

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Vermont  
 COUNTY: Caledonia  
 FOR NPS USE ONLY  
 ENTRY DATE: JUN 13 1974

1. NAME

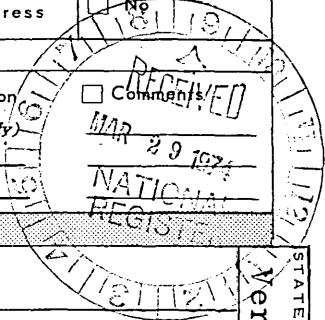
COMMON: Burrington Covered Bridge  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: NE of Lyndon off VT 114

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Former town road across East Branch of Passumpsic River, 2.4 miles northeast of Lyndonville village  
 CITY OR TOWN: Lyndon VT  
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Vt. District Rep. Richard Mallary  
 STATE: Vermont CODE: 50 COUNTY: Caledonia CODE: 05

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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) unused



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Town of Lyndon  
 STREET AND NUMBER: (no street number)  
 CITY OR TOWN: Lyndon 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: Lyndon 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		

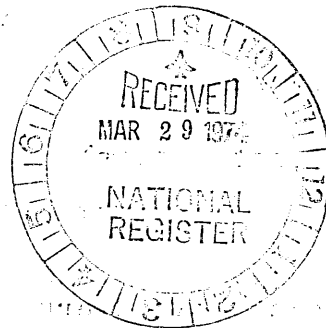
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Burrington covered bridge consists of a single span supported by two flanking timber queenpost trusses. The trusses incorporate iron suspension rods which extend from upper apexes of the diagonal braces to the bottom chords. The structure rests on abutments which have been either faced or rebuilt with concrete.

The Burrington bridge is 68 feet long at floor level. The gable ends project five feet beyond the floor at each portal. The bridge is 15 feet wide and has a 12.5-foot roadway. The wood floor consists of planks laid on edge and parallel to the trusses.

On the exterior, the heavy timbers bolted together to form the trusses (and side walls) of the bridge are partly sheathed with unpainted flush boards hung vertically. The boards reach only about half the height of the side walls; the upper halves are open, revealing the structural members.

The gable ends are sheathed with flush boards hung vertically and painted red. The portal openings are rectangular except for diagonal upper corners. The sheathing flares outward from the portal openings to the eaves. The medium-pitch gable roof is covered with corrugated metal sheeting. There are extraordinarily wide overhangs at the eaves to protect the exposed trusswork below.



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**6. 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) **unknown**

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        |
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| <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

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The Burrington covered bridge is one of five covered wood bridges remaining in the town of Lyndon. In 1965, a new bridge better suited to current traffic was built immediately upstream of the Burrington bridge, which then was closed to vehicles. The Town of Lyndon plans to maintain the bridge, however, in recognition of its historic and architectural value.

The Burrington bridge displays marked architectural similarity to the four other bridges in Lyndon and a bridge in the adjoining town of Danville. Generally the bridges have open upper walls, extended eaves, projecting gable ends, and portals framed either with diagonal upper corners or arches, each complemented by similar forms under the eaves. These characteristics identify the most distinctive regional design among the 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.<sup>1</sup> Many of these bridges are integral parts of unique architectural environments whose physical setting and cultural context have been little altered until recently. Now, however, pervasive highway expansion, intensive commercial development, and physical neglect are changing drastically the historic environment and threatening the covered bridges. The Vermont Division of Historic Sites, therefore, wishes to extend the recognition and protection of the National Register to the majority of the surviving covered bridges, including the Burrington covered bridge.

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

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

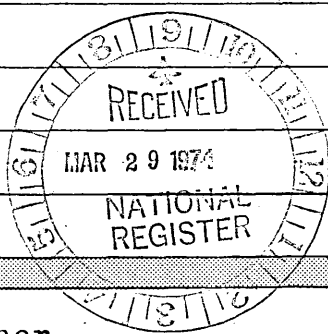
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

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: **2/26/74**

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. Pimer

Title: **Director of Historic Sites  
State Historic Preservation  
Officer**

Date: **3/19/74**

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

Ernest A. Connolly  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
Associate Director  
Professional Services

Date: **JUN 13 1974**

ATTEST:

Charles A. Stearns  
Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date: **6.12.74**