

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name March Route of Rochambeau's Army: Scotland Road
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Scotland Road, from intersection with Back Road to 80 Scotland Road not for publication
city or town Windham vicinity
state Connecticut code CT county Windham code 015 zip code 06280

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 does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

John W. Shanahan March 17, 2003
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
John W. Shanahan, 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 for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the 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 of the Keeper John W. Shanahan Date of Action 6-6-03

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

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

Rochambeau's Army in Connecticut, 1780-1782

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION: road-related

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION: road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A
 walls N/A

 roof N/A
 other N/A

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark an "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, structure
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

MILITARY

Period of Significance

1781 - 1782

Significant Dates

1781, 1782

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 Building 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

Name of repository:

Connecticut Historical Commission,
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Arch Route of Rochambeau's Army: Scotland Road
Name of Property

Windham County, CT
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approx. 2 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 18 737 010 4620 200
Zone Easting Northing

3
Zone Easting Northing

2 18 737 540 4620 280

4
 See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Harper, Archaeologist, and Bruce Clouette, Historian

organization Public Archaeology Survey Team, Inc. date December 5, 2002

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city or town Storrs state CT zip code 06268

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Connecticut Department of Transportation

street & number 2800 Berlin Turnpike telephone 860-594-3000

city or town Newington state CT zip code 06141-7546

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**March Route of Rochambeau's Army: Scotland Road
Windham, Windham County, CT
(Rochambeau's Army in Connecticut, 1780-1782
Multiple Property Listing)**

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Description:

The nominated segment is the portion of Route 14 in Windham, known locally as Scotland Road, that lies between its intersection with Back Road at the east end and the driveway to 80 Scotland Road, which is approximately 300 feet east of the intersection with Ballamahack Road, at the west end, yielding a total length of about 1,700 feet. The road is a well-paved state highway, with two 12-foot-wide travel lanes, and an additional center turn lane as it intersects with Back Road (Photograph 1). Along the north edge of the road is a broad grassy verge, about 27 feet wide, with tall deciduous trees and low shrubs, and then a fieldstone wall in good repair about three feet high (Photograph 2). The width of the verge suggests that the center line of the roadway has been shifted southward within the right of way, a circumstance that probably accounts for the lack of a stone wall on the south side of the road. There are no buildings along the north side of the road within the boundary of the nominated portion. The houses along the south side of the road are mostly of modern construction.

Traveling in either direction one encounters an outstanding view to the north of hundreds of acres of open land just beyond the stone wall (Photographs 3 and 4). Currently used for hay production, the fields are demarcated by low stone walls overgrown with vegetation and tree lines. The western portion of the gently rolling land is fairly level, with a slight downslope in the eastern portion. The fields at the western end were the site of the French Army's forty-seventh camp in November 1782, on the return march from the victory at Yorktown. The camp site's location and information potential has been confirmed through archaeological testing.

Although similar in size and function, the stone walls in the western and eastern portions of the nominated segments are of somewhat different construction. The wall in the western part has more flat stones that appear to have been split to size, and there are rough-shaped cut capstones along the top of the wall (Photograph 5). The wall along the eastern portion is built of more rounded, as-found fieldstones (Photograph 6).

