

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
NATIONAL INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Vermont  
 COUNTY: Lamoille  
 FOR NPS USE ONLY  
 ENTRY DATE: DEC 16 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Village Covered Bridge  
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Town road across North Branch of Lamoille River  
 at west edge of Waterville village  
 CITY OR TOWN: Waterville CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Vt. District  
 STATE: Vermont CODE: 50 COUNTY: Lamoille CODE: 015

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Town of Waterville  
 STREET AND NUMBER: (no street number)  
 CITY OR TOWN: Waterville STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Office of Town Clerk  
 STREET AND NUMBER: (no street number)  
 CITY OR TOWN: Waterville STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey  
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1974  Federal  State  County  Local  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Vermont Division of Historic Sites  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Pavilion Building  
 CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Village Covered Bridge consists of a single span supported originally by two flanking timber queenpost trusses. The trusses incorporate iron suspension rods which extend from the upper apexes of the diagonal braces to the bottom chords. In 1968 the timber deck structure was replaced with four longitudinal steel beams.<sup>1</sup> The timber trusses now carry only the superstructure of the bridge. The structure rests on abutments built of irregular stone slabs laid dry and capped with concrete.

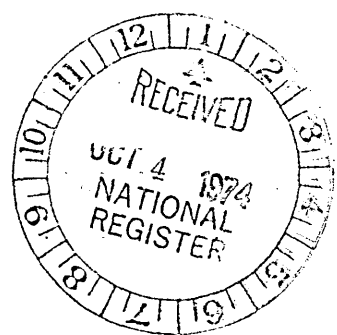
The Village Bridge is 61 feet long overall and 15 feet wide; it has a 12.5-foot roadway. The wood floor, which consists of planks placed on edge and perpendicular to the trusses, has been laid directly on the steel deck beams. The floor is 47 feet long, beginning seven feet inside each portal; the approaches are gravel.

On the exterior, the timbers pegged and bolted together to form the trusses (and side walls) of the bridge are sheathed with unpainted boards-and-battens hung vertically. The siding stops short of the eaves to leave strip openings along the tops of the walls. There is a large rectangular window near the west end of each wall to provide visibility for the sharp curves in the road intersection at that end of the bridge.

The east gable end is also sheathed with unpainted boards-and-battens hung vertically; the west gable end is sheathed with unpainted flush boards hung vertically. The boards curve outward beyond the line of the side walls to form half-arches under the eaves. The portal openings are framed with segmental arches. The medium-pitch gable roof, which is flush with the gable ends, is covered with standing seam metal sheeting.

1. Robert L. Hagerman, Covered Bridges of Lamoille County, Robert L. Hagerman, Morrisville, Vt., 1972, p. 17.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **c. 1877**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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/Phi-             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-             | _____                                    |
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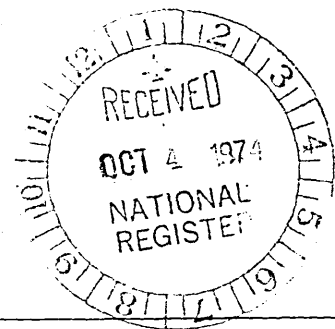
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Village Covered Bridge together with two other covered wood bridges in the town of Waterville and two bridges of the same type in the adjoining town of Belvidere cross the North Branch of the Lamoille River within a distance of about five miles, comprising one of the most concentrated groups of covered bridges in Vermont. The five bridges are important and distinctive elements of the historic environment of the Lamoille River valley.

The covered bridges of Vermont are among its most cherished and symbolic historic resources. About one hundred of the bridges still stand in the state, the highest concentration by area of covered bridges in the United State.<sup>1</sup> Many of these bridges have been altered only slightly, and many relate to other structures and villagescapes to form a unique historic environment. Recently, however, various forces have caused drastic changes in the state. The covered bridges have become subject to increasingly intense and detrimental effects of those changes. The Vermont Division of Historic Sites, therefore, wishes to extend the recognition and protection of the National Register of Historic Places to a majority of the remaining covered bridges.

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1. Richard S. Allen, Covered Bridges of the Northeast, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1974, p. 50.



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Hagerman, Robert L., Covered Bridges of Lamoille County, Robert L. Hagerman, Morrisville, Vt., 1972.

Allen, Richard Sanders, Covered Bridges of the Northeast, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1974 (rev. ed.).

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

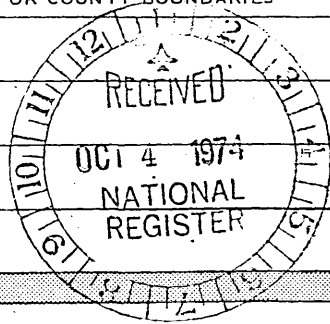
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	0 0 00	0 0 00				
SW	0 0 00	0 0 00				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Hugh H. Henry, Historic Sites Researcher**

ORGANIZATION: **Vermont Division of Historic Sites** DATE: **7/11/74**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Pavilion Building**

CITY OR TOWN: **Montpelier** STATE: **Vermont** CODE: **50**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 William B. Pinney

Title Director of Historic Sites  
**State Historic Preservation Officer**

Date 9/30/74

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

AK Montross  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 12/16/74

ATTEST:

Walter D. Funnell  
Keeper of The National Register

Date Dec. 12, 1974