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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Penobscot	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70,218,0016	DATE 2/16/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Robyville Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Robyville Village in the town of Corinth 3/4 miles northwest of Kenduskeag.

CITY OR TOWN:
Corinth, (Kenduskeag, P.O. (2nd Dist. Hon. William D. Hathaway)

STATE Maine	CODE 04450	COUNTY: Penobscot	CODE 019
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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 type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" 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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<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 Corinth and Maine State Highway Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Corinth Augusta

STATE:
Maine

CODE:
23

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Penobscot County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Bangor

STATE:
Maine

CODE:
23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

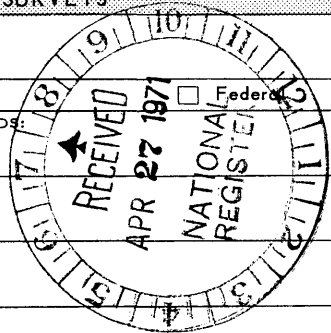
STREET AND NUMBER:

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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 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

LOCATION AND SETTING:

This wooden constructed covered bridge spans the Kenduskeag Stream as it flows through the Township of Corinth. At this point the Stream is flowing in a southerly direction. Robyville is a very small village in the southern part of the Township of Corinth. The Town of Corinth lies in the southern part of Penobscot County. This is a pastoral setting, as the village contains but six or seven houses which are associated with farms. To find this bridge the traveler, once oriented in Bangor, would drive north on Maine Route #15 passing through the Village of Kenduskeag. Two miles north of Kenduskeag he would find a road entering Rt. #15 from the left. One half mile on this road by a golf course will bring the traveler to the bridge.

CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS:

This wooden covered bridge is 76' in length and approximately 19' wide and 19' high from the floor to the peak of the gable roof. The overhead clearance is 14' and the clearance between the sides of 16'. The bridge is built on granite block abutments 15' in height. The south side abutment has been recently reinforced with concrete.

The basic engineering concept employed in the span of this bridge is best described as a Howe Truss System. This system was designed by William Howe of Mass. in the 1830's. The main feature of the Long Truss was a series of crossed braces between upright (King posts). The Robyville Bridge was built on the Howe principle but variations are found in the instance at the center of the span, double King posts are found for added support. The second variation employed in other Maine covered bridges, is that an extra timber has been added to double timber one of each of the cross's braces. These morticed cross braces provide the strength for the principle chord on the bottom of the span and again for the tie chord at the top of the span. The two spans were built in parallel 19' apart. The two spans are tied together with narrow spaced cross beams. Over these cross beams stringers run the length of the bridge and the planking of the floor runs from side to side over the stringers. In addition, two spaced wheel runways run the length of the bridge.

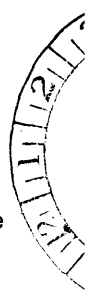
The top chords of the two spans provide the plate for the roof. The rafters tie into the plate and a roof supporting truss work with ridge pole completes the support of the gable. The roof is now covered with asphalt shingles. The sides of the bridge are boarded in. Boards run up and down and then are covered with cedar shakes. The ends of the gable are boarded in down to the 14' clearance, and are covered by cedar shakes. This bridge is the only completely shingled covered bridge in Maine.

This bridge is in excellent condition. Side boards, trim pieces and cornice boards are painted in white. The whole effect is pleasing. The bridge has been tested for strength and 5 gross tons is allowed. The bridge is actively used.

POTENTIAL THREAT: Only natural causes.

This description is of the present condition. Overall the condition of the fabric is excellent. The structure is maintained by the Town of Corinth and the State Highway Commission. What is seen today, excepting the asphalt shingles and the possible white trim, is close to what was seen when this bridge was erected.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1876

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 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

BACKGROUND:

Corinth is situated 18 miles northwest of Bangor. The land surface is quite level, the rock is chiefly granite and the soil loamy. This area in the earliest of times of the whiteman's penetration was important for stands of pine timber for which the cutting was first undertaken in 1792. Through the township then known as No. 2, 4th Range, flows the Kenduskeag Stream famous in the History of Maine's Lumber Industry. This stream provided the power for many of the saw mills that supported the growth and importance of the City of Bangor. Saw mills were built in the earliest times in what is now Corinth. The earliest settlers were Adner Tibbetts and Daniel Budge, who had planned to go to Ohio in 1792, but on examining the land left by the new cutting operations decided to settle here naming the area "New Ohio". A farming economy replaced the timber cutting and by 1870 the town, which had been officially incorporated as Corinth in 1811, had grown to support 1462 people. Today 1971, the population is 1220.

The Robieville or Robyville section of the Town of Corinth was in the earliest times the site of saw mills. No doubt many bridges have previously occupied the very site of the bridge now under consideration. However, no accurate and permanent history has been available to this research. Nevertheless, it has been established that this bridge was built in 1876. It is one of the ten remaining covered Bridges in Maine, and it is still in use. One of the other nine, the Morse Bridge in Bangor, also spans this same Kenduskeag Stream. This Robieville Bridge, now spelled Robyville, is given brief mention in a small work by Mason S. Palmer, written in 1883 (see bibliography).