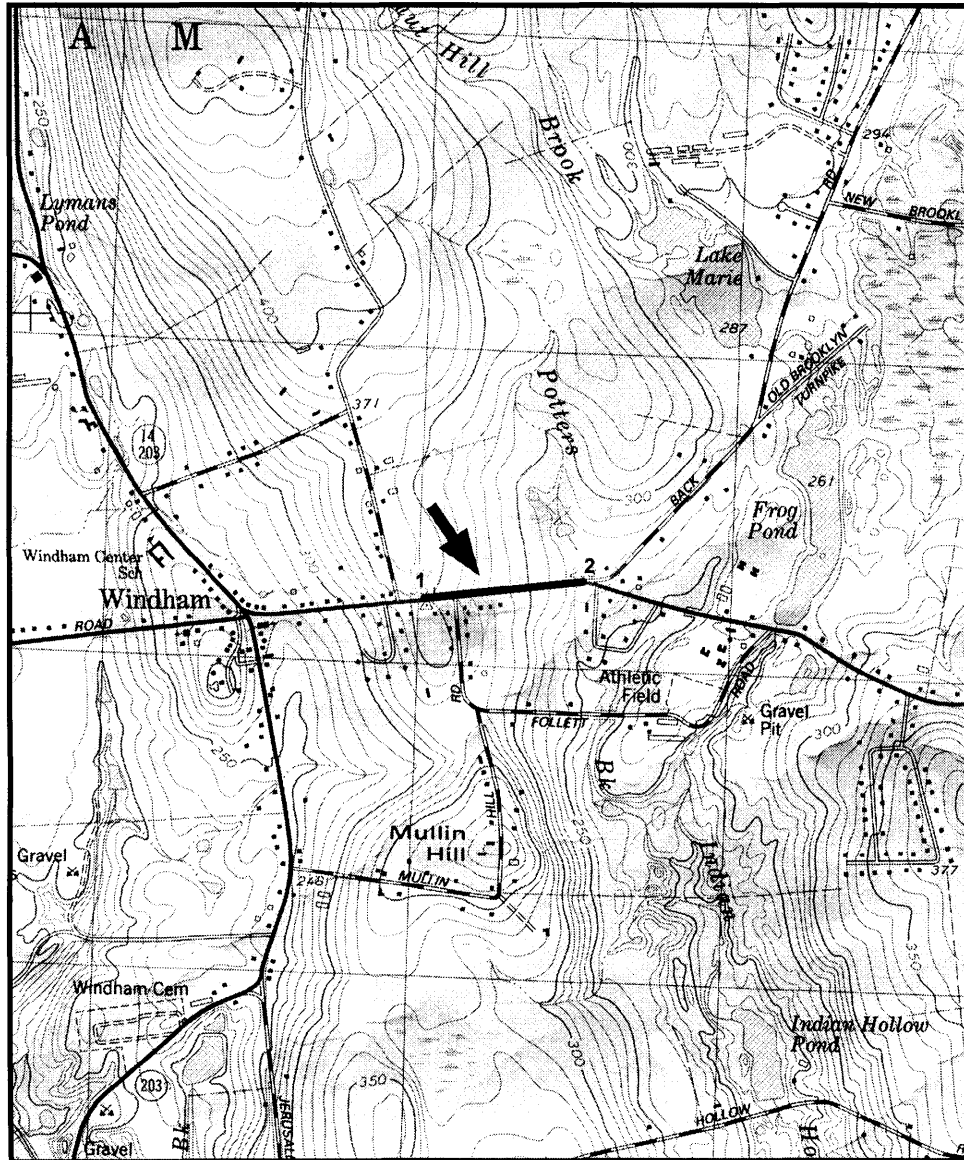
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Figure 1: March route along Scotland Road, as shown on U.S.G.S. Willimantic Quadrangle, 1:24000



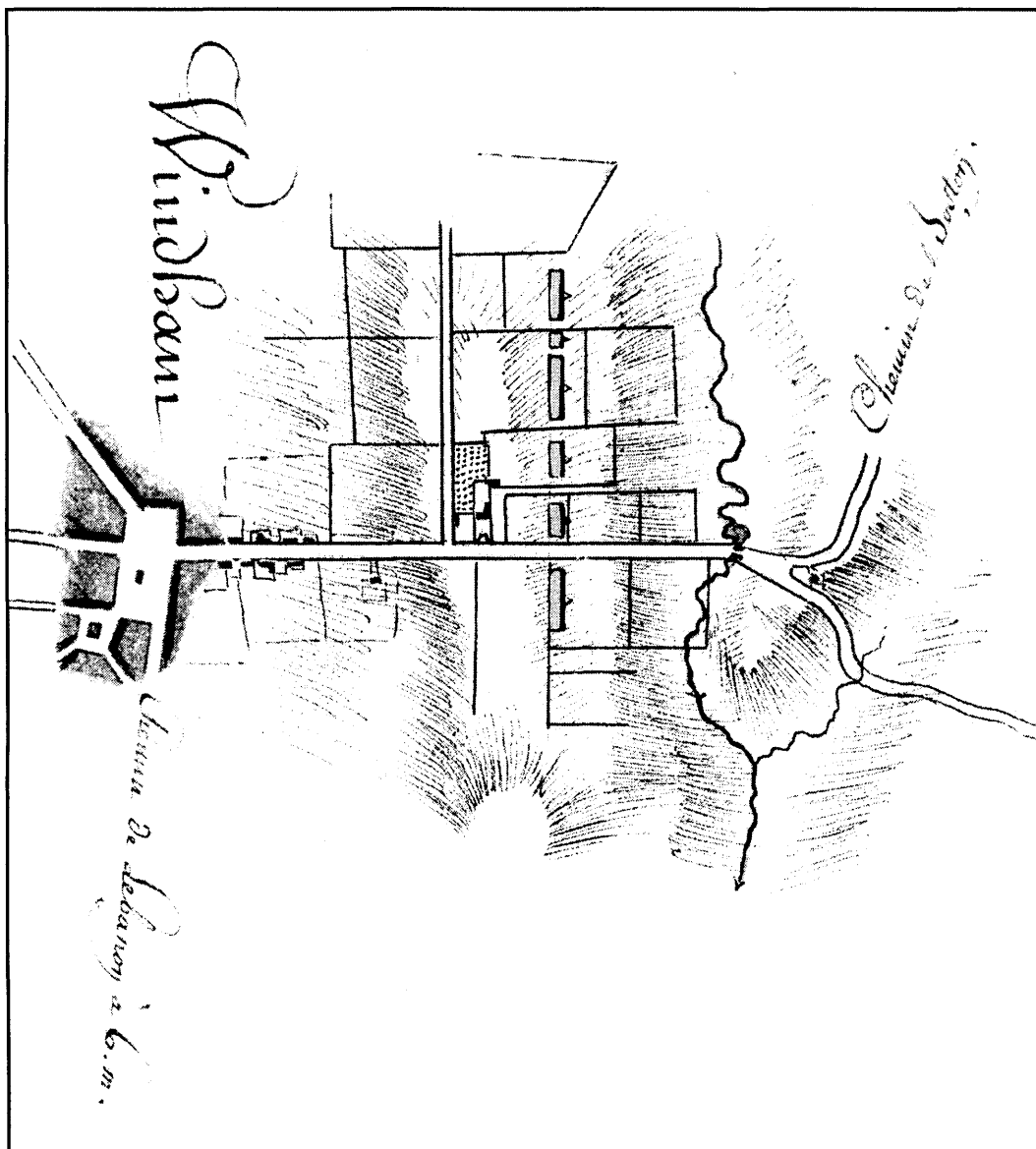
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Figure 2: Excerpt from the map of the forty-seventh camp, Windham, November 1782, as drawn by Louis-Alexandre Berthier, military engineer for the French army, showing French units camped on both sides of this portion of Scotland Road. Back Road is indicated as a "Road from Boston."



