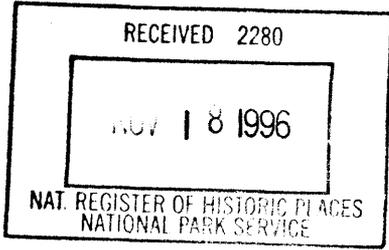


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: MILL BROOK BRIDGE

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: Blissville Road at Mill Brook

city/town: Lisbon not for publication: N/A
vicinity: N/A

state: CT county: New London code: 011 zip code: 06759

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: public-local

Category of Property: structure

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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] 10/28/96
Signature of certifying official Date
John W. Shannahan, 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 ___ 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] 1/2/97

[Signature] Signature of Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: TRANSPORTATION Sub: road-related

Current: NOT IN USE

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Description	Mill Brook Bridge Lisbon, New London County, CT	7-1
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Mill Brook Bridge (Photographs 1 and 2) is a single-span stone arch bridge that probably dates from the early 1790s. The bridge formerly carried Blissville Road across Mill Brook, but in 1915 the State Highway Department relocated the road about 50 feet to the south, crossing the brook with a new concrete and steel beam bridge. The area around the stone-arch bridge is mainly residential, with its immediate setting now largely overgrown with trees and brush. Although the bridge is no longer in use, the course of the original roadway remains plainly visible (Photograph 3).

The bridge takes the form of a segmental semicircular arch constructed of irregular flat pieces of rough-hewn fieldstone; each stone is generally rectangular in shape and measures about 16 x 10 x 5 inches (Photographs 2 and 4). Although one local name for the structure is "Keystone Bridge," there is in fact no difference in size between the stones at the apex of the arch and the other stones in the arch ring. The stonework was laid up dry (without mortar). The arch spans 10 feet between its rubble abutments and rises about four feet above the surface of the stream, which typically has a depth of about two feet. The bridge is about 18 feet in width. There is about two feet of earth fill, now partially eroded, above the arch.

Near the bridge are numerous stone foundations marking the site of waterpowered enterprises active in the 18th and 19th centuries, including a sawmill and gristmill to the south and a small cotton mill to the north. The latter, known as the Kimball and Harvey Mill, was powered not by the brook itself but by a penstock leading from Blissville Pond located about 500 feet to the east.

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:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency Connecticut Historical Commission
- Federal agency 59 South Prospect Street
- Local government Hartford, Connecticut 06106
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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X See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

The nominated property includes the bridge, approaches, roadway, and railings.

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: Historic Resource Consultants Date: March 1, 1995

Street & Number: 55 Van Dyke Avenue Telephone: 860-547-0268

City or Town: Hartford State: CT Zip: 06106

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Photographs

Mill Brook Bridge
Lisbon, New London County, CT

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All photographs:

1. Mill Brook Bridge
2. New London, New London County, CT
3. Photo Credit: HRC, Hartford, CT
4. June, 1994
5. Negative filed with Connecticut Historical Commission
Hartford, CT

Captions:

Overview of bridge, camera facing northeast
Photograph 1 of 4

Detail of stonework, south (upstream) face, camera facing north
Photograph 2 of 4

Former roadway from west end, camera facing east
Photograph 3 of 4

Detail of stonework, north face, camera facing southeast
Photograph 4 of 4