

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Vermont
COUNTY:	Chittenden
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	SEP 6 1974

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Holmes Creek Covered Bridge
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Town road across Holmes Creek at Lake Champlain; 2.9 miles northwest of Charlotte village NW of Charlotte			
CITY OR TOWN: Charlotte		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Vt. District Rep. Richard Mallary	
STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50	COUNTY: Chittenden	CODE: 07

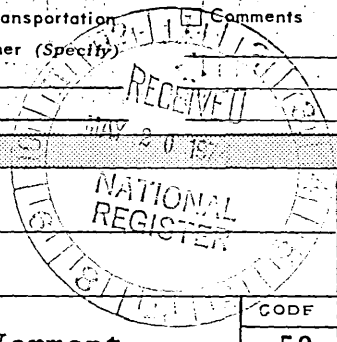
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY: (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input 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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Town of Charlotte			
STREET AND NUMBER: (no street number)			
CITY OR TOWN: Charlotte		STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Office of Town Clerk			
STREET AND NUMBER: (no street number)			
CITY OR TOWN: Charlotte		STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1974 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> 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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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

- Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

- Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

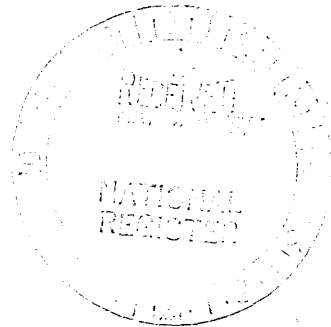
- Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Holmes Creek Covered Bridge consists of a single span supported by two flanking timber laminated arch trusses. Each arch comprises five layers of planks bolted together horizontally and to the vertical posts of the enclosing "shed". Vertically laminated plank braces have been added diagonally between the vertical posts for reinforcement.

The Holmes Creek bridge is 40 feet long overall and 14.5 feet wide, and has an 11.5-foot roadway. The wood floor, which consists of planks laid on edge and parallel to the trusses, is 38 feet long and has been paved. The structure rests on short abutments built of irregular stone blocks laid dry; the north abutment has been capped, and the south abutment faced, with concrete.

On the exterior, the post-and-beam structure pegged together to enclose the arch trusses of the bridge is sheathed with unpainted flush boards hung vertically. The siding stops short of the eaves to leave strip openings along the tops of the side walls. The gable ends are also sheathed with unpainted flush boards hung vertically. The portal openings are rectangular with diagonal upper corners. The medium-pitch gable roof is covered with corrugated metal sheeting.



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8. 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) **unknown**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
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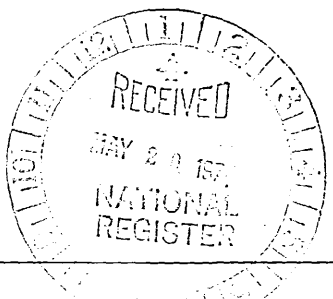
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Holmes Creek Covered Bridge is one of three covered wood bridges remaining in the town of Charlotte. The bridge is supported by simple laminated arch trusses, a structural system used only in two other covered bridges in Vermont. Standing at the shore of Lake Champlain across the mouth of Holmes Creek, the bridge has a unique lacustrine environment.

The covered bridges of Vermont are among its most cherished and symbolic historic resources. About one hundred of the bridges still stand in the state, the highest concentration by area of covered bridges in the country.¹ Many of these bridges have been altered only slightly, and many relate to other structures and villagescapes to form a unique historic environment. Recently, however, various forces have caused drastic changes in the state. The covered bridges have become subject to increasingly intense and detrimental effects of those changes. The Vermont Division of Historic Sites, therefore, wishes to extend the recognition and protection of the National Register of Historic Places to a majority of the remaining covered bridges, including the Holmes Creek bridge.

1. R. S. Allen, Covered Bridges of the Northeast, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1957, p. 50.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

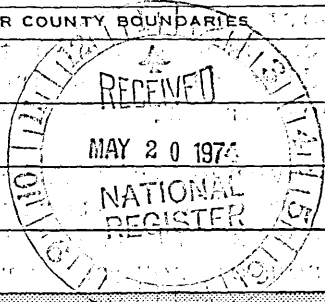
Allen, Richard Sanders, Covered Bridges of the Northeast, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1957.
 Congdon, Herbert Wheaton, The Covered Bridge, Vermont Books, Middlebury, Vt., 1970.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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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:
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Hugh H. Henry, Historic Sites Researcher**

ORGANIZATION: **Vermont Division of Historic Sites** DATE: **4/2/74**

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. Prineas

Title Director of Historic Sites
State Historic Preservation
Officer

Date 5/14/74

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

A R Neortese
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/6/74

ATTEST:
Charles A. Bennett
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 7-6-74