# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form.* If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

### 1. Name of Property

Historic name: <u>Ashland Mill Bridge (Removal)</u> Other names/site number: <u>N/A</u> Name of related multiple property listing: <u>N/A</u> (Fater "N/A" if grouped is not part of a multiple proDEC 1 8 2015

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(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing

## 2. Location

 Street & number: \_\_near Ashland Street, over the Pachaug River\_\_\_\_

 City or town: \_Griswold \_\_\_\_\_

 State: \_CT \_\_\_\_

 County: \_\_New London\_\_\_

 Not For Publication: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this \_\_\_\_\_ nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets  $\underline{X}$  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

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State or Feder	al agency/bureau or Tribal Govern	ment

Signature of commenting official:

Title :

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

Date

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New London County, Connecticut County and State

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

determined eligible for the National Register

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

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5. Classification

# **Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.) Private:

Public - Local

Public - State

Public - Federal

## **Category of Property**

(Check only one box.)

Building(s)	
District	
Site	
Structure	
Object	

REMOVED from National Register

Date of Action

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## Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

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		structures
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		Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_1

6. Function or Use Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

7. Description

## **Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

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Materials: (enter categories from instructions.) Principal exterior materials of the property:

8. Statement of Significance

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

This documentation is presented to remove the Ashland Mill Bridge in Griswold, Connecticut from the National Register of Historic Places because it is not extant. The Ashland Mill Bridge formerly spanned property identified in the Town of Griswold's assessment database as Parcel 10732 (Map 27/Block 29/ Lot 35.1) and Parcel 10438 (Map 27/ Block 28/Lot 3).

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Ashland Bridge (NR: 99000407) was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on April 1, 1999 under Criteria A and C for its statewide significance as a representative example of late nineteenth century bridge engineering and as a product of the Berlin Iron Bridge company, a major manufacturing company and Connecticut's only large nineteenth-century bridge fabricator. The bridge was a single-span, lenticular pony truss structure built in 1886 by the Berlin Iron Bridge Company for the Ashland Cotton Company, a textile manufacturer in the Jewett City section of the Town of Griswold, Connecticut. Although the Berlin Iron Bridge Company built hundreds of bridges throughout the Northeast, relatively few have survived to present day. Many features of the Ashland Mill Bridge were typical of the early years of metal-truss engineering, including the use of wrought iron as the principal material, pinned connections, and an unusual patented truss pattern.

At the time this property was nominated for National Register listing, the bridge had deteriorated decking and surface rusting, but remained otherwise intact. In 1995, a fire destroyed the rest of the mill complex, with the exception of an associated office building, dam, and tailrace. Those

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resources are currently (2015) extant, but were not included in the National Register nomination for the bridge. By 1999, the Town of Griswold began a project to convert the former mill site into a public park and restore the dam. Due to the deteriorated decking on the mill bridge, the town constructed a new pedestrian footbridge slightly downstream and closed the mill bridge to traffic. The mill bridge was removed from its site and around the time of its National Register listing in 1999.

This additional documentation is submitted in order to remove the Ashland Bridge from the National Register as per 36 CFR 60.15 (a)(1) because "the property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing the National Register because the qualities which cause it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed...". The aerial images included below depict that the property has been removed.

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#### 9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Westervelt, Robert. "Committee to plan new Griswold park," The Day (New London, Connecticut), February 1, 1999.

Westervelt, Robert. "Ashland Mill Bridge on National Historic Register," *The Day* (New London, Connecticut), February 11, 1999.

### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- \_\_\_\_\_ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- X previously listed in the National Register
- \_\_\_\_\_previously determined eligible by the National Register
- \_\_\_\_\_designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #\_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey #\_\_\_\_\_

## Primary location of additional data:

- X State Historic Preservation Office
- \_\_\_\_ Other State agency
- \_\_\_\_ Federal agency
- \_\_\_\_ Local government
- \_\_\_\_ University
- \_\_\_\_ Other

Name of repository:

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): \_\_\_\_\_

#### 10. Geographical Data

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Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates Datum if other than WGS84:	
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)	
1. Latitude:	Longitude:
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#### Or UTM References Datum (indicated on USG

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

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2. Zone:	Easting:	Northing:
3. Zone:	Easting:	Northing:
4. Zone:	Easting :	Northing:

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Sections 9-end page 7

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title: organization: street & number:	<u>Jenny Scofield, National Register Coordinator</u> <u>Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office</u> : One Constitution Plaza, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor		
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telephone:	(860) 256-2766		
date:	November 25,		

### **Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- Maps: A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- Additional items: (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Aerial image showing location of former Ashland Mill Bridge and location of the new pedestrian bridge (source: Google Earth, November 2015).

