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INVENTORY FORM FOR NOMINATED PROPERTIES

NATIONAL REGISTER

Name of Property: Third Street Bridge

Owner: Village of Menomonee Falls Date: 5/6/86

Address: Roosevelt Drive (intersection of Water Street and Roosevelt Drive)

Owner's address: W156 N8480 Pilgrim Road Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051

City: Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051

County: Waukesha

\*160 NRHP Certification

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_

165 NRHP Certification Date

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_

\*170 Thematic or Multiple Resource Nomination Name

Multiple Resources of Menomonee Falls

180 NRHP List Name Third Street Bridge

\*200 Level of Significance Local

\*190 District Classification \_\_\_\_\_

\*210 Applicable Criteria Architecture/Engineering

(c)

\*215 Criteria Considerations

\*220 Area of Significance

Architecture

230 Period of Significance Architecture: 1899

60 Verbal Boundary Description Part of Section 13,

Town 8 North, Range 20 East, 20 feet wide and

80 feet long on Roosevelt Drive across the

Menomonee River between Water Street on the

East and Hale Avenue on the West.

The boundaries of the nominated property

describe a rectangle the approximate dimension

of the bridge structure including all abutment

archways, surface roadway and decking.

70 USGS Quad Map Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

80 UTM Coordinates (Format: 99/999999/9999999)

16-409440-4781420

85 Listed Acreage Less than one

340 Review Board Date \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination includes:

ONE Structure. (contributing)

INTENSIVE SURVEY FORM

Record No. \_\_\_\_\_ Property Name: Third Street Bridge

LOCATION

PROGRAM REVIEW

\*10 County Waukesha

250 Tax No. \_\_\_\_\_ Compliance No. \_\_\_\_\_

20 City or Village Menomonee Falls

\*270 A or D Grant \_\_\_\_\_

30 Civil Town \_\_\_\_\_

275 Covenant/Easement Dates \_\_\_\_\_

35 Unincorp. Community \_\_\_\_\_

\*320 Ownership Public

40 Location Roosevelt Drive (intersection of Water Street and Roosevelt Drive)

\*330 Lead Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Town-Range-Section (Format: 9999W-99)

335 Local Agency \_\_\_\_\_

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SURVEY

55 Quarter Sections (Format: NW-NW) \_\_\_\_\_

90 Photo Codes WK 92-32; WK100-17,18,19,20

60 Verbal Boundary Description 20 Feet wide and

100 Survey Map Engineer's Map of Menomonee Falls

60 80 feet long on Roosevelt Drive across the Menomonee River between Water Street

110 Map Code 92-32

60 on the East and Hale Avenue on the West Port of Section 13, Town 8 North, Range

120 Reconnaissance Surveyor Leonard Garfield

60 20 East.

