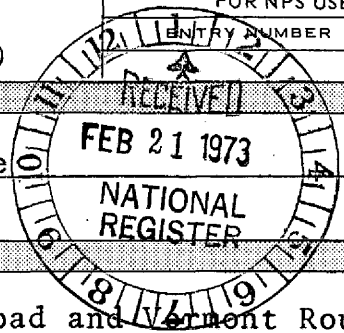


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Vermont	
COUNTY: Windham	
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1. NAME

COMMON:  
West Dummerston Covered Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Intersection of Dummerston Center Road and Vermont Route 30

CITY OR TOWN:  
Dummerston

STATE Vermont	CODE 50	COUNTY: Windham	CODE 025
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	* STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Town of Dummerston

STREET AND NUMBER:  
No Street Number

CITY OR TOWN: Dummerston	STATE: Vermont	CODE 50
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Town Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Dummerston Center

CITY OR TOWN: Dummerston	STATE: Vermont	CODE 50
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971     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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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: Vermont	ENTRY NUMBER MAY 8 1973	DATE
COUNTY: Windham	FOR NPS USE ONLY	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(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

The West Dummerston Covered Bridge is supported by two flanking timber Town lattice trusses. The structure is built in two spans, resting on a central pier, extending a combined length of 280 feet. The pier and the abutments supporting the ends of the bridge are constructed of stone blocks. The abutments are anchored to the underlying bedrock with iron reinforcing rods.<sup>1</sup>

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. The rectangular openings in the side walls near the ends of the bridge were added early in the automobile era to provide increased visibility for on-coming traffic. The diamond-shaped windows were added sometime after the rectangular openings to allow more light to enter the bridge's interior.

The ends of the bridge were originally flat and were sheathed with horizontal siding of flush boards. Now, however, the gable ends overhang the bridge entrances, and clapboards have replaced the flush boards. Both ends of the bridge and the wooden siding which protects the exposed trusses just inside the entrances have been painted white. The roof of the bridge, originally shingled in wood, has been overlaid with corrugated metal sheathing.

Around 1942 the bridge deck underwent extensive repairs including replacement of both structural members and deck planking. This was done to accommodate heavier vehicular traffic.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Information provided by Clifford Emery, Road Commissioner of the Town of Dummerston, Dummerston Center, Vermont.



**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) **1872**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

The West Dummerston Covered Bridge spans the West River and is the longest covered highway bridge wholly within the State of Vermont. The structure is the outstanding engineering landmark of the West River Valley.

The bridge was constructed in 1872 by master carpenter Caleb B. Lamson and is the only known example of his work surviving in Windham County.

Vermont's covered bridges are among the state's most cherished and symbolic historic resources. Over a hundred bridges still stand and many are an integral part of unique architectural environments whose setting and context have been little altered. In view of the extensive highway programs which are drastically changing the visual environment of the state, the Division hopes to extend National Register protection and recognition to the majority of these important structures.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Victor Morse (rev. by R. S. Allen). Windham County's Famous Covered Bridges. Brattleboro, Vermont: The Stephen Greene Press, 1960.

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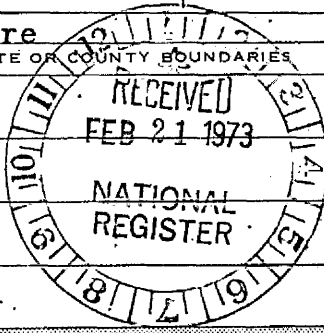
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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Hugh Howard Henry, Researcher; Chester H. Liebs, Supervisor**

