

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Vermont
COUNTY:	Franklin
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ENTRY DATE	NOV 19 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:	East Fairfield Covered Bridge
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:		off VT 108	
Town road across Black Creek at East Fairfield village		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
CITY OR TOWN:	Fairfield	Vermont District	
STATE:	Vermont	CODE:	50
COUNTY:	Franklin	CODE:	011

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 Fairfield	STATE:	Vermont
STREET AND NUMBER:	(no street number)	CITY OR TOWN:	Fairfield
CITY OR TOWN:	Fairfield	STATE:	Vermont
		CODE:	50

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:	Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey
DATE OF SURVEY:	1974 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> 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 East Fairfield Covered Bridge consists of a single span supported by two flanking timber queenpost trusses. Each truss incorporates iron suspension rods which extend from upper apexes formed by the diagonal members to the bottom chords. Iron tie-rods connect the top beams of the side walls to increase the lateral rigidity of the structure. The current legal load limit of 4000 pounds indicates the weakened structural condition of the bridge.

The East Fairfield Bridge is 68 feet long overall and 16.5 feet wide. The bridge has a 13-foot roadway; its wood floor consists of planks laid flat and perpendicular to the trusses, beginning three feet inside the south portal. The structure rests on abutments built originally of irregular stone slabs laid dry. The north abutment has been mostly faced with concrete, and the south abutment has been mortared together.

On the exterior, the timbers pegged and bolted together to form the trusses (and side walls) of the bridge are sheathed with unpainted flush boards hung vertically. Similar siding protects the ends of the trusses immediately inside the portals. There are no window openings in the side walls.

The gable ends, which have been rebuilt during recent years, are also sheathed with unpainted flush boards hung vertically. The portal openings have irregularly diagonal 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)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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) c. 1865

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/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 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

The covered bridge at East Fairfield village is the only covered wood bridge remaining in the town of Fairfield. Built about 1865, the bridge and the mill pond which it crosses are the only surviving elements of an early industrial complex beside the falls of Black Creek. The bridge continues to carry light local traffic while also representing the historic location of water-powered industry in the small rural town.

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

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

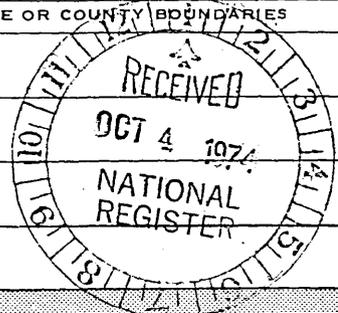
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SW	° ' "	° ' "				

NO
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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: 9/20/74

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. Priney

Title Director of Historic Sites
State Historic Preservation
Officer

Date 9/30/74

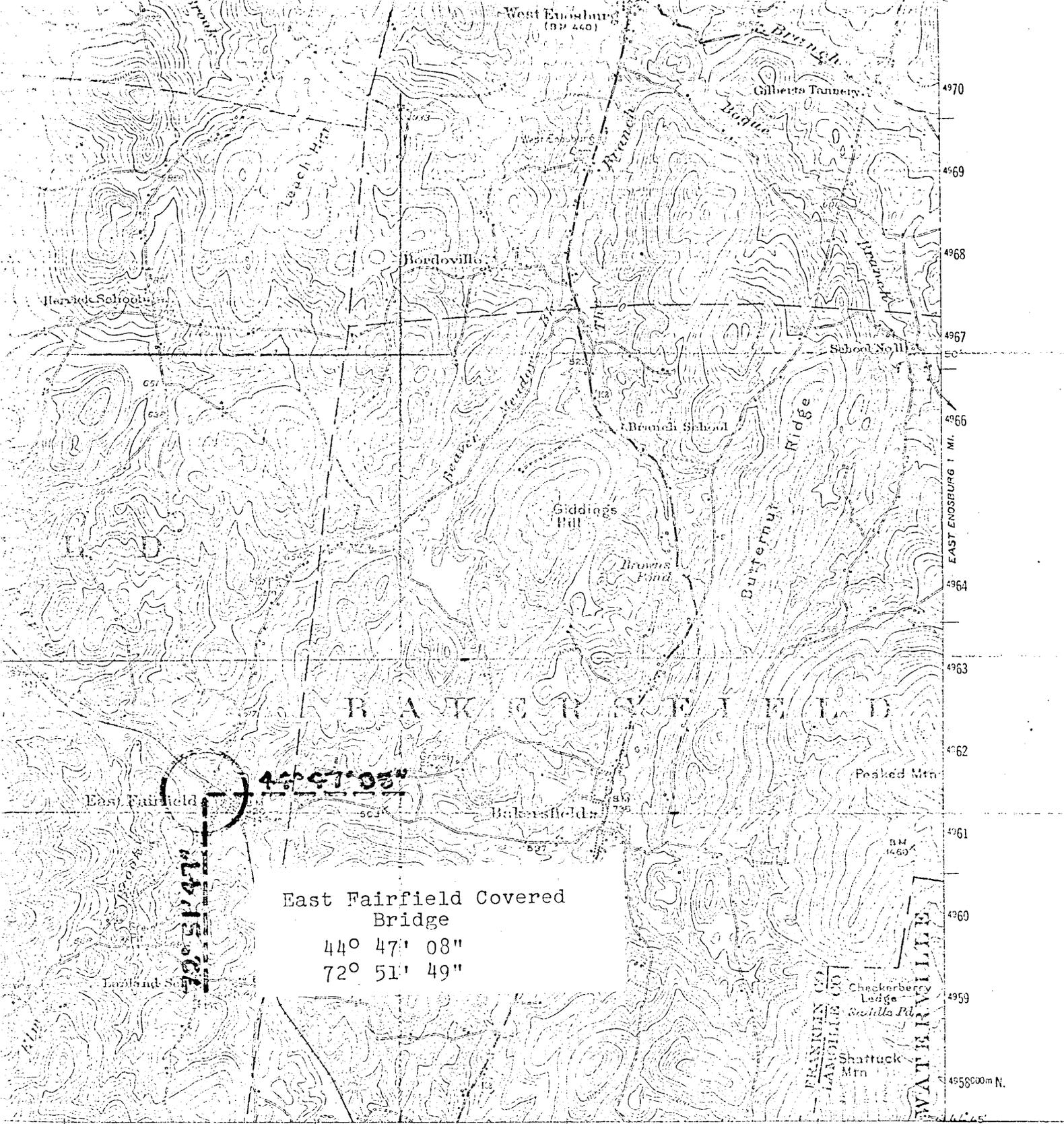
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. B. Montross
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/12/74

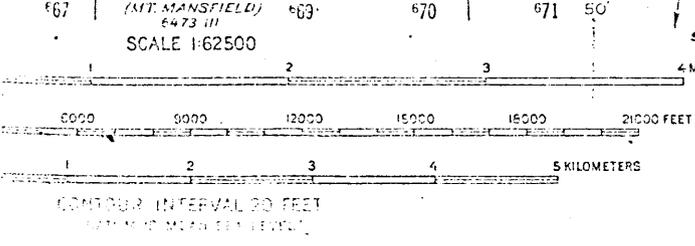
ATTEST:
Charles H. Henry
Keeper of The National Register

Date 11.15.74



East Fairfield Covered Bridge
 44° 47' 08"
 72° 51' 49"

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U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20506
 EAST FLETCHER 3 MI. STOWE (JUNC. VT. 100) 25 MI.
 ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Heavy-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Light-duty
 Medium-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Unimproved dirt



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