

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Hampshire
COUNTY: Sullivan
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE MAY 17 1973

1. NAME

COMMON: Gold River Bridge (McDermott Bridge)

AND/OR HISTORIC: McDermott Bridge

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: McDermott Road between N.H. 123-A and Wench Hill and Crane Brook Roads

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 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 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 33

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: Sullivan County Records Building
P. O. Box 448 24-A Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Newport STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 03773 33

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

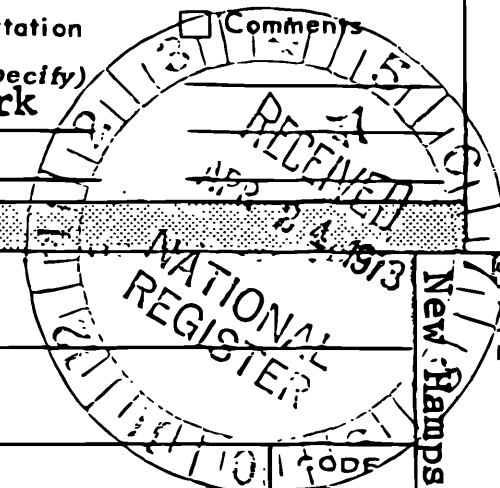
TITLE OF SURVEY: New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Plan

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

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Department of Resources and Economic Development

STREET AND NUMBER: State House Annex
P. O. Box 856 25 Capitol Street

CITY OR TOWN: Concord STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 03301 33



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7. DESCRIPTION

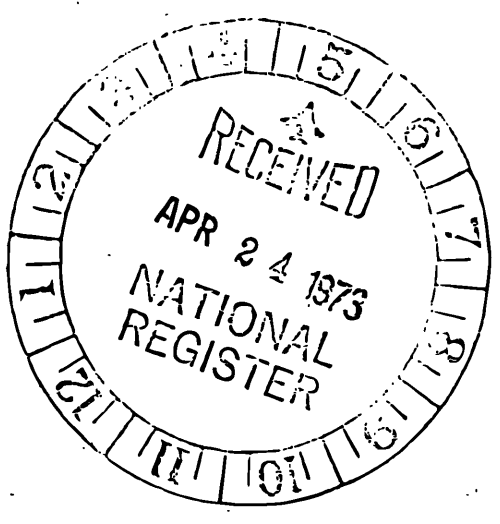
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<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 Cold River Bridge spans Cold River in the town of Langdon. The National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges World Guide to Covered Bridges number for the structure is 29-10-06. The New Hampshire Department of Public Works and Highways' number for the Bridge is Langdon 162/105.

Measuring 78 feet long by 12 feet wide, it has one span and a town lattice truss with auxiliary arch. Now closed to all but foot traffic, the abutments and arches need repairing and the roof shingling.

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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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) **1869**

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"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
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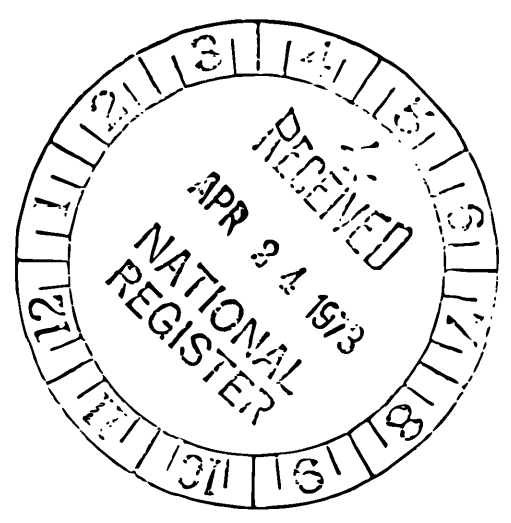
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Engineering: Built during the fall of 1869, the town of Langdon paid Albert S. Granger, son of Alfred Granger, \$450.00 for the Cold River Bridge, fourth bridge on this site.

The first mentioning of a bridge in the town records is in 1789: "on August 24, 1789 the town voted to give Asa Walker and Jeremiah Howard E 32 to "Build a good Bridge and to warrant said Bridge to stand Save Seven Months After the finishing which is to be the first of November ye 1790." This bridge was probably replaced in 1814 by one which stood until about 1840 when Calvin Smith was engaged to build a 3rd bridge at this point. The latter was carried off by the great freshet of October 4, 1869, This bridge was supported in mid-stream by an abutment so constructed as to serve as an ice-breaker."

The present Cold River Bridge of 1869 has at times in the twentieth century been called the McDermott Bridge. The structure, in use until 1964 when it was by-passed by a bridge 10 feet west, is, along with the Prentiss Bridge (Drewsville 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-
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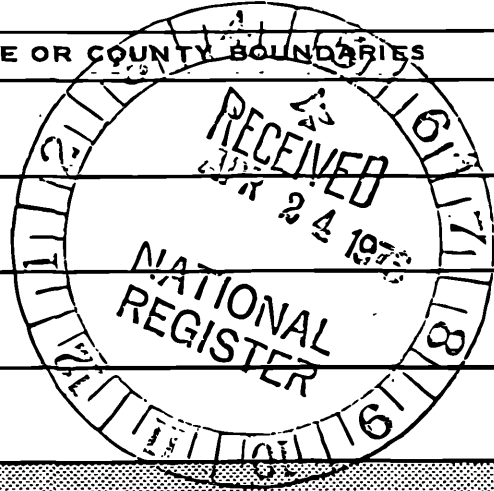
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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	0 ' "	0 ' "		43° 10' 11"	72° 20' 51"	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/8 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



UTM
 15/715730
 49729.20

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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: 5/17/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5-15-73