ORGANIZATION: **Vermont Division of Historic Sites** DATE: **2/9/73**

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. Pinney

Title **Director of Historic Sites  
State Historic Preservation  
Officer**

Date 2/9/73

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

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

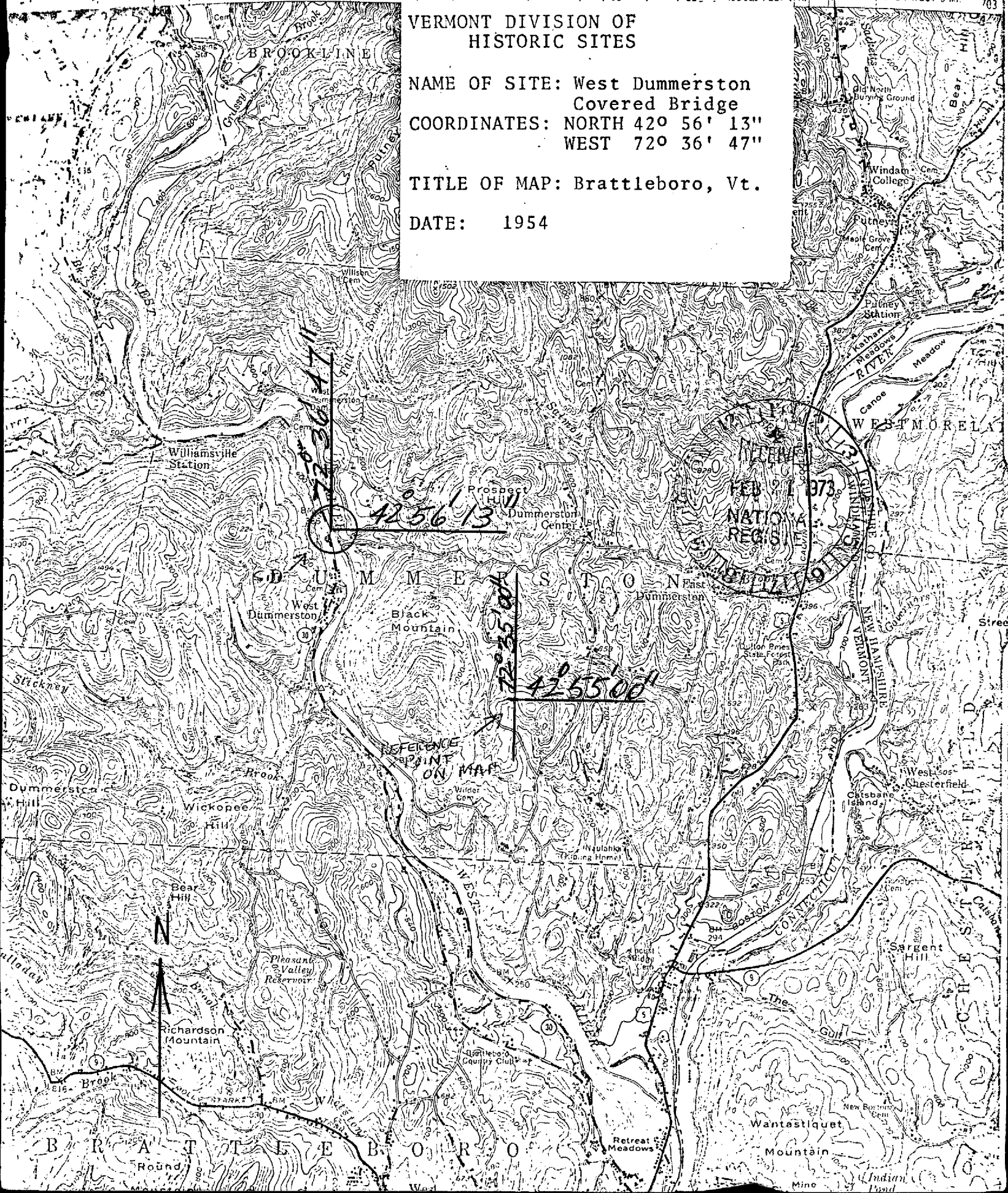
Date 5/8/73

ATTEST: [Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 4 30 73

VERMONT DIVISION OF  
HISTORIC SITES

NAME OF SITE: West Dummerston  
Covered Bridge  
COORDINATES: NORTH 42° 56' 13"  
WEST 72° 36' 47"  
TITLE OF MAP: Brattleboro, Vt.  
DATE: 1954



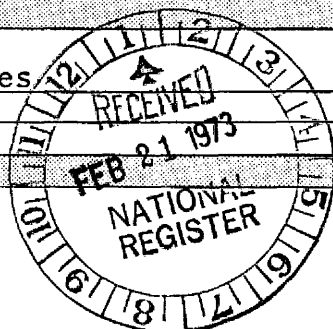
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

STATE	
Vermont	
COUNTY	
Windham	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
MAY	8 1973