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Significance:

This portion of Scotland Road is significant because of its visual qualities, which recall the appearance of the Connecticut landscape at the time of an important event in Connecticut's Revolutionary War-period history, the march of the French forces under the command of Count Rochambeau to and from the Battle of Yorktown (Criterion A). Although the road itself is decidedly modern in appearance, and only the north side retains its historic character, nevertheless the view of such a large expanse of open fields beyond well-maintained stone walls makes this segment stand out. Driving or walking in either direction along this section of Scotland Road, one can easily imagine the "pasture lands [and] farms sown with rye and wheat . . . with maize . . . with potatoes" that characterized the eastern Connecticut landscape experienced by the French (Blanchard 1969: 108-109).

The French army first passed along Scotland Road in June 1781, marching in divisions from the third camp in Plainfield to the fourth camp beyond Windham Center, along the banks of the Shetucket River. In November 1782 the now-victorious troops again came through Windham, this time camping in the fields on the level ridge top bisected by present-day Scotland Road, included within the western half of the nominated segment.

Although the French found the roads of Connecticut generally in poor condition and woefully inadequate to the task of moving thousands of infantry troops attended by artillery units and supply wagons, this particular segment seems to have been one of the least onerous. Chastellux had earlier noted that "six or seven miles [from Canterbury], the country begins to open," and von Clozen noted during this portion of the march that "the roads improved, and the troops began to march in better fashion" (Chastellux 1968 (I): 22-23; von Clozen 1958:85).

No doubts can be raised regarding the attribution of the nominated portion as a part of the French march route. The French map of the forty-seventh camp (Figure 2) clearly shows Scotland Road between Ballamahack Road on the west and Back Road on the east, with topographical features such as the small brook at the east end still identifiable today. Since the location and extent of the camp have been confirmed archaeologically and shown to agree with the divisional symbols as plotted by Berthier, the location of the adjacent road shown on the French map becomes fixed as well.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property extends from the east side of the driveway of 80 Scotland Road, located approximately 300 feet east of the intersection of Scotland and Ballamahack Roads, to the intersection with Back Road, a distance of approximately 1,700 feet. In width the nominated property includes the entire public road right-of-way.

Boundary Justification:

The view of fields off to the north which give this segment its character extend only as far as the Back Road intersection on the east end. On the west end, the stone wall on the north side is interrupted by the driveway for 80 Scotland Road, at which point it continues in an entirely different form, a regularly laid c.1900 granite wall with gate posts, long capstones, and remnants of a stuccoed surface. Also, at this point the appearance of the land changes from fields to modern residential construction.

UTM References:

1: 18.737020.4620130
2: 18.737520.4620280

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All Photographs:

1. March Route of Rochambeau's Army: Scotland Road
2. Windham, Windham County, CT
3. PAST, Inc. Photo
4. April, 2001
5. Negative filed with PAST, Inc., Storrs, CT

Captions:

East end of nominated portion, at intersection with Back Road, camera facing northwest
Photograph 1 of 6

East end of nominated portion, camera facing east toward intersection with Back Road
Photograph 2 of 6

View of stone wall and fields to north, west end of nominated portion, camera facing northeast
Photograph 3 of 6

View of fields to north, near midpoint of nominated portion, camera facing northwest
Photograph 4 of 6

Typical section of stone wall, from midpoint east, camera facing northeast
Photograph 5 of 6

Typical section of stone wall, west end of nominated portion, camera facing northeast
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