

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Vermont</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Windham</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	<b>AUG 28 1973</b>

1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Creamery Covered Bridge**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **Town road across Whetstone Brook immediately south of Vermont Route 9, 1.5 miles west of Brattleboro center**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Brattleboro**

STATE: <b>Vermont</b>	CODE: <b>50</b>	COUNTY: <b>Windham</b>	CODE: <b>025</b>
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Town of Brattleboro**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**230 Main Street**

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Office of Town Clerk**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**230 Main Street**

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey**

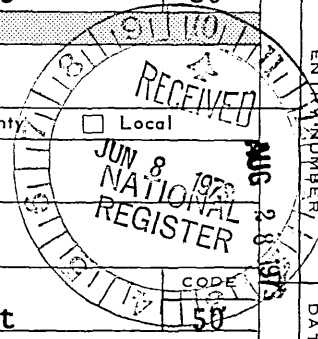
DATE OF SURVEY: **1973**     Federal     State     County     Local

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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		

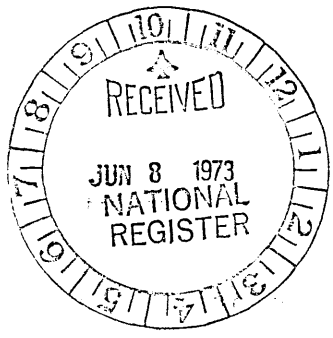
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Creamery Covered Bridge consists of a single span supported by two flanking timber Town lattice trusses, with a covered sidewalk attached to the eastern (downstream) side of the span. The abutments which support the ends of the bridge are built of stone slabs, though the northern abutment has been faced with concrete. The bridge is 80 feet long and 19 feet wide, with a 15-foot roadway; the attached sidewalk is 5.5 feet wide.

Constructed in 1879 of spruce lumber, the Creamery bridge lacked a sidewalk until about 1920.<sup>1</sup> Among other alterations made to the bridge, its original wood shingles have been replaced with slate; and corrugated metal sheeting covers the roof over the sidewalk, whose pitch follows that of the main roof. Two guy cables have been strung from the western side of the bridge to the river bank to provide additional lateral support for the superstructure.

On the exterior, the large planks pegged together diagonally to form the trusses (and side walls) of the bridge are partly sheathed with flush boards hung vertically. Above waist level and inward eleven feet from the portals, the trusses have been left exposed along both sides of the bridge. Except on the northeast corner, vertical flush boards protect the ends of the trusses immediately inside the portals. The sidewalk is also open above waist level to the roof. The gables of the bridge are enclosed with flush vertical boards, with cross-arms and holes for utility wires that were formerly strung through the bridge. The wood siding of the bridge and the sidewalk is painted red.

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 1. Victor Morse (rev. by R. S. Allen), Windham County's Famous Covered Bridges, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1960, pp. 6-7.



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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)

1879

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                   | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                 | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                   | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Within the town of Brattleboro, once known for its variety of covered railroad and highway bridges, the Creamery bridge is the only covered wooden bridge to survive.

The structure is the only covered bridge visible from Route 9, the main east-west route across southern Vermont, and is consequently a major scenic resource, appreciated by thousands of travelers, in a region which is rapidly being stripped of its unique and characteristic man-made environment. The bridge serves a heavily traveled road which acts as a bypass route to the south end of Brattleboro from the west end of the city. Consequently, the structure is periodically threatened with destruction. The Vermont Division of Historic Sites hopes that National Register recognition will encourage local planners and engineers to work out alternative means of accommodating increased traffic while retaining this major feature of the historic environment of southeastern Vermont.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Morse, Victor (rev. by R. S. Allen), Windham County's Famous Covered Bridges, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1960.

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

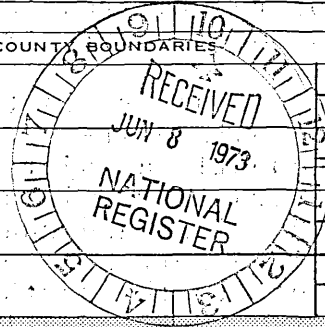
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		42° 50' 57"	72° 35' 11"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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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18/697200/4746700  
J.M. R.F. 10-1-75 W.M.