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Aerial image showing location of former Ashland Mill Bridge and location of the new pedestrian bridge (source: Bing.com, November 2015).

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service	RECEIVED 2280 407
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM	MR - 3 1999
1. Name of Property	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
historic name:ASHLAND MILL BRIDGE	
other name/site number: <u>N/A</u>	
2. Location street & number: <u>near Ashland Street</u> , over	 Pachaug River
city/town: <u>Griswold</u>	not for publication: <u>N/A</u> vicinity: <u>Jewett City</u>
state: <u>CT</u> county: <u>New London</u>	code: <u>011</u> zip code: <u>06351</u>
3. Classification Ownership of Property:public-local	
Category of Property: <u>structure</u>	
Number of Resources within Property:	
Contributing Noncontributing	
buildings            sites            structures            objects            0	
Number of contributing resources previously Register:	listed in the National

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Name of related multiple property listing: \_\_\_\_\_N/A

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7. Description		
Architectural Classification:		
Other: lenticular pony truss		
Other Description: <u>N/A</u>		
Materials: foundation	roof	
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8. Statement of Significance		
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Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	: <u>N/A</u>	
Areas of Significance: <u>ENGINEERING</u> INDUSTRY		
Period(s) of Significance: <u>1878-1900</u>		-
Significant Dates: <u>1886</u>		
Significant Person(s): <u>N/A</u>		<u> </u>
Cultural Affiliation: <u>N/A</u>		-
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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES CONTINUATION SHEET

# Description Ashland Mill Bridge 7-1 Jewett City (Griswold), New London County, CT

The Ashland Mill Bridge (Photographs 1-4) is a single-span lenticular pony truss built in 1886 by the Berlin Iron Bridge Company for the Ashland Cotton Company, a textile manufacturer in the Jewett City section of the Town of Griswold, Connecticut. The bridge carries a roadway that leads from Ashland Street into the former millyard of the cotton company, immediately adjacent to a two-story brick building that once served as the mill's offices. The body of water spanned by the bridge is the Pachaug River, which at this point, just below the mill dam, is a stonesided channel that served as the mill's tailrace. Recently, all the manufacturing buildings, heavily damaged in a fire, were razed, and the area is being improved as a town park. It is anticipated that the bridge, now closed to traffic, will be rehabilitated to serve as a pedestrian way within the park.

The bridge's key measurements are as follows: it consists of four panels approximately 16 feet long for a total length of 65 feet; the roadway is 10 feet in width; the truss is 6 1/2 feet deep at its widest point; and the bridge crosses the river, typically 8 feet below, at a skew angle of 28 degrees.

The truss has wrought-iron members; joints are pinned except for the endposts' lower-chord nut connections, a feature distinctive to the Berlin Iron Bridge Company (Photographs 5 and 6). The end posts and curved upper chord are box girders, measuring 6 1/2 inches by 12 inches, that are built-up of plates, angles and, on the undersides, a single set of lacing bars. The lower chord (which is curved in the opposite direction, providing the truss's distinctive lens-shaped profile) consists of a double chain of 3-inch eye-bars. The middle panels have 1 1/2-inch tension rods as cross-bracing. Uprights (other than the end posts) are lattice girders that diminish in width as they rise to meet the upper chord. Tapered plate-girder floor beams carry wooden stringers, on top of which thick planking is laid across the width of the bridge. The floor beams are suspended from the lower-joint pins by means of long threaded U-bolts or "hairpins" that pass through the beam's flanges and are secured by means of a plate and nuts. The floor beams are braced with crossed tension rods beneath the roadway and with rods running longitudinally between the lower panel points. The bridge retains its original railing, which consists of two 5/8-inch rods bolted to the inside of the trusses.

