

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine
 COUNTY: Kennebec
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: SEP 20 1973

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N4933075

1. NAME
 COMMON: Two Cent Bridge
~~20 Bridge~~
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
 STREET AND NUMBER: spans the Kennebec River at Temple Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Waterville - Winslow CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 1st; Hon. Peter N. Kyros
 STATE: Maine CODE: 23 COUNTY: Kennebec CODE: 011

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" 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)

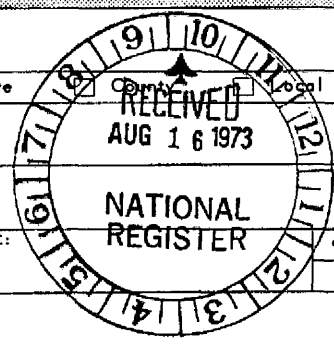
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<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: Ticonic Footbridge Company
 STREET AND NUMBER: c/o Smith & Company, 193 Main Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Waterville STATE: Maine CODE: 23

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Kennebec County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER: State Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Augusta STATE: Maine CODE: 23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE OF SURVEY: None
 DATE OF SURVEY: _____ Federal State
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ CODE: _____

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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

This small bridge spans the Kennebec River between Waterville and Winslow. It is constructed entirely of steel and is a suspension type bridge.



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9. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1903

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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1899 under Chapter 37 of the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine, the Ticonic Footbridge Company received its charter. In 1901 the footbridge was constructed by the Berlin Construction Company of Berlin, Connecticut and the charter was amended by Chapter 394 of the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine to establish a 2¢ toll. In 1902 the bridge was washed out by a flood on the Kennebec River. In 1903 reconstruction was completed and a plaque mounted on the existing bridge commemorates that date.

In 1935 the Kennebec River reached its highest level of this century and is considered by the Army Corps of Engineers to be the so-called "100 year flood". The Maine Central Railroad bridge and the vehicular and pedestrian bridge connecting Waterville and Winslow were both destroyed. This footbridge was not damaged extensively and remained the only means of transportation between the two communities. This was particularly significant in as much as public necessities such as food and health services existed only on the Waterville side.

The bridge is approximately 700 feet long spanning the Kennebec River between Waterville and Winslow, a slight distance above Ticonic Falls. When the bridge was constructed, its intended use was for the transportation of millworkers between the two communities to the abutting mills. At its peak the bridge reportedly received over 500 users per day. Currently, its use has been reduced to 40 persons per day. The tollkeeper lived in a very small building on the west end of the bridge.

The main significance of the bridge is the fact that this type of bridge structurally is a rarity. There are few remaining such bridges in the United States today. This bridge takes on added significance by the fact that it is reportedly the only private toll footbridge in the United States. Its appearance on the river is graceful from a structural standpoint and affords one an exceptional view northerly on the Kennebec River to the Shawmut Dam at Shawmut.

Under the Urban Renewal Authority program in the City of Waterville, the immediate area around this bridge is to become a public park and parking area. The bridge would be a natural adjunct to the designated use of this area.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

City of Waterville, City Clerk records.
Waterville Morning Sentinel. 1900 through 1973.

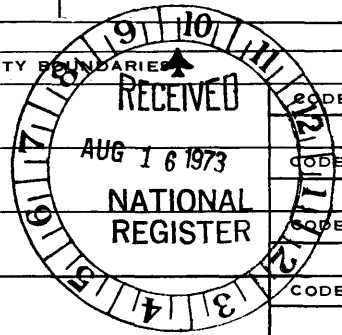
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		44° 33' 03"	69° 37' 37"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **8.5**

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:
Larry W. Seymour, City Engineer

ORGANIZATION: **City of Waterville** DATE: **May 29, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall Annex, Brook Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Waterville** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **23**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: *James H. Mundy*

Title: *State Historic Pres. Officer*

Date: *August 13, 1973*

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert T. Kelley
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: *9/20/73*

ATTEST:

Wm. Mundy
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: *9 19 73*