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

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

ORGANIZATION: **Vermont Division of Historic Sites** DATE: **May 17, 1973**

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 P. Timney  
Title: **Director of Historic Sites  
State Historic Preservation  
Officer**  
Date: **June 1, 1973**

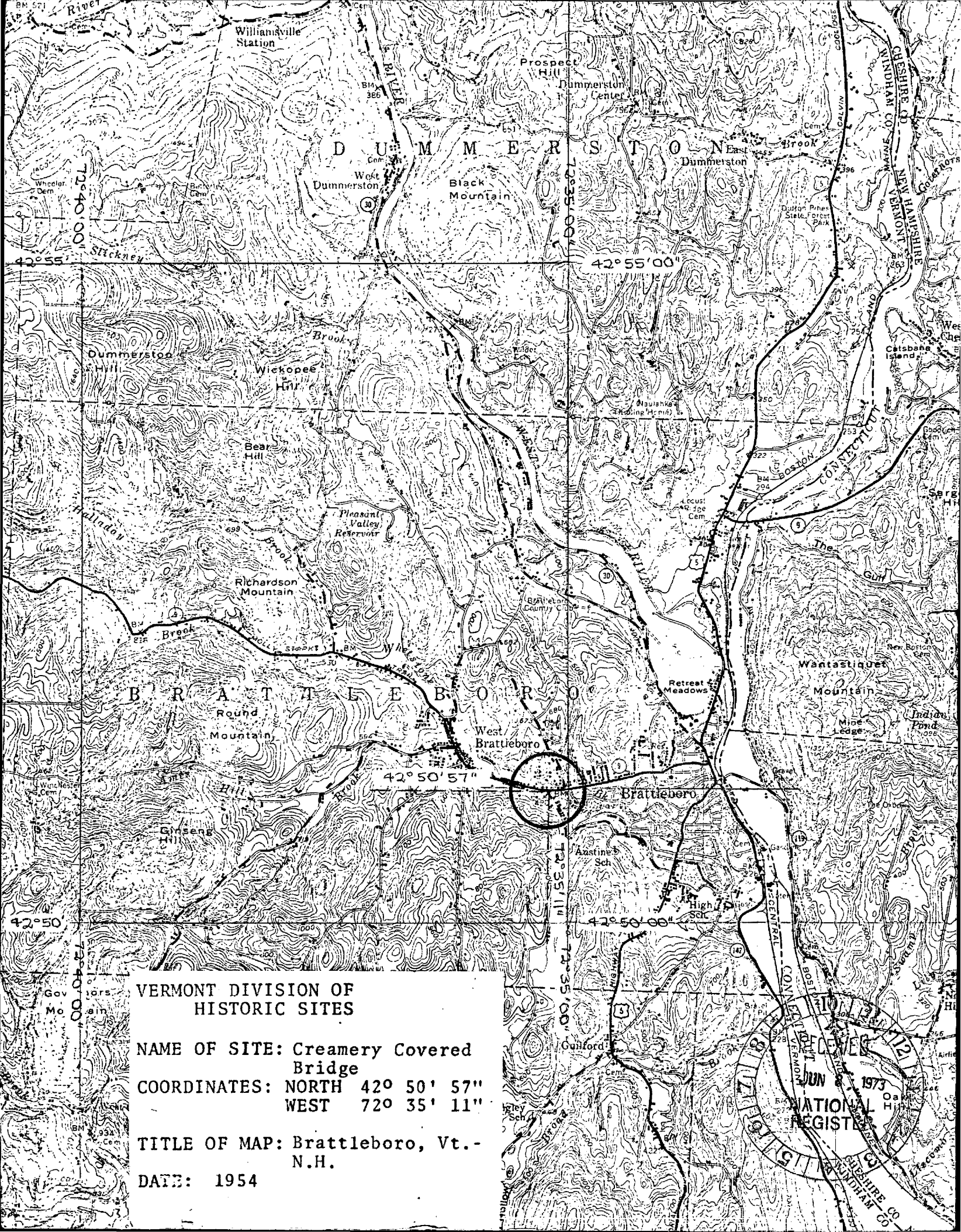
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert W. Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: **8/28/73**

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: **8/28/73**



VERMONT DIVISION OF  
HISTORIC SITES

NAME OF SITE: Creamery Covered  
Bridge

COORDINATES: NORTH 42° 50' 57"  
WEST 72° 35' 11"

TITLE OF MAP: Brattleboro, Vt.-  
N.H.

DATE: 1954