Although the decking is deteriorated, the bridge appears to be in relatively good condition for its age. There is some surface rusting, and little remains of any paint. An old colored postcard view (c.1905) depicts the bridge in the same red color as the brick mill buildings.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES CONTINUATION SHEET

# Significance Ashland Mill Bridge 8-1 Jewett City (Griswold), New London County, CT

#### Summary

The Ashland Mill Bridge has statewide significance as a representative example of late 19th-century bridge engineering (Criterion C) and as a product of the Berlin Iron Bridge Company, a major manufacturing concern and Connecticut's only large 19th-century bridge fabricator (Criterion A). It also has local historical significance (Criterion A) as one of few remaining historic resources associated with the Ashland Cotton Company, once a major employer in Jewett City. Now that the burned hulks of the company's 19th and early 20th-century brick mills have been cleared away, only the dam, office building, and this bridge remain to recall the company's importance in the economic development of Jewett City as a textile manufacturing center. The bridge's significance is heightened because it has experienced neither subsequent modifications nor excessive deterioration.

Although the Berlin Iron Bridge Company built hundreds of bridges throughout the Northeast, relatively few have survived to the present; the Ashland Mill Bridge is one of only 19 remaining road bridges in the company's home state of Connecticut, of which two face imminent demolition. Many features of the Ashland Mill Bridge are typical of the early years of metal-truss engineering, including the use of wrought iron as the principal material, pinned connections, and an unusual patented truss pattern. By 1900, all of these characteristics had virtually disappeared from American bridge building. In their place, a standardized design emerged for bridges based on the use of steel members, riveted connections, and variations on one of only two major truss patterns, the Warren and the Pratt trusses. The Ashland Mill Bridge thus represents a rare survivor of the era before standardized design prevailed.

#### Engineering Significance

The Ashland Mill Bridge's lenticular truss was one of a myriad of patented designs that characterized the American bridge industry in its formative stage. In part, such designs were an attempt to improve the technology of bridge building, but they also served to distinguish the products of one fabricator from another. The Berlin Iron Bridge Company's design, which it termed a "parabolic truss," appears to have offered some savings of material over a comparably sized Pratt truss, though the savings must have been largely offset by the greater complexity in fabricating the curved top chord's multiple angles.

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# Significance Ashland Mill Bridge 8-2 Jewett City (Griswold), New London County, CT

Nevertheless, the design's unique profile provided something distinctive that Berlin salespeople could point to when trying to convince local highway officials or mill agents of their product's superiority.

In other respects, the truss is similar to the vast majority of its contemporaries. Steel had not yet replaced wrought iron for structural forms, so most bridges of the 1880s and early 1890s were built with wrought-iron members; although it was substantially stronger, steel took some time to become cost-competitive. Similarly, pinned connections were only beginning to give way to riveted joints in that period. Pinned connections were popular because they simplified the erection of the bridge, requiring only large wrenches to join prefabricated members instead of the more demanding technique of field riveting. Many engineers also claimed that pinned joints allowed load forces to be transferred less ambiguously, though all agreed that riveted bridges were more rigid. A final characteristic of the period evident in the Ashland Mill Bridge is the use of unusual details, such as the tapered uprights and floor beams, both of which achieved a minor savings in material at the cost of greater fabrication complexity. Like the lenticular truss itself, such idiosyncratic details soon gave way to simpler, more standard forms.

#### Berlin Iron Bridge Company

Unlike most American bridge firms, which were closely tied to iron and steel makers, Connecticut's leading manufacturer of bridges began as an offshoot of the tinware industry. Roys and Wilcox, an East Berlin maker of tinner's tools and other metal-forming machines, set up a company in 1868 to market sheet-iron products made with its rolling The Corrugated Metal Company, as it became known, produced machines. roofing material and metal-clad firedoors and shutters; the company soon found itself involved in structural iron work when it began to provide roof trusses as well as the exterior material. The company was not particularly successful until a new investor in 1877, S. C. Wilcox, realized that the plant had the capacity to manufacture highway bridges. The following year, the Corrugated Metal Company purchased rights to William Douglas's patented parabolic truss and produced the first of the lenticular bridges that would soon dot the landscape of the Northeast. Douglas, educated in engineering at West Point, joined the company as treasurer and executive manager and continued to refine

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his design; he was awarded a second patent in 1885, by which time the company had changed its name to the Berlin Iron Bridge Company.

