

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Vermont	
COUNTY: Windsor	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	AUG 29 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Lincoln Covered Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: SW of ~~1000-1000-0000-0000~~ Town road across Ottauquechee River immediately south of U.S. Route 4, 1.5 miles west of West Woodstock village

CITY OR TOWN:
Woodstock

STATE Vermont	CODE 50	COUNTY: Windsor	CODE 027
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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	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)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Town of Woodstock

STREET AND NUMBER:
Town Hall

CITY OR TOWN:
Woodstock

STATE: Vermont	CODE 50
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Town Hall

CITY OR TOWN:
Woodstock

STATE Vermont	CODE 50
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

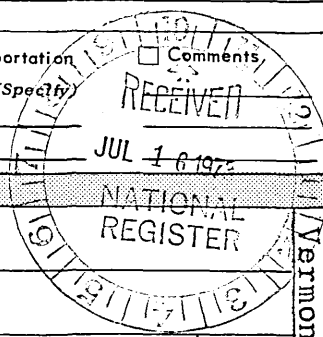
DATE OF SURVEY: 1973 Federal State County Local

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

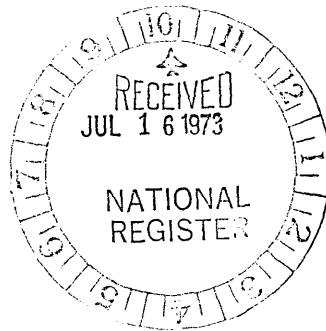
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 Lincoln Covered Bridge consists of a single span supported by two flanking arch trusses modified from the Pratt design. The arches are made of six laminated layers of planks; they support the deck by means of enclosed wood uprights, iron suspension rods, and iron cross braces. Two laminated stringers have been added to the underside of the floor parallel to the trusses for reinforcement. Each laminated stringer consists of short timbers tie-bolted together. Four guy cables have been strung from the river banks to the west side of the bridge to give lateral support to its superstructure. The north end of the bridge rests on a concrete abutment while the south end remains on its original abutment of stone slabs.

The Lincoln bridge is 136 feet long on the floor, with a gable overhang of about two feet at each end. The bridge is 18.5 feet wide, with a 14-foot roadway.

A "shed" of post-and-beam construction covers the bridge structure. It is sheathed with boards and battens which are hung vertically. There are no windows or openings in the side walls. The gable ends taper gradually two feet outward from the floor, and are sheathed with flush vertical boards. The roof of the bridge is covered with standing seam 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) 1877

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)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to covered bridge authority Richard S. Allen, the Lincoln Covered Bridge is structurally unique in the country. Built with arch trusses after the Pratt system, the bridge is the "only known wooden example"¹ of a structural system that later became widespread for steel highway and railroad bridges. Two residents of the area, R. W. Pinney of Bridgewater and B. H. Pinney of Woodstock, built the Lincoln bridge in 1877, thirty-three years after Pratt (the inventor of the system) received his patent.² Its unique structure among wooden bridges and the importance of that structure to subsequent development of steel bridge design give the Lincoln bridge national significance.

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.³ 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 Lincoln bridge.

1. R. S. Allen, Rare Old Covered Bridges of Windsor County, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1962, p. 41.

2. Ibid., p. 32.

3. 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, Rare Old Covered Bridges of Windsor County, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1962.

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

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

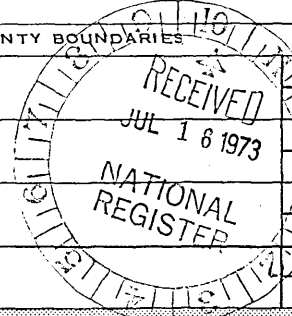
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NE	° ' "	° ' "	72°	34'	09"
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

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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, Researcher

ORGANIZATION: **Vermont Division of Historic Sites** DATE: **May 10, 1973**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>William B. Pinney</u></p> <p>Title Director of Historic Sites State Historic Preservation Officer</p> <p>Date July 11, 1973</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert M. Wiley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>8/28/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>8/28/73</u></p>
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