

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: N/A

other name/site number: Bridge No. 1860

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2. Location

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street & number: Massapeag Side Road (Route 433)

city/town: Montville

not for publication: N/A
vicinity: Fort Shantok
 State Park

state: CT county: New London code: 011 zip code: 06353

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: public-state

Category of Property: structure

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
<u> 1 </u>	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u> 1 </u>	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Connecticut State Park and Forest Depression-Era Federal Work Relief Programs Structures

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See cont. sheet.

[Signature] 06/04/93
Signature of certifying official Date
Director, Connecticut Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register [Signature] 7/29/93
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
- See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain):

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: TRANSPORTATION Sub: road-related

Current: TRANSPORTATION Sub: road-related

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

Other: stone arch

Other: Rustic Adirondack

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation	<u>N/A</u>	roof	<u>N/A</u>
walls	<u>N/A</u>	other	<u>STONE</u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: state.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : _____

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE
SOCIAL HISTORY
RECREATION

Period(s) of Significance: 1933-1942

Significant Dates: 1936

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Not known

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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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:

- State historic preservation office
 - Other state agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other -- Specify Repository: _____
- Connecticut Department of
Transportation
24 Wolcott Hill Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>18</u>	<u>743240</u>	<u>4595930</u>	B	___	_____	_____
C	___	_____	_____	D	___	_____	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

The nominated property consists of the bridge, railings, and wing walls.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

The bridge, railings, and wing walls all exhibit the rustic fieldstone masonry that is the basis of the bridge's significance.

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11. Form Prepared By Reviewed by John Herzan, National Register Coordinator

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Fort Shantok State Park
Montville, New London County, CT**

**Connecticut Park and Forest Depression-Era
Federal Work Relief Programs Structures (Amendment)**

DESCRIPTION

This small stone-arch bridge is built of medium-sized fieldstone, many of the pieces rounded like cobbles, laid in a thick cement mortar. Spanning 12 feet across Shantok Brook, the bridge stands at the north boundary of Fort Shantok State Park. The arch is semi-circular in shape and rises about 6 feet above the level of the brook. The arch stones are flat and form a ring about 18 inches deep. On both sides of the bridge, immediately flanking the arched openings, are wing walls of similar rubble construction. The spandrels of the bridge continue upward above the level of the 16-foot-wide roadway to form low parapets, ramped at the ends; inclusive of the railings, the overall length of the structure is about 20 feet.

At the south end of the bridge, a wooden sign with routed-out lettering commemorates Samson Occom, a colonial-period Mohegan from Montville who became a noted missionary and educator.

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SIGNIFICANCE

This bridge is significant as an example of the picturesque park architecture of the early 20th century. Constructed long after stone masonry had been superseded by other materials for highway bridges, structures such as this were intended to be aesthetic additions to the natural landscape of their settings. Cobblestone masonry, either structural or as a veneer, was a common type of park construction in the period, especially for state park structures built in the 1930s.

The bridge has historical significance as an example of the public works programs of the 1930s, which transformed the parks of Connecticut with new roads, trails, bridges, and service buildings. The bridge was built by work crews under the sponsorship of the federal Works Progress Administration, as part of a new road through the park which replaced an earlier town road.

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All photographs:

1. Bridge No. 1860
2. Montville, New London County, CT
3. Photo Credit: HRC, Hartford, CT
4. February, 1992
5. Negative filed with Connecticut Historical Commission
Hartford, CT

Captions:

West side elevation of bridge, camera facing northeast
Photograph 1 of 3

Roadway, camera facing southeast
Photograph 2 of 3

Sign at south end of bridge, camera facing northwest
Photograph 3 of 3