130 Reconnaissance Survey Date 1979

\*140 Intensive Survey Name Menomonee Falls Intensive Survey

150 Intensive Surveyor Rausch/Kilsdonk (Johnson 184)

152 Surveyor Affiliation Architectural Researches,

155 Intensive Survey FY 1985

\*235 Survey Eval. Eligible

\*237 Survey District Classification \_\_\_\_\_

\*240 Survey Level of Significance Local

\*243 Survey Evaluation Criteria Architecture

245 Proposed District \_\_\_\_\_

280 NHL Date \_\_\_\_\_

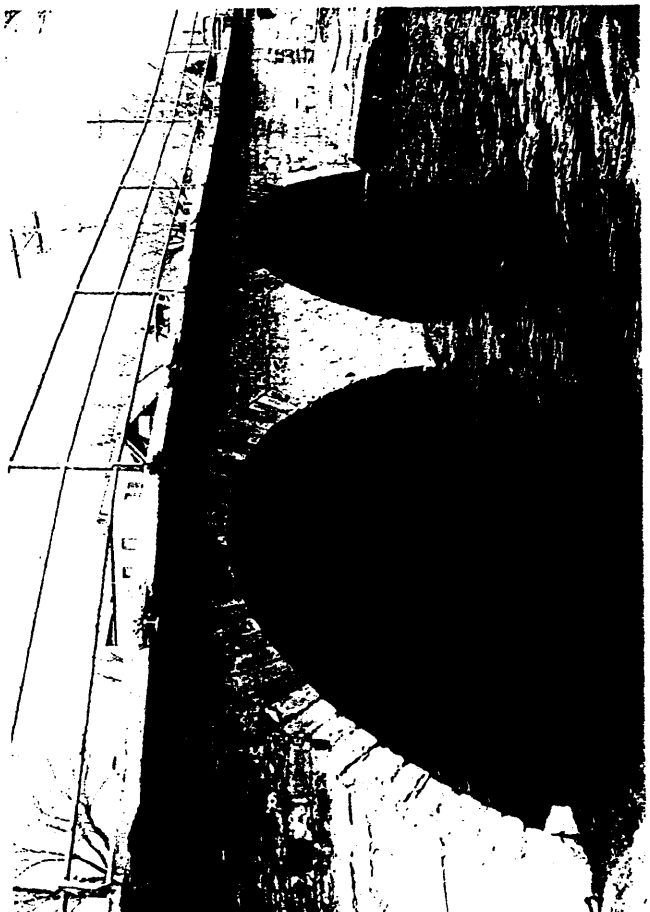
290 HABS No. \_\_\_\_\_ 300 HAER No. \_\_\_\_\_

\*305 Local Designation (date) \_\_\_\_\_

320 Local District \_\_\_\_\_

315 Associated Archeological Site(s) \_\_\_\_\_

315 \_\_\_\_\_



Number

Street

\* use code tables for response

Record No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address Roosevelt Drive (intersection of Water Street and Roosevelt Drive)

ARCHITECTURE

450 Construction Date [source] 1899 A

460 Date(s) of Alterations/Additions [source] \_\_\_\_\_

460 c.1930s (deck and railings)

480 Builder [source] Nelson Lund (Mason) A B

\* 490 Designer Type (a) -

490 (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

500 Designer Name [source] (a) -

500 (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

\* 510 Style or Form Stone arch bridge

510 \_\_\_\_\_

\* 520 Building, Structure, Object or SiteType

520 Bridge Structure

\* 530 Wall Material Limestone

\* 532 Trim Material -

\* 535 Foundation Material -

\* 537 Roof Material -

\* 540 Interior Visited --

\* 550 Structural System [source] stone arch

\* 560 Plan Configuration -

\* 570 Number of Stories -

\* 580 Roof Shape -

590 Additional Description \_\_\_\_\_

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590 \_\_\_\_\_

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\* 620 Condition Good

\* 650 Related Buildings \_\_\_\_\_

650 \_\_\_\_\_

650 \_\_\_\_\_

HISTORY

430 Current Name Roosevelt Drive Bridge

435 Current Function Stone arch bridge

440 Historic Names [source] Third Street Bridge A

440 \_\_\_\_\_

440 \_\_\_\_\_

660 Assoc. Individuals [source] (a) \_\_\_\_\_

660 (b) \_\_\_\_\_

665 Dates Assoc. [source] (a) \_\_\_\_\_

665 (b) \_\_\_\_\_

670 Assoc. Events [source] (a) \_\_\_\_\_

670 \_\_\_\_\_

670 (b) \_\_\_\_\_

670 \_\_\_\_\_

675 Dates of Events [source] (a) \_\_\_\_\_

675 (b) \_\_\_\_\_

680 Historic Functions [source] (a) Bridge 1

680 (b) \_\_\_\_\_

685 Dates of Functions [source] (a) 1899-Present 1

685 (b) \_\_\_\_\_

\* 687 Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

688 Cultural Subgroup \_\_\_\_\_

\*use code tables for response

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Third Street Bridge was erected by Nels Peterlund over the Menomonee River in 1899. Built during the business expansion of Menomonee Falls after 1890, the stone arch bridge provided access to the industrial and commercial area along Water Street from the residential area west of the river. This area along Roosevelt Drive which had previously terminated at the river grew rapidly at the turn of the century. Therefore, it eased congestion to the depot area. 1.2.3.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

