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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name March Route of Rochambeau's Army: Hutchinson Road

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Hutchinson Road, from intersection with Hendee Road southward to end not for publication

city or town Andover vicinity

state Connecticut code CT county Tolland code 013 zip code 06232

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

John W. Shannahan March 21, 2002
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
John W. Shannahan, Director, Connecticut Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the property is:
- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
 - determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
 - determined not eligible for the National Register.
 - removed from the National Register.
 - other, (explain): _____

John Sauge Signature of the Keeper
Date of Action 5/6/02

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
_____	_____	Total
1	0	

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Rochambeau's Army in Connecticut, 1780-1782

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION: road-related

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION: road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A
 walls N/A

 roof N/A
 other N/A

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Description:

Hutchinson Road represents the course of State Route 6 before it was rebuilt to its present alignment in the 1930s. The portion south of Hendee Road (Photograph 1) is characterized by stone walls lining the roadway, which averages about 22 feet in width; mature maples, oaks, and other deciduous trees along the margins; and a narrow lightly wooded buffer on the west side, separating it from the present course of Route 6. The nominated portion extends from Hendee Road on the north approximately 3,000 feet to Hutchinson Road's southern terminus, which occurs just before it rejoins Route 6 (prior to the 1990s, Hutchinson Road was open at both ends). The road is paved and has utility poles along the west side.

The only house along the nominated portion is the National Register-listed White's Tavern, a 2 1/2-story clapboarded dwelling that was visited by Chastellux in 1780 and probably by many other figures in the Revolutionary struggle as well.

The view to the east (Photograph 2) is one of gently rolling open fields. The vista extends all the way to the Hop River, approximately 1/3 mile to the east, and beyond to the wooded ridge in Coventry east of the river.

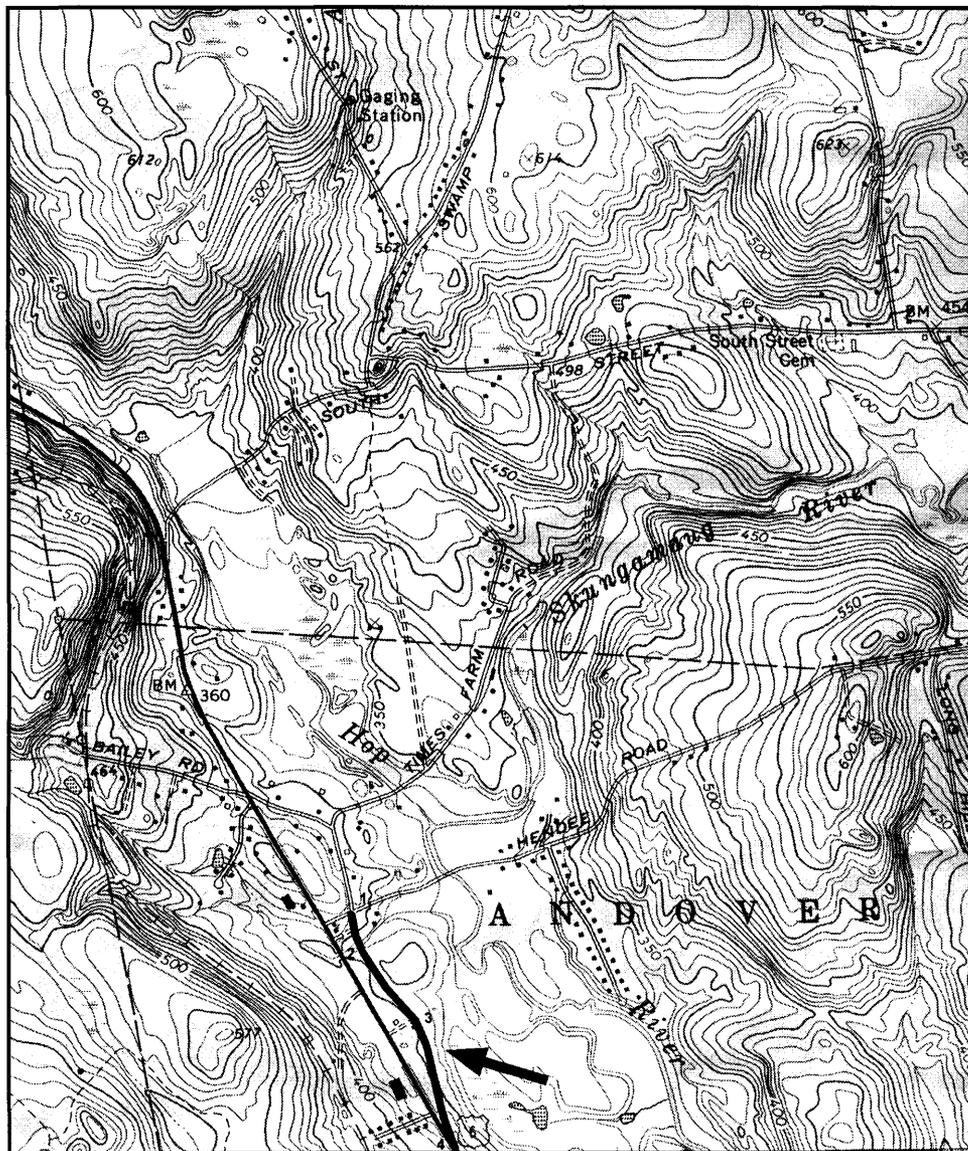
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**Figure 1: March route along Hutchinson Road, as shown on U.S.G.S. Rockville
Quadrangle, 1:24000**



