

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE:  
New Hampshire

COUNTY:  
Sullivan

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ENTRY DATE  
MAY 24 1973

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Prentiss Bridge (Drewsville Bridge)

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Prentiss Bridge

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Off Old Cheshire Turnpike Road between N.H. 123 and 12A

CITY OR TOWN:  
Langdon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Second

STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 33 COUNTY: Sullivan CODE: 019

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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Landmark

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Town of Langdon, New Hampshire

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Langdon Fire Station

CITY OR TOWN:  
Alstead

STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 03602

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Sullivan County Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P. O. Box 448

CITY OR TOWN:  
Newport

STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 03773

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Plan

DATE OF SURVEY: November 30, 1970  Federal  State  County  Local

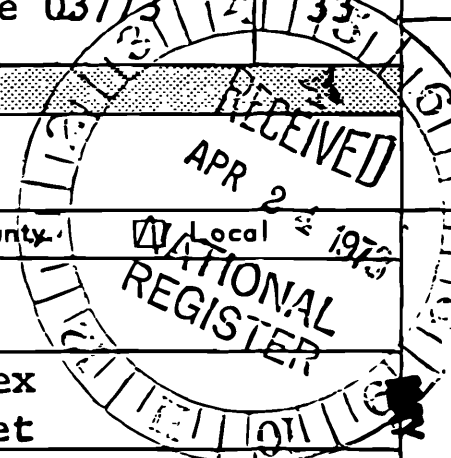
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Department of Resources and Economic Development

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P. O. Box 856

CITY OR TOWN:  
Concord

STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 03301

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

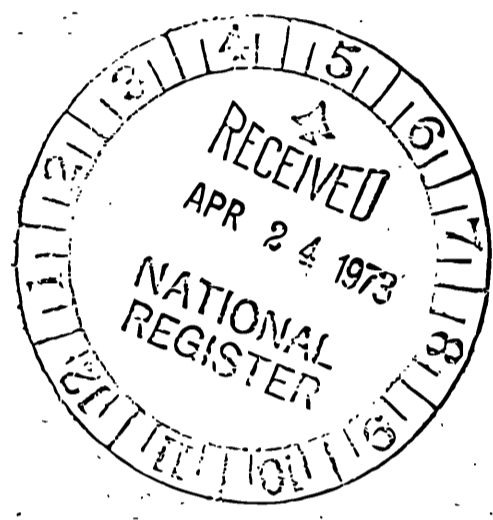
CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

**Present Physical Appearance:** The Prentiss Bridge spans Great Brook in the town of Langdon. The National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges World Guide to Covered Bridges number for the structure is 29-10-07. The New Hampshire Department of Public Works and Highways' number for the Bridge is Langdon 113/084.

The shortest highway covered bridge currently standing in New Hampshire, 36 feet long by 15 feet wide, it has one span and a Town lattice truss. Now closed to all but foot traffic, the Bridge needs repairs to beams and planks.

**Original Physical Appearance:** Although the key structural members are original, more research is needed to detail which parts of the Bridge are original and which are replacement.



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**B. 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) ca. 1874

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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input 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	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Engineering: Built after the town of Langdon voted March 10, 1874 to raise \$1000.00 to replace the former structure by a "30 foot Granger covered bridge," the Prentiss Bridge is probably the third bridge on this site.

The first of an unknown date was called Drewsville Bridge. The second, the Prentiss Bridge, "was considered August 22, 1791, when, 'David Henry, John White and Asa Walker, Jr.' to View the Bridge Between Mr. (Jabez) Rockwells and John Prentiss and make Report. 'On October 10, 1791 the town, 'Voted Six pund Equal to wheat at four shillings the Bushel to Mr. Jabez Rockwell and Mr. John Prentiss for Building a Bridge a Crost the Great Brook by Mr. Rockwells and Prentiss Mill said Bridge to be Built by the first of December next.'" In 1805 the Cheshire Turnpike Company took over this bridge as part of the Turnpike from Canada to Boston.

The present structure from ca. 1874, in use until 1955 when it was by-passed by the construction of a bridge 30 feet to the west, is currently, along with the Cold River Bridge (McDermott Bridge), Langdon, the object of preservation by the Langdon Community Club.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Richard Sanders Allen, Covered Bridges of the Northeast (Brattleboro, Vermont.: The Stephen Greene Press, 1957) 109-  
 Thedia Cox Kenyon, New Hampshire's Covered Bridges, Rev. ed. (n.p.: Wake-Brooke House, 1966) 60-61, 144  
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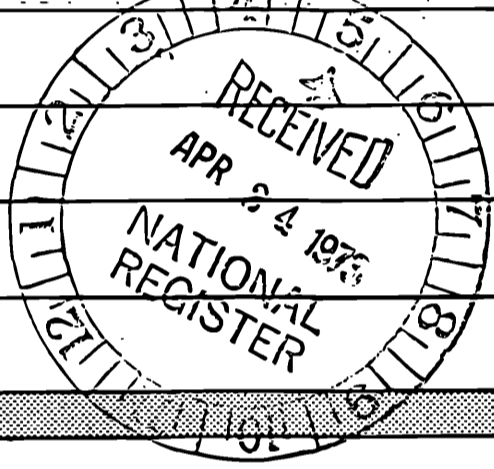
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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	° ' "	° ' "		43° 09' 11"	72° 23' 53"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



U.S.  
10/7/11/90  
475090

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Anne C. Newcomb, President**

ORGANIZATION: **Langdon Community Club**      DATE: **March 8, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Hemlock Road**

CITY OR TOWN: **Charlestown**      STATE: **New Hampshire 03603**      CODE: **33**

**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: *George Gilman*  
 Title: Commissioner  
Department of Resources and Economic Development  
 Date: March 29, 1973

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

*Robert M. Utley*  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/24/73

ATTEST:  
*W. Bradford W.*  
 Acting Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: 5/17/73