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: West Dummerston Covered Bridge			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Intersection of Dummerston Center Road and Vermont Route 30			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Dummerston			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Vermont	50	Windham	025
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. Quadrangle 15 minute series			
SCALE:	1:62,500		
DATE:	1954		
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



NEWER FORM

Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE: Vermont <b>NO SIGS</b>	
COUNTY: Windham <b>NO DATE</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON: West Dummerston Covered Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Town road across West River immediately east of Vermont Route 30, 0.5 mile north of West Dummerston village

CITY OR TOWN: Dummerston

STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50	COUNTY: Windham	CODE: 025
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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<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: Town of Dummerston

STREET AND NUMBER: (no street number)

CITY OR TOWN: Dummerston

STATE: Vermont

CODE: 50

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Office of Town Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER: Dummerston Center

CITY OR TOWN: Dummerston

STATE: Vermont

CODE: 50

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971  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

STATE: Vermont

COUNTY: Windham

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ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(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 West Dummerston Covered Bridge is supported by two flanking timber Town lattice trusses. The bridge is built in two spans, resting on a central pier, that extend a combined length of 267 feet along the floor. The westerly span is 143 feet long, and the easterly is 124 feet. The gable ends overhang the floor at each end of the bridge by two feet; hence, along the top of the trusses, the bridge is 271 feet long. The bridge is 22 feet wide, with an 18-foot roadway. The pier and the abutments supporting the ends of the bridge are constructed of stone blocks. The abutments are anchored to the underlying bedrock with iron reinforcing rods.

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. Rectangular openings in the side walls near each corner of the bridge were added early in the automobile era to provide increased visibility of on-coming traffic. Six diamond-shaped windows were later cut in each side of the bridge to allow more light to enter the interior.

The ends of the bridge were originally flat and sheathed with horizontal siding of flush boards. Now, however, the gable ends overhang the portals, and clapboards have replaced the flush boards. Both ends of the bridge and the wooden siding which protects the ends of the trusses immediately inside the portals have been painted white. The roof of the bridge, originally shingled in wood, has been covered with corrugated metal sheeting. The floor of the bridge has been paved to impede damage from weathering.

About 1942 the bridge deck underwent extensive repairs including replacement both of structural members and deck planking. Two laminated stringers have been added to the underside of the floor parallel to the trusses for reinforcement. Each stringer consists of short timbers tie-bolted together. This was done to strengthen the bridge for heavier vehicular traffic.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



**4. 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) 1872

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

The West Dummerston Covered Bridge is the second longest covered wooden highway bridge wholly within the state of Vermont, and the longest covered bridge still open to traffic. Constructed in 1872 by Caleb B. Lamson, a locally prominent bridge builder, the West Dummerston bridge is the only known example of his work to survive.<sup>1</sup> While some reinforcement has been added to the floor of the bridge, its structure has not been significantly altered from its original condition. The vehicular load limit of ten tons currently allowed across the bridge attests to its structural soundness and to the ability of its builder.

The covered bridges of Vermont are among its most cherished and symbolic historic resources. About one hundred bridges still stand in the state, probably the greatest concentration by area of covered bridges in the country.<sup>2</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 hopes to extend the recognition and protection of the National Register to the majority of the surviving covered bridges, including the West Dummerston bridge.

1. Victor Morse (rev. by R. S. Allen), Windham County's Famous Covered Bridges (Brattleboro, Vt: The Stephen Greene Press, 1960), p. 10.

2. R. S. Allen, Covered Bridges of the Northeast (Brattleboro, Vt.: The Stephen Greene Press, 1957), p. 50.

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**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
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Hugh Howard Henry, Researcher**

ORGANIZATION: **Vermont Division of Historic Sites**      DATE: **May 8, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Pavilion Building**