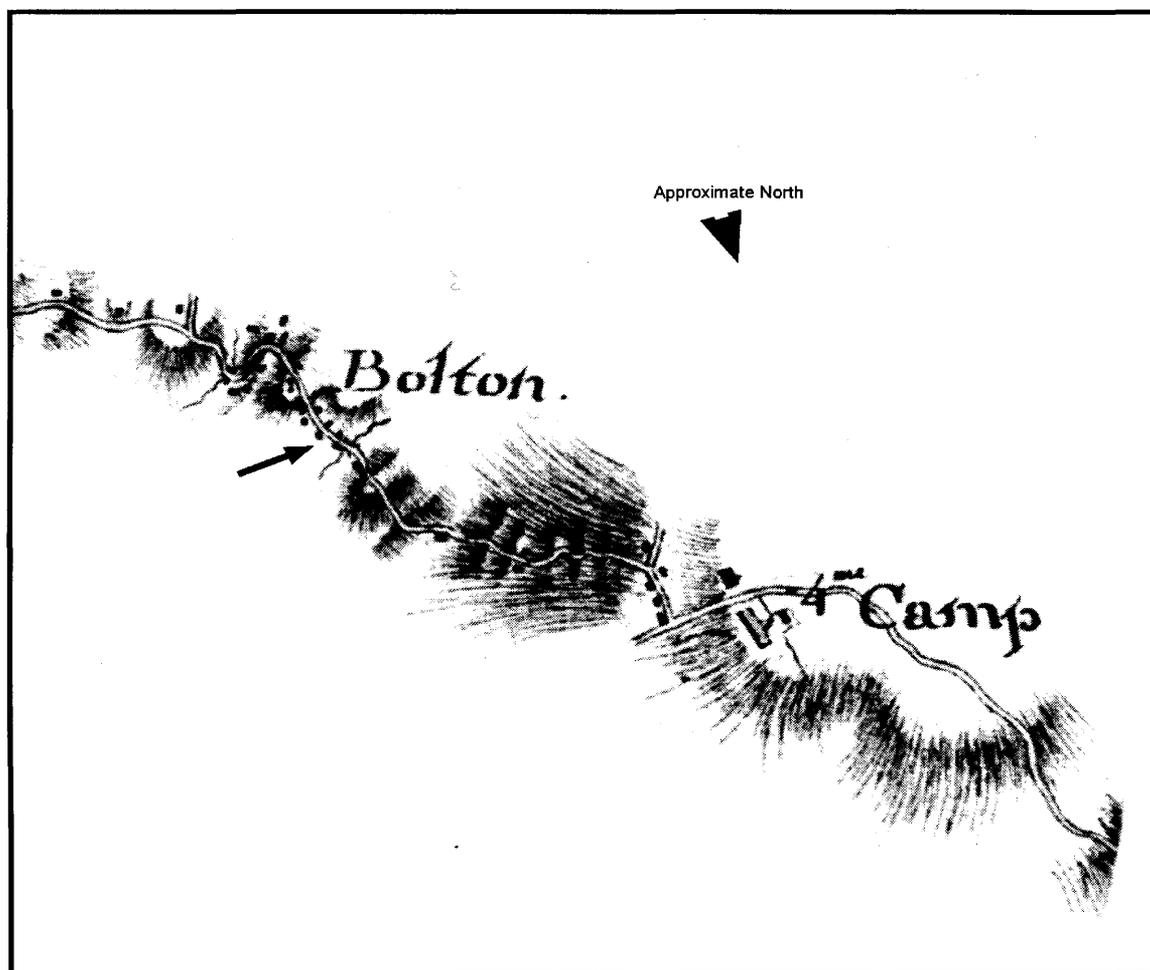
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Figure 2: Excerpt from the route map, as drawn by Louis-Alexandre Berthier, military engineer for the French army, with the portion represented by Hutchinson Road indicated by an arrow (*from Rice and Brown 1972*). What the French called Bolton corresponds to the present-day village center of Andover. On these maps, North is only approximate, since the area along the march route was made to fit the strip-map format. The area north of Andover Center, recognizable by the sharp curve in the road, appears to be somewhat compressed in scale, so it is difficult to identify particular houses with any degree of confidence.



