

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Vermont
COUNTY:	Orange
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ENTRY DATE	JUN 13 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Braley Covered Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC: E of Randolph off VT-114

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Town road across Second Branch of White River,  
0.7 mile south of East Randolph village

CITY OR TOWN: Randolph

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Vt. District  
Rep. Richard Mallary

STATE: Vermont CODE: 50 COUNTY: Orange CODE: 17

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Town of Randolph

STREET AND NUMBER: (no street number)

CITY OR TOWN: Randolph

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: Randolph

STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973  Federal  State  County  Local

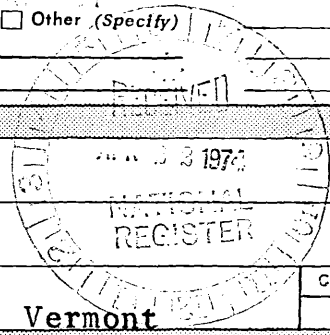
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Vermont Division of Historic Sites

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 type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 Braley Covered Bridge consists of a single span supported by two flanking timber multiple kingpost trusses. The trusses rise only half the height of the side walls; the upper walls are framed in post-and-beam construction. Two steel beams have been placed longitudinally under the timber deck beams for reinforcement. The structure rests on abutments built of irregular stone laid dry.

The Braley bridge is 39 feet long at floor level. The ends of the side walls flare outward to meet the gable ends which overhang the floor three feet at each portal. The bridge is 17 feet wide and has a 14-foot roadway. The wood floor consists of planks laid flat and perpendicular to the trusses.

On the exterior, the heavy timbers pegged together to form the trusses (and side walls) of the bridge are sheathed with flush boards hung vertically and painted red. There are no windows or openings in the side walls. The gable ends are also sheathed with flush boards hung vertically and painted red. The portal openings are rectangular except for rounded upper corners. The medium-pitch gable roof is covered with corrugated metal sheeting.



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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **unknown**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Braley Covered Bridge is one of three covered wood bridges remaining in the town of Randolph. The Braley bridge and the nearby Gifford bridge are unique among the covered bridges in Vermont: their multiple kingpost trusses rise only half the height of the side walls in contrast to the full height of that truss type in applications to other bridges. The half-size trusses suggest that the bridges were built originally without roofs and were covered later, possibly in 1909 in the case of the Braley bridge.<sup>1</sup>

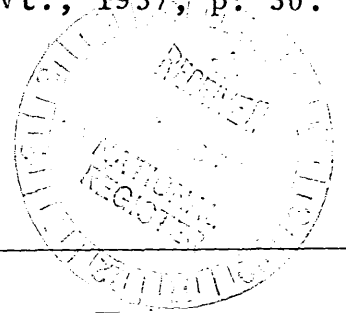
The covered bridges of Vermont are among its most cherished and symbolic historic resources. About one hundred of the bridges still stand in the state, the highest concentration by area of covered bridges in the country.<sup>2</sup> Many of these bridges have been altered only slightly, and many relate 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, including the Braley bridge.

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1. H. W. Congdon, The Covered Bridge, Vermont Books, Middlebury, Vt., 1970, p. 38.

2. R. S. Allen, Covered Bridges of the Northeast, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1957, p. 50.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allen, Richard Sanders, Covered Bridges of the Northeast, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1957.

Congdon, Herbert Wheaton, The Covered Bridge, Vermont Books, Middlebury, Vt., 1970.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

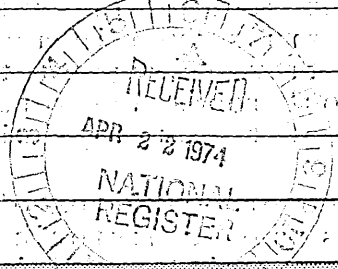
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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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4866600  
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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: **3/29/74**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Pavilion Building**

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

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

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>William B. Priney</u></p> <p>Title <u>Director of Historic Sites</u> <u>State Historic Preservation</u> <u>Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>4/10/74</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Wm. A. Connolly</u> <del>Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</del> Associate Director Professional Services</p> <p>Date <u>JUN 13 1974</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Charles H. Herring</u> Acting Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>6.12.74</u></p>
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