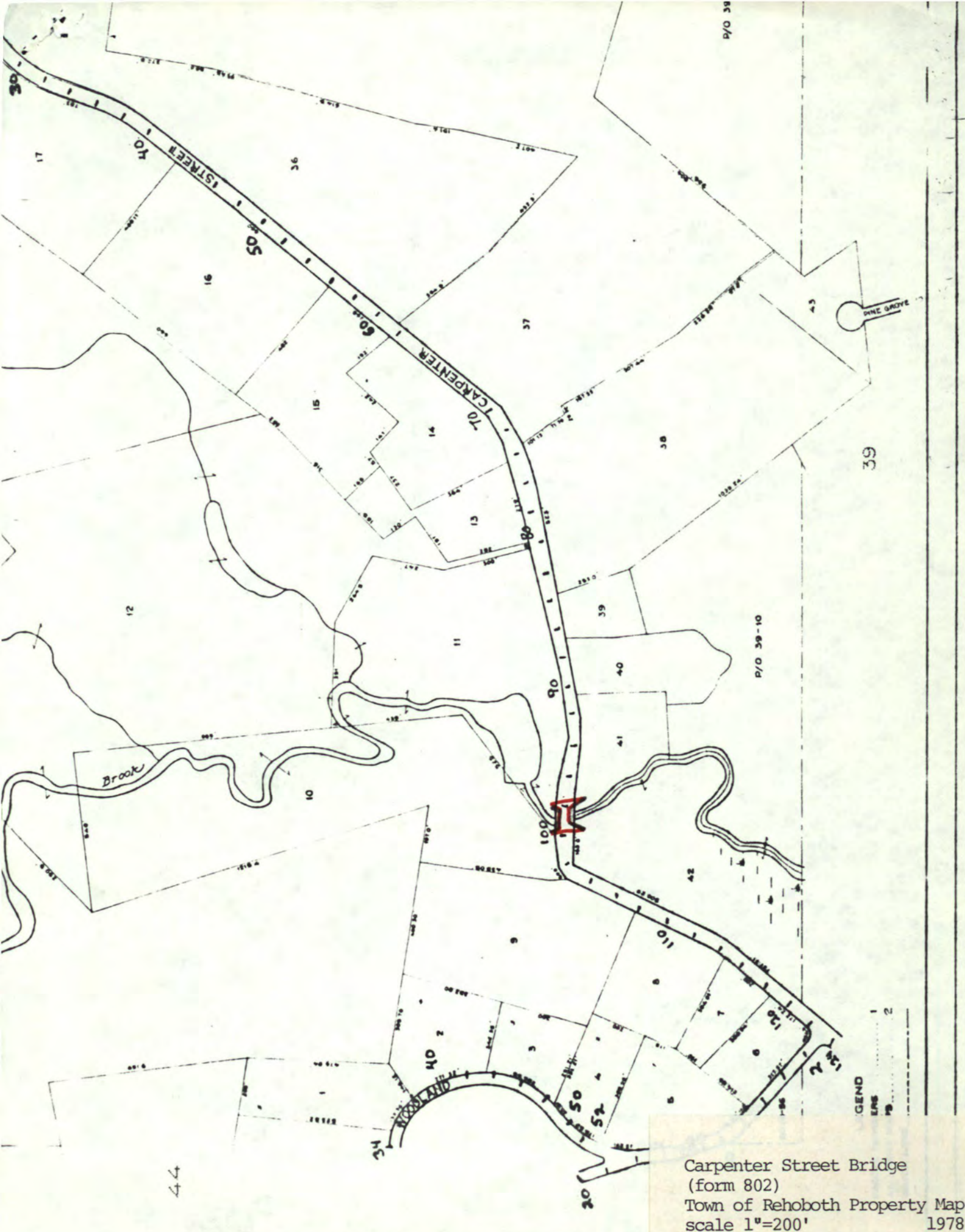
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Carpenter Bridge

Rehobath MRA, Ma



Carpenter Street Bridge
(form 802)
Town of Rehoboth Property Map
scale 1"=200' 1978

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000292