8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark an "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, structure
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

MILITARY

Period of Significance

1781 - 1782

Significant Dates

1781, 1782

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Building Survey
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Connecticut Historical Commission,
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, CT 06106

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Significance:

The passage of the French Army through Connecticut on their way to play a decisive role in the Battle of Yorktown was one of the key events in the state's Revolutionary War-period history. The excellent mapping produced by the French engineers, the supplies coordinated by Connecticut officials and provided by the state's farmers, and the discipline and endurance of the troops themselves all contributed to the successful overland movement, without which the War would have taken a very different turn. Today few segments of the march route retain the visual characteristics they had in the early 1780s, but along this portion of Hutchinson Road, one can view stone walls, acres of fields, and an 18th-century house that served as a tavern and hosted French officers, qualifying it as one of the few resources that recall the Connecticut landscape that the French Army experienced (Criterion A).

The road was established in the first years of the 18th century as the main route between Hartford and the important towns in the eastern portion of the colony: Lebanon, Windham, and Norwich. In June of 1781 the units of the French Army, marching by divisions, used the road in traveling between the fourth camp along the Shetucket River in Windham and the fifth camp east of Bolton Center. On the return trip, in the autumn of 1782, the victorious troops followed the same route, though this time they made their "Bolton" camp closer by, just north of the intersection of Hutchinson and Hendee Roads (the area, now part of the town of Andover, was part of Coventry at the time). The road was improved as a turnpike in the early 19th century and again in the 20th century, when state-highway realignment created numerous bypasses that relegated many segments of the road, such as what became Hutchinson Road, to local use only.

That circumstance allowed Hutchinson Road to retain many of the characteristics of a road from a much earlier era: a relatively narrow width, numerous mature trees close to the roadway, and stone walls lining the right-of-way on both sides. Augmenting these important physical characteristics are the current uses, which also serve to evoke what French would have seen. The entire area to the east, stretching to the Hop River, remains as open fields, recalling that much of the landscape of 18th-century Connecticut was used for pasture and hayfields. Finally, the only house on the nominated portion of the road is a contemporary of the march: the Daniel White Tavern of 1773, where Chastellux stayed in 1780. Because there were relatively few houses at Bolton Center in which to quarter the officers, it is likely that the Daniel White house was used for that purpose for several days when the army was camped nearby, both on the forward and return march. The march itinerary specifically called out White's Tavern, referred to as the "White Tavern at the sign of the Black Horse" in Rochambeau's copy, as a landmark to watch for upon leaving Andover center (Rice and Brown 1972: 25).

The identification of Hutchinson Road with the march route is virtually incontestable. The topography shown on Berthier's map (Figure 2) closely matches what is observable today, and the presence of the Daniel White Tavern indicates that the alignment dates from the 18th century.

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Clouette, Bruce

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Harper, M., B. Clouette, and R. Harper

1999 *The Rochambeau Project: Historical and Archaeological Documentation of the French Army's Marches through Connecticut in 1781 and 1782*. Storrs, CT: PAST, Inc. and Keegans Associates. Prepared for the Connecticut Historical Commission.

Rice, Howard C., Jr. and Anne S. K. Brown, eds.

1972 *The American Campaigns of Rochambeau's Army 1780, 1781, 1782, 1783*. Princeton, N.J. and Providence, R.I.: Jointly published by Princeton University Press and Brown University Press. Two volumes. Includes the maps prepared by the French army and the journals of Berthier, Béville, Clermont-Crèvecoeur, and Verger.

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Name of Property

Tolland County, CT
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property approx. 2 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Town of Andover, Connecticut

street & number 17 School Road, P.O. Box 328 telephone 860-742-0188

city or town Andover state CT zip code 06232-0328

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property consists of Hutchinson Road from its intersection with Hendee Road southward to its terminus, where it formerly rejoined Route 6. The nominated property includes the entire public road right-of-way.

Boundary Justification:

The boundary includes the portion of Hutchinson Road that retains the visual qualities that convey its historical significance as a portion of the route traversed by the French Army in 1781-1782. Further north, the adjacent fields are harder to see from the road, and the character of the residential development at that end is predominantly modern.

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All Photographs:

1. March Route of Rochambeau's Army: Hutchinson Road
2. Andover, Tolland County, CT
3. PAST, Inc. Photo
4. April, 2001
5. Negative filed with PAST, Inc., Storrs, CT

Captions:

Typical portion, near south end, camera facing north
Photograph 1 of 4

Typical view of fields east side of road, camera facing east
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Typical section of stone wall, east side, camera facing southeast
Photograph 3 of 4

Daniel White Tavern, west side of road, camera facing southwest
Photograph 4 of 4