The late 19th century was a good time to be in the bridge business. As the industry developed, the price of iron trusses steadily dropped until they were competitive with wooden spans, especially when their superior durability was figured in (wooden bridges had an average lifetime of 20-25 years). The only other alternative, for shorter spans only, was building in stone, which remained very expensive. Throughout America, local highway officials opted to replace their wooden bridges with iron, and firms such as the Berlin Iron Bridge Company were happy to oblige. Similarly, the country's manufacturing enterprises frequently needed small bridges over their waterpower channels for the convenient movement of employees and materials, and they were increasingly built of the more durable iron rather than wood.

At its height, the Berlin Iron Bridge Company was probably the largest structural fabricator in New England. Some 400 workers were employed at its East Berlin plant, with additional large numbers of construction workers in the field during the erection season. There is no definitive count of the company's bridges, though at least 600 are known to have been completed during its first ten years. Most were in the Northeast, where the company claimed to have provided 90 percent of the region's highway bridges. The company shipped bridges as far away as Hawaii, and even today Berlin trusses survive in Texas. Although the lenticular design accounted for the bulk of its output, the company also built bridges along more conventional lines and furnished structural iron for buildings and specialized industrial structures.

The Berlin Iron Bridge Company was absorbed in 1900 by the American Bridge Company, a largely successful attempt by J. P. Morgan to monopolize the country's structural fabricating capacity. The American Bridge Company made only marginal use of its East Berlin plant, and in 1917 it was demolished entirely. By that time, a firm started by former Berlin Iron Bridge employees, the Berlin Construction Company, had regained much of its predecessor's share of the New England bridge market, though with conventional riveted trusses rather than lenticular spans. The company remains in business today and is known as Berlin Steel.

Of the hundreds of bridges known to have been built in Connecticut by the Berlin Iron Bridge Company, no more than 15 lenticular trusses survive. The Ashland Mill Bridge is thus one of a shrinking number of

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Significance Ashland Mill Bridge 8-4 Jewett City (Griswold), New London County, CT

heritage resources left to illustrate an important chapter in Connecticut industrial history.

#### Historical Background

When the Ashland Cotton Company was formed in 1863, Jewett City was already a thriving textile village. A small cotton factory had been established in 1812 at this waterpower privilege, and a larger mill was operated by the textile-pioneering Slater family just downstream. The Ashland Company immediately undertook to improve its mill privilege, constructing a new 4 1/2-story brick mill that dwarfed the earlier structure and raising the dam so as to create a two-mile-long pond for its waterpower.

In February 1886, unusually heavy rains swelled rivers and streams throughout Rhode Island and eastern Connecticut, and on February 13, the Ashland dam gave way, damaging numerous mill buildings and carrying off all the downstream bridges across the Pachaug River. Some 700 employees of the Ashland and Slater mills were put out of work, and the property damage, estimated at \$150,000, took two years to repair.

The Ashland Company turned to the Berlin Iron Bridge Company to replace its millyard bridge, which connected the older mill and company office on the west side of the Pachaug River with the newer mill building on the east side. At the same time, the mill bought a larger Berlin lenticular truss for the Ashland Street crossing, and the Slater mill just downstream bought a 33-foot version for its millyard (both have since been demolished). The mill owners may have been influenced in their choice by the fact that the Town of Griswold had bought a Berlin bridge in 1879 and had found it to be very satisfactory. Moreover, one of the Ashland Company's principals, Moses Pierce of Norwich, was also a principal in the Norwich Bleaching and Calendaring Company, which had two Berlin bridges across the canal that supplied it with water.

Praising the qualities of the two Berlin bridges purchased by the Ashland Cotton Company, J. O. Sweet, the company's agent and treasurer, wrote:

The two bridges made by you, of iron, are in place. . . I am very much pleased with them, and am satisfied that they are constructed on the right principle and are destined to be

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the bridge of the future. (Berlin Iron Bridge Company, Catalog, 1889, p. 115).

Throughout Connecticut, the small Berlin lenticular truss became the bridge of choice for millyards. Of the dozens that were built for various manufacturers, and the four millyard bridges that existed at the time of the 1981 inventory of Connecticut industrial and engineering structures, the Ashland Mill Bridge is the better-preserved of only two that are known to have survived.