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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2. Newspaper Article, Portland Press Herald, May 24, 1957, Maine's Covered Bridges.
3. Brochure, Maine State Highway Commission, Covered Bridges in Maine.
4. Magazine article, Down East, May 1955, Treading into Maine - The Covered Bridges.
5. Allen, Richard Sanders, Covered Bridges of the Northeast, Brattleboro, 1957.

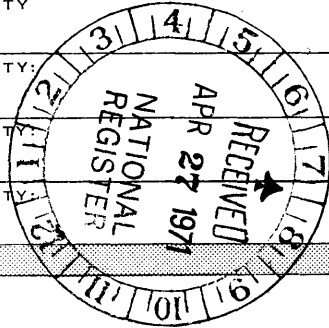
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: $\frac{1}{4}$ acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John W. Briggs, Historian

ORGANIZATION: State Park and Recreation Commission DATE: December 24, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta 04330 STATE: Maine CODE: 23

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: Lawrence Stuart
Title: Director
Date: December 24, 1969

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

Ernest A. Connelly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
2/16/70

Date: _____

ATTEST:
William M. [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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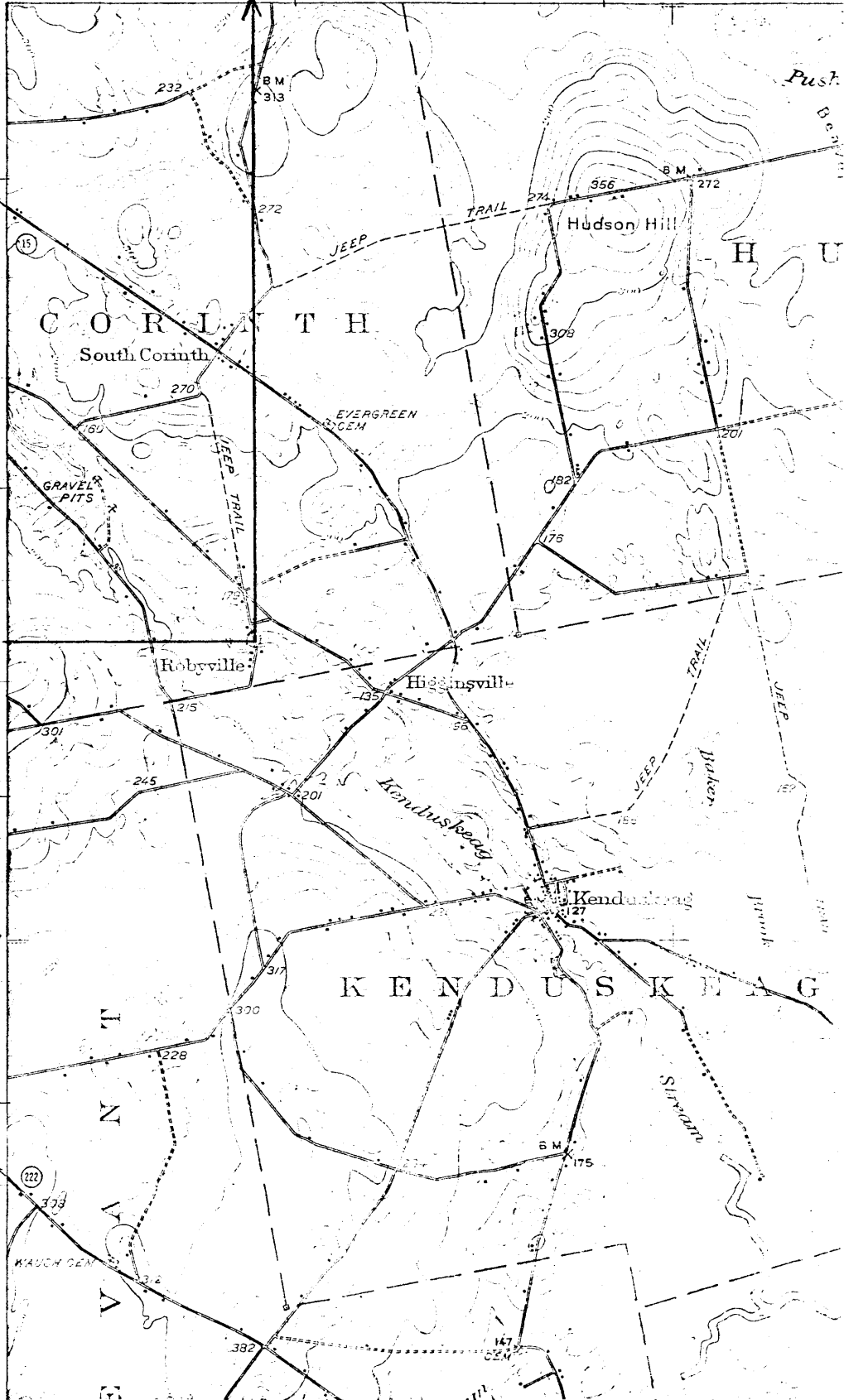
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C O R I N T H

South Corinth

Hudson Hill

Robyville

Higginsville

Kenduskeag

K E N D U S K E A G

BANGOR, ME.
N4445-W6845/15

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CORINTH (JUNC. ME. 7) 15 MI.
WEST LEVANT 0.8 MI.

