

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Vermont
COUNTY: Washington
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE AUG 7 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Warren Covered Bridge
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Town road across Mad River at Warren village <i>off VT 100</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: Warren		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Vt. District Rep. Richard Mallary	
STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50	COUNTY: Washington	CODE: 23

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 Warren		
STREET AND NUMBER: (no street number)		
CITY OR TOWN: Warren	STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50

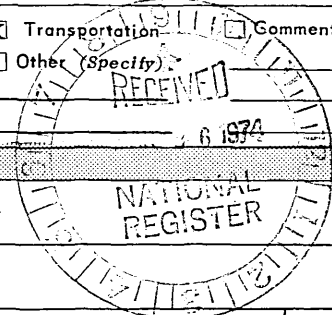
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey		
DATE OF SURVEY: 1973	<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)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Warren covered bridge consists of a single span supported by two flanking timber queenpost trusses. The structure lacks upper lateral bracing. It has not been reinforced by any of the devices added to many other covered bridges in Vermont. The abutments, however, have been either faced or rebuilt with concrete.

The Warren bridge is 58.5 feet long at floor level. The upper west ends of the side walls flare outward to meet the west gable end which overhangs the floor four feet at the portal; the east portal is vertical. The bridge is 16.5 feet wide and has a 14-foot roadway. The wood floor, which consists of planks laid on edge and perpendicular to the trusses, begins 2.5 feet inside the west portal and eight feet inside the east portal; the approaches are paved.

On the exterior, the heavy timbers pegged together to form the trusses (and side walls) of the bridge are sheathed with unpainted flush boards hung vertically. Similar siding protects the ends of the trusses immediately inside the portals (except at the northwest corner). The exterior siding stops short of the eaves to leave strip openings along the tops of the walls. There is one large rectangular window in the center of each wall.

The gable ends are also sheathed with unpainted flush boards hung vertically. The portal openings are rectangular except for diagonal upper corners. The medium-pitch gable roof is covered with wood shingles.



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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) **1879-80**

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/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
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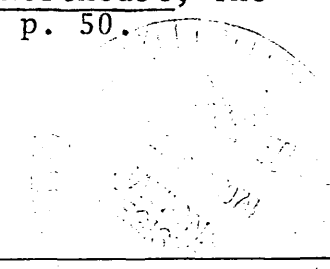
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The covered bridge at Warren village is the only covered wood bridge to survive in the town of Warren. The bridge has a unique asymmetrical design: the east portal is vertical while at the west portal the upper side walls project differentially to meet an overhanging gable end. Built by Walter Bagley in 1879-80, the bridge will remain unaltered in the future unless, according to the stipulation of a town ordinance, two-thirds of the legal voters approve any proposed change.

The covered bridges of Vermont are among its most cherished and symbolic historic resources. About one hundred bridges still stand in the state, the greatest concentration by area of covered bridges in the country.¹ Many of these bridges are integral parts of unique architectural environments whose physical setting and cultural context have been little altered until recently. Now, however, pervasive highway expansion, intensive commercial development, and physical neglect are changing drastically the historic environment and threatening the covered bridges. The Vermont Division of Historic Sites, therefore, wishes to extend the recognition and protection of the National Register to the majority of the surviving covered bridges, including the Warren covered 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.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

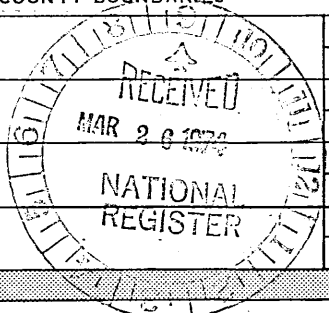
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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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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: **2/27/74**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN: **Montpelier** STATE: **Vermont** CODE: **50**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>William B. Timney</u></p> <p>Title <u>Director of Historic Sites</u> <u>State Historic Preservation</u> <u>Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>3/19/74</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>A. R. Montrose</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>4/1/74</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>W. Montrose</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>3/17/74</u></p>
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