

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Vermont
COUNTY:	Rutland
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	SEP 10 1974

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Dean Covered Bridge
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>S of Brandon</u> Town road across Otter Creek, 1.3 miles south of Brandon village			
CITY OR TOWN: Brandon <i>vicinity</i>		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Vt. District Rep. Richard Mallary	
STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50	COUNTY: Rutland	CODE: 21

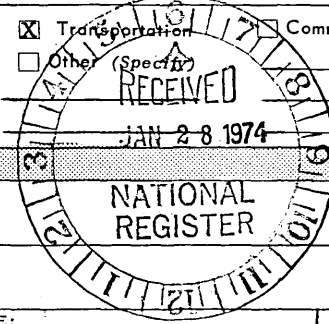
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <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	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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Town of Brandon			
STREET AND NUMBER: (no street number)			
CITY OR TOWN: Brandon		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: Brandon		STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1973 <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 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 Dean covered bridge consists of a single span supported by two flanking timber Town lattice trusses. Two laminated stringers have been tie-bolted to the underside of the floor beams parallel to the trusses to reinforce the structure; each stringer comprises a number of shorter timbers which are tie-bolted together. Iron sway braces extending diagonally between the bottom chords have been added to the underside of the floor beams.

The abutments of the bridge have been partially modified. The original abutments are built of marble slabs laid dry in regular courses. These abutments continue to bear the ends of the trusses. The portals of the bridge, however, extend about 5.5 feet beyond the trusses to rest on recently built abutments of small marble slabs and blocks laid dry. Several angled timbers carry the roadway from the newer abutments to the ends of the bridge floor.

The bridge is 132 feet long overall. The trusses extend about 121 feet; the portals project about 5.5 feet beyond the trusses at each end. The wood floor begins about seven feet inside each portal and consists of planks laid on edge parallel to the trusses. The approaches are paved with asphalt. The bridge is 21.5 feet wide, with an 18-foot roadway.

On the exterior, the large planks pegged together diagonally to form the trusses (and side walls) of the bridge are sheathed with flush boards hung vertically. Similar siding encloses the walls of the portals which extend beyond the trusses. There are no windows or openings in the side walls. The gable ends, which are also sheathed with flush vertical boards, are pedimented and have partial cornice returns. The gable roof is covered with slate shingles.



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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) **circa 1840**

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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	osophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dean covered bridge and the matching Sanderson covered bridge are the only covered wood bridges remaining in the town of Brandon. Both cross the Otter Creek within about one mile of each other. In dimensions, structure, and materials, the bridges are essentially identical. The Dean Bridge was built in 1838 and the Sanderson Bridge about 1840, which ranks them among the oldest covered bridges in Vermont.

The covered bridges of Vermont are among its most cherished and symbolic historic resources. About one hundred bridges still stand in the state, the greatest concentration by area of covered bridges in the country.¹ Many of these bridges are integral parts of unique architectural environments whose physical setting and cultural context have been little altered until recently. However, extensive highway construction programs are now drastically changing the historic environment of the state. The Vermont Division of Historic Sites wishes to extend the recognition and protection of the National Register to the majority of the surviving covered bridges, including the Dean bridge.

1. 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.

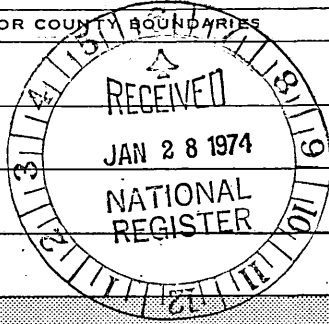
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	0 ' "	0 ' "		43° 46' 44"	73° 05' 51"	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

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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18/653100
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: Vermont Division of Historic Sites DATE: 11/5/73

STREET AND NUMBER:
Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier STATE: Montpelier CODE: 50

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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. Purney

Title Director of Historic Sites
State Historic Preservation
Officer

Date 1/17/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

AR Martenson
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/10/74

ATTEST:

Charles D. Henry
Keeper of The National Register

Date 9.6.77