The Ashland Cotton Company employed about 200 men and women at the time of the 1886 flood. Around 1900, expansion of the company's business required an increase in the work force, and three additional manufacturing buildings were added to the site. As late as the 1980s, the Ashland mill remained in operation, though by that time it had been converted to the manufacture of synthetic textiles such as rayon. USDI/NPS NRHP Registration Form

9. Major Bibliographical References X See continuation sheet. Previous documentation on file (NPS): \_ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested. \_ previously listed in the National Register \_ previously determined eligible by the National Register \_ designated a National Historic Landmark \_ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # . \_ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Location of Additional Data: X State historic preservation officeConnecticut Historical CommissionOther state agency59 South Prospect Street \_ Federal agency Hartford, Connecticut 06106 \_ Local government \_ University \_ Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Geographical Data Acreage of Property: less than one acre UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing A <u>19 251830 4610050</u> B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet. Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet. The nominated property includes the bridge and the portion of the channel stonework that serves as abutments. Boundary Justification: \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet. The boundary includes only the components of the bridge itself. 11. Form Prepared By Name/Title: Bruce Clouette and Hoang Tinh, reviewed by John Herzan, Conn. Hist. Commission Organization: <u>Historic Resource Consultants</u> Date: April 8, 1998 Street & Number: 55 Van Dyke Avenue Telephone: 860-547-0268 City or Town: <u>Hartford</u> State: <u>CT</u> Zip: <u>06106</u>

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Photographs Ashland Mill Bridge Photos-1 Jewett City (Griswold), New London County, CT

#### All photographs:

- 1. Ashland Mill Bridge
- 2. Jewett City (Griswold), Windham County, CT
- 4. April, 1998
- 5. Negative filed with Connecticut Historical Commission

Hartford, CT

#### Captions:

East end of bridge, camera facing west Photograph 1 of 6

West end of bridge, camera facing north Photograph 2 of 6

South elevation of bridge, Ashland Mill office at left, camera facing northwest Photograph 3 of 6

North elevation of bridge, camera facing southeast Photograph 4 of 6

Detail of pinned joints, south elevation, camera facing northeast Photograph 5 of 6

Detail of nuts securing lower chord at end post, east end, camera facing north Photograph 6 of 6















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There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map

#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Ashland Mill Bridge NAME:

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: CONNECTICUT, New London

DATE RECEIVED: 3/03/99 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/16/99 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4/01/99 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/17/99 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 99000407

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL:NDATA PROBLEM:NLANDSCAPE:NLESS THAN 50 YEARS:NOTHER:NPDIL:NPERIOD:NPROGRAM UNAPPROVED:NREQUEST:NSAMPLE:NSLR DRAFT:NNATIONAL:N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT

RETURN

REJECT 4.1.99 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA\_\_\_\_\_\_ REVIEWER\_\_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE\_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE\_\_\_\_\_ DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



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State Historic Preservation Office

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Nat. Register of Historic Places National Park Service

Alexis Abernathy National Park Service National Register of Historic Places 1201 Eye Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20005

## Subject: De-listing request for Ashland Mill Bridge, Griswold, Connecticut (NR Reference No. 99000407)

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

The Ashland Mill Bridge (NR listed in 1999) is not extant and removal of the property from the National Register is requested. The following National Register amendment materials are submitted for your review.

 Original (paper) National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (Amendment for Removal)

The Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office supports this action, in response to a petitioner's removal request. No State Review Board evaluation was necessary. Notification of this proposed de-listing was sent to the property owners by certified mail. No comments from the property owners were received during the noticing period.

If you have any questions, or if this office can be of assistance, please call Jenny Scofield at 860-256-2766.

Sincerely,

Jenny Scofield, National Register and State Register Coordinator

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL PROPERTY Ashland Mill Bridge NAME : MULTIPLE NAME : STATE & COUNTY: CONNECTICUT, New London 12/19/15 DATE RECEIVED: DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE OF 45TH DAY: DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/03/16 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST: REFERENCE NUMBER: 99000407 REASONS FOR REVIEW: APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED; N REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: COMMENT WAIVER: N 2.2.16 REJECT RETURN DATE ACCEPT

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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TELEPHONE	DATE 2.2.16

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.