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Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Vermont
COUNTY:	Windham
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
JUL 2	1973

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Bartonsville Covered Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Town road across Williams River at south end of Bartonsville village

CITY OR TOWN:  
Rockingham

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Vermont	50	Windham	025

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) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Town of Rockingham

STREET AND NUMBER:  
The Square

CITY OR TOWN:  
Bellows Falls

STATE:	CODE
Vermont	50

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Office of Town Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:  
The Square

CITY OR TOWN:  
Bellows Falls

STATE	CODE
Vermont	50

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Vermont Division of Historic Sites

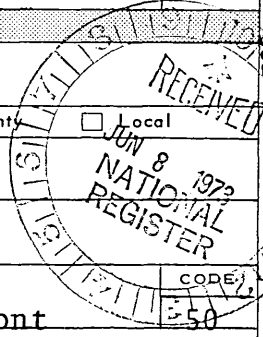
STREET AND NUMBER:  
Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN:  
Montpelier

STATE:	CODE
Vermont	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 Bartonsville Covered Bridge consists of a single span supported by two flanking timber Town lattice trusses. The floor of the bridge has been recently reinforced with two laminated stringers that extend the length of the bridge, evenly spaced between the trusses. Each laminated stringer of short timbers is tie-bolted together. The abutments of the bridge are built of stone slabs without mortar. Guy cables stretch from the southeastern and northeastern corners of the bridge to the river banks laterally reinforcing the superstructure. The Bartonsville bridge is 151 feet long on the floor, with a gable overhang of about four feet at each end. The bridge is 19 feet wide, with a 15.5-foot roadway.

On the exterior, the large planks pegged together diagonally to form the trusses (and side walls) of the bridge are sheathed with flush boards hung vertically. A narrow rectangular opening in the siding near each corner of the bridge except the northeastern provides better visibility of on-coming traffic (including trains at the southern end). The gable overhangs give additional protection against weathering of the exposed timbers inside the portals. The gables are also sheathed with flush boards hung vertically. The roof of the bridge is covered with corrugated metal sheeting.



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**6. 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) 1871

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 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	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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One of three original covered bridges remaining in the town of Rockingham, the Bartonsville bridge is the longest at 151 feet. Its single span, which measures 159 feet between portal overhangs measured across the top of the trusses, ranks a close second to the longest single timber span in the state. Sanford Granger of Westminster, the most prominent bridge builder in northern Windham County, finished the Bartonsville bridge in 1871. The bridge is the largest surviving example of his work.

Vermont's covered bridges are among the state's most cherished and symbolic historic resources. About one hundred bridges still stand in the state, probably the greatest concentration by area of covered bridges in the country.<sup>1</sup> Many of these bridges are integral parts of unique architectural environments whose physical setting and cultural context have been little altered until recently. However, extensive highway construction programs are now drastically changing the historic environment of the state. The Vermont Division of Historic Sites hopes to extend the recognition and protection of the National Register to the majority of the surviving covered bridges, including the Bartonsville bridge.

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



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Morse, Victor (rev. by R. S. Allen). Windham County's Famous Covered Bridges, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1960.

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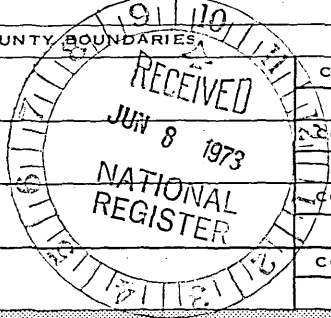
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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° 13' 25"	72° 32' 12"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