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

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/>    State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>William B. Priney</u></p> <p>Title <u>Director of Historic Sites</u> <u>State Historic Preservation Officer</u></p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ <i>Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</i></p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ <i>Keeper of The National Register</i></p> <p>Date _____</p>
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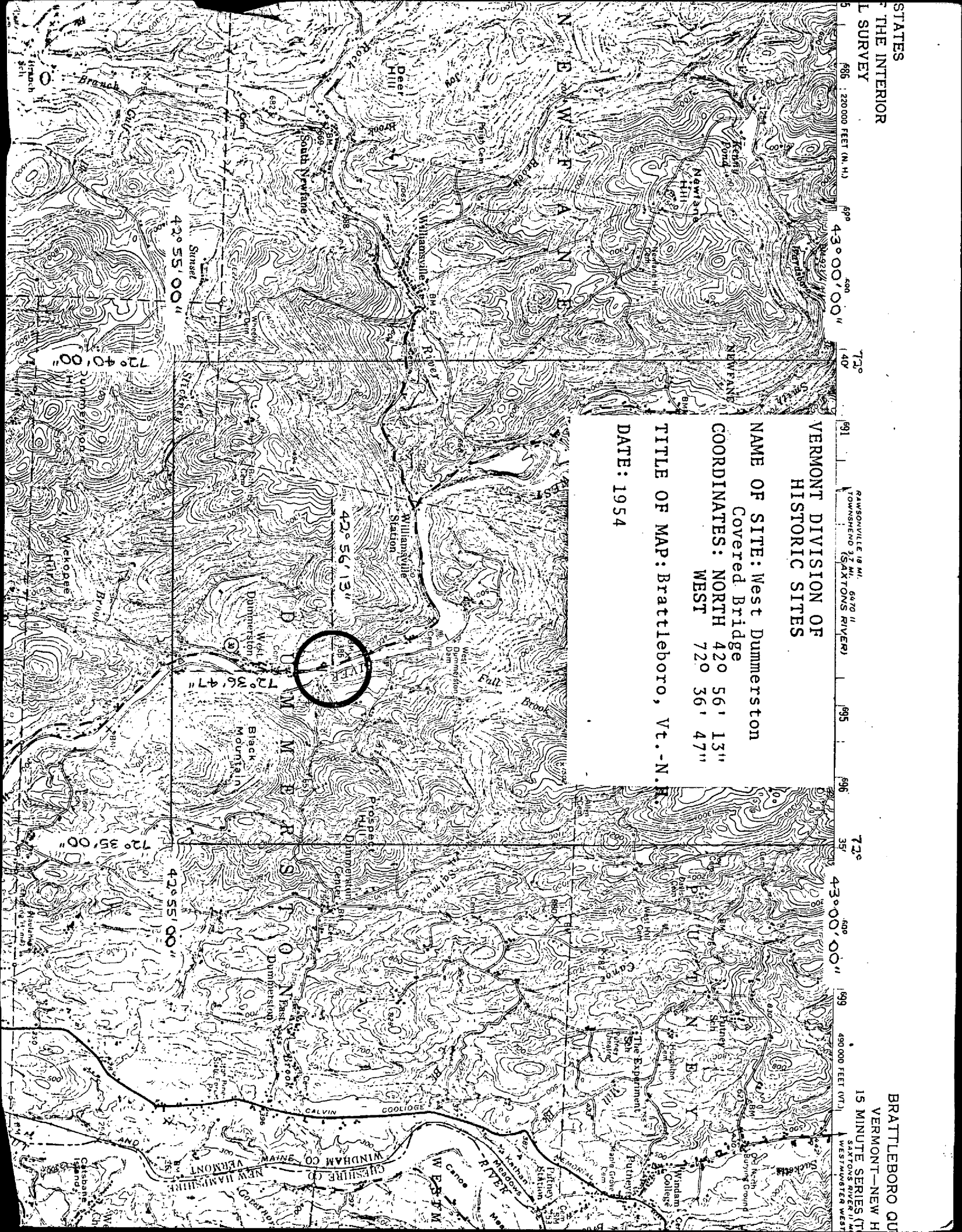
VERMONT DIVISION OF  
HISTORIC SITES

NAME OF SITE: West Dummerston  
Covered Bridge

COORDINATES: NORTH 42° 56' 13"  
WEST 72° 36' 47"

TITLE OF MAP: Brattleboro, Vt.-N.H.

DATE: 1954



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

STATE Vermont	
COUNTY Windham	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: West Dummerston Covered Bridge			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: Town road across West River immediately east of Vermont Route 30, 0.5 mile north of West Dummerston village			
CITY OR TOWN: Dummerston			
STATE: Vermont	CODE 50	COUNTY: Windham	CODE 025
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 15 minute series (topographic) - Brattleboro, VT.-N.H.			
SCALE: 1:62,500			
DATE: 1954			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
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