**DESCRIPTION**

Built of coursed limestone across the Menomonee River in 1899 at the cost of \$850.00, the two-span Third Street Bridge features arched construction characterized by large, radiating stone voussoirs and round buttresses on the north side of the bridge.<sup>A</sup> Through the years, concrete reinforcement and repair work particularly on the east end have altered some of the original stone work. Metal rails have been added to the structure, and the stone buttress on the south side has been removed.<sup>D</sup>

Built to carry traffic across the river from the west side of the industrial area, particularly the sugar beet factory on Water Street, the Third Street Bridge, now known as the Roosevelt Drive Bridge, also has been altered to support a concrete sidewalk and asphalt roadway.<sup>C</sup>

**700 STUDY UNITS (CODE)****ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SIGNIFICANCE**

The Third Street Bridge is significant under Criterion C as the only example of stone bridge construction in the Village of Menomonee Falls. Built to facilitate traffic from the west side of the village to the commercial and industrial area, particularly to the sugar beet factory on Water Street, the stone Third Street Bridge, although altered by maintenance and repair over the years, has retained much of its original character.

In addition the bridge is significant as an excellent example of local masonry skills as transferred to a non-residential structure, in an area known for its quarrying and stoneworking tradition.

In the 1987 Statewide survey of stone arch bridges conducted by the Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation, the Third Street Bridge was evaluated as a significant representative example of Wisconsin's unique stone construction forms. While not as finely detailed as some bridges identified elsewhere, the local bridge was determined to be an important representation of local design skills as applied to this property type.

**690 BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES****Architectural References**

- A. Village Board Minutes, Vol. 1 (Menomonee Falls Wisconsin: Minutes of the Board, Village of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin) 329-30.
- B. Menomonee Falls (Wisconsin) News, 27 May 192
- C. Hartford (Wisconsin) Times, 18 February 1897.
- D. Early photograph: Menomonee Falls Diamond Jubilee Brochure, 1892-1967 (Menomonee Falls Wisconsin, 1967) 45.

**Historical References**

1. Menomonee Falls, Village of (Board Minutes), 1899: (I) 329-30.
2. Menomonee Falls News, 1927 (5/27).
3. Pilgrim, Leslie, 1984 (interview 7/27).

[1] **City, Village or Town:** Village of Menomonee Falls      **County:** Waukesha      **LEGAL DESCRIPTION (township-range-section):** 8N-20E-3

**WISDOT BRIDGE NO.:** P-67-717

**USGS QUAD AND UTM REFERENCE:** Menomonee Falls, Wis. / 16.409450.4782420

**HISTORIC NAME:** Third Street Bridge      **Source:** A

**OTHER NAME:** Roosevelt Drive Bridge

**BRIDGE CARRIES:** Roosevelt Drive

**BRIDGE OVER:** Menomonee River

**CURRENT OWNER:** Village of Menomonee Falls



PHOTO ID:

N elevation

Looking E at approach

[2] **Year Built:** 1899      **Source:** A      **Year(s) Altered:**      **Source:**  
**Engineer:** Not known      **Source:**  
**Contractor/Mason:** N. P. Lund      **Source:** A

[3] Architectural Significance

- Represents work of a master       Possesses high artistic values
- Represents type, period, technique       Engineering
- None

**Architectural/Engineering Description & Significance:**

The structure is a rock-faced, ashlar-limestone bridge with 2 identical, nearly semi-circular arches. Springing about 1 ft. above the waterline, each arch rises about 9 feet over a span of 20 ft. A pyramidal cutwater adorns the upstream face of the pier. Originally, the Third Street Bridge had low, sloped, stone railings that ran the full length of the parapets. By the 1930s, these had been removed to make way for concrete sidewalks, supported by metal brackets and bordered by metal railings (E). These alterations somewhat impair the bridge's design integrity, but the structure's original profile, proportions, and stonework are still clearly visible. The Third Street Bridge is architecturally significant as an excellent example of local masonry skills in an area known for its quarrying and stoneworking tradition.