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

ORGANIZATION: **Vermont Division of Historic Sites**      DATE: **May 9, 1973**

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. Finney</u></p> <p>Title <u>Director of Historic Sites State Historic Preservation Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>June 1, 1973</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert W. Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>7/2/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>6 23 73</u></p>
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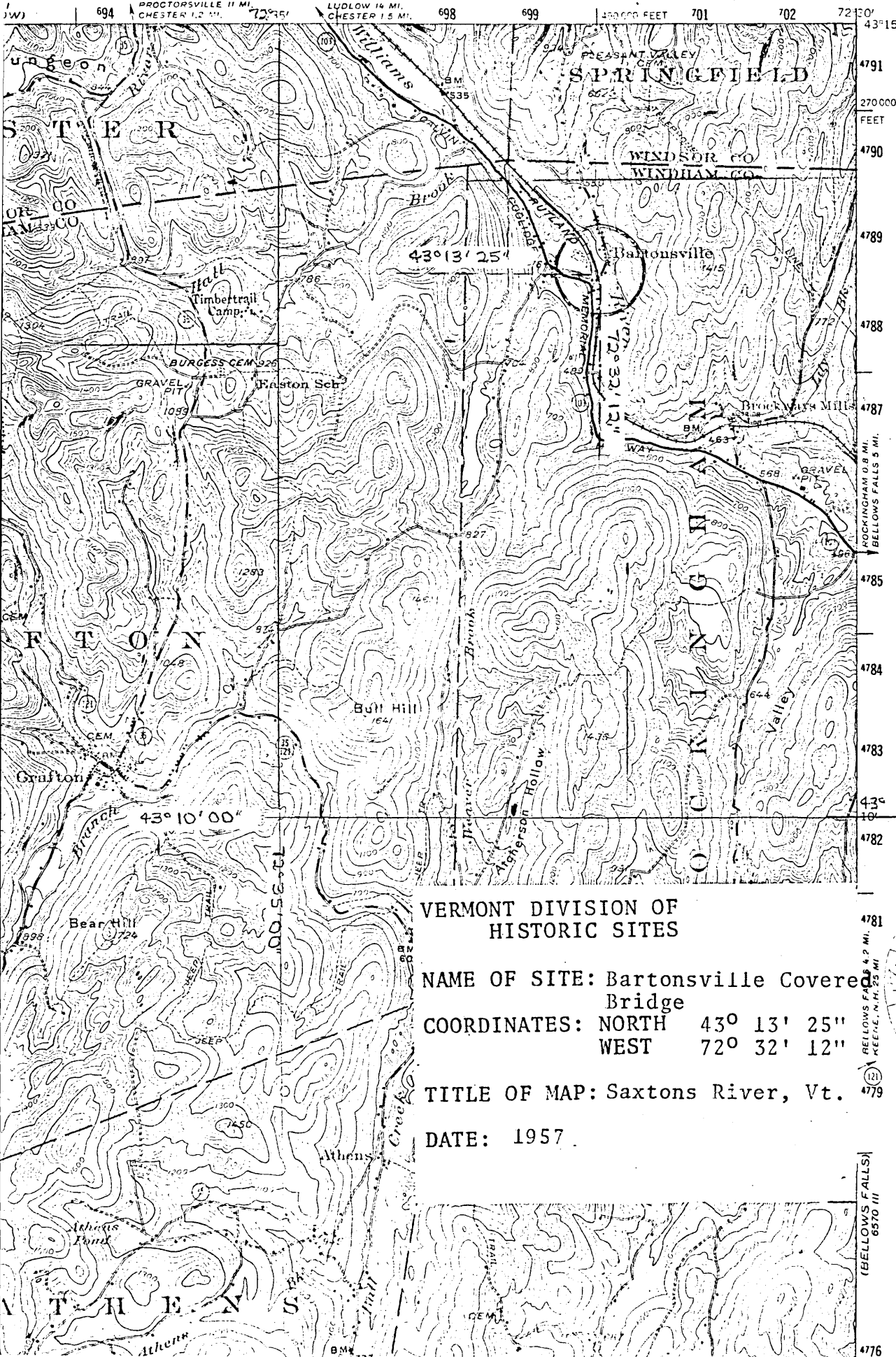
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VERMONT  
D. DOLL  
GEOLOGIST

SAXTONS RIVER QUADRANGLE  
VERMONT  
15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

6570 IV  
(CLAREMONT)



VERMONT DIVISION OF  
HISTORIC SITES

NAME OF SITE: Bartonsville Covered  
Bridge

COORDINATES: NORTH 43° 13' 25"  
WEST 72° 32' 12"

TITLE OF MAP: Saxtons River, Vt.

DATE: 1957



(BELLOWS FALLS)  
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