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U. S. G. S. Bangor Quadrangle, 15 minute series

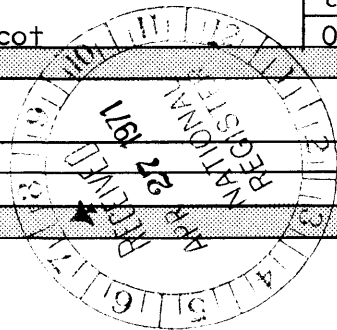
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4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.



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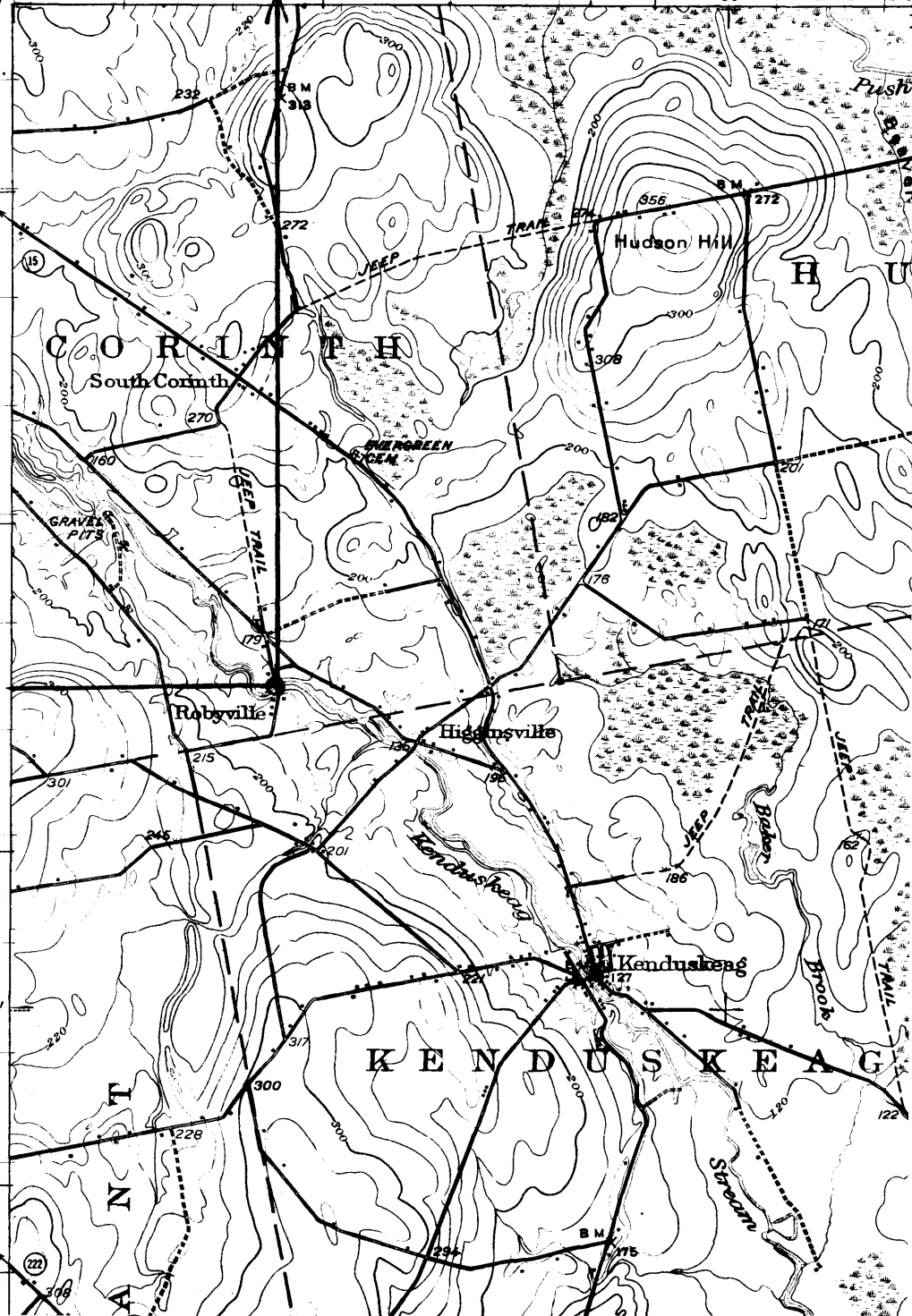
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