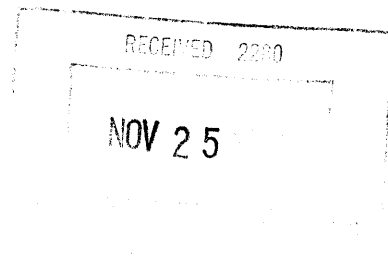


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**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name March Route of Rochambeau's Army: Manship Road - Barstow Road
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Manship Road, Barstow Road from intersection with Manship Road to Westminster Road (Route 14) not for publication
city or town Canterbury vicinity
state Connecticut code CT county Windham code 015 zip code 06374

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

John W. Shannahan 11/22/02
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
John W. Shannahan, Director, Connecticut Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the property is:
- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
 - determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
 - determined not eligible for the National Register.
 - removed from the National Register.
 - other, (explain): _____

Robert W. Beall Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 1.8.03

March Route: Manship Road - Barstow Road

Name of Property

Windham County, CT

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
1	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Rochambeau's Army in Connecticut, 1780-1782

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION: road-related

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION: road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A
 walls N/A

 roof N/A
 other N/A

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark an "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- Criteria A through G with checkboxes and descriptions.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

MILITARY

Period of Significance

1781 - 1782

Significant Dates

1781, 1782

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- Documentation checkboxes: preliminary determination, previously listed, designated landmark, recorded by Historic American Building Survey, recorded by Historic American Engineering Record.

Primary location of additional data:

- Location checkboxes: State Historic Preservation Office, Other State agency, Federal agency, Local government, University, Other.

Name of repository:

Connecticut Historical Commission, 59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, CT 06106

March Route: Manship Road - Barstow Road

Name of Property

Windham County, CT

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approx. 2 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 18 749 100 4620 800

Zone Easting Northing

3 18 749 370 4620 640

Zone Easting Northing

2 18 749 280 4620 800

4 18 749 420 4620 570

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Harper, Archaeologist, and Bruce Clouette, Historian

organization Public Archaeology Survey Team, Inc.

date April 30, 2001

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Town of Canterbury, Connecticut

street & number P.O. Box 27

telephone 860-546-9377

city or town Canterbury

state CT

zip code 06331

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Description:

Manship Road, along with its continuation along Barstow Road, represents the former course of Route 14, known locally as Westminster Road, before its realignment as part of a state-highway construction project in the 1930s. The nominated segment now appears as a bypassed loop, about 1,400 feet long, on the north side of the main road. The roadway is paved and measures about 20 feet wide, with a margin of bushes and vines on either side between the paving and the stone walls lining the road (Photograph 1). The margins vary in width, but overall the roadway measures about 50 to 55 feet between the walls. There is a single line of utility poles.

The west end of the nominated segment, along Manship Road, is wooded along both sides, including the area separating it from Westminster Road, but after the intersection with Barstow Road, which continues on to the north, the vista on the north side changes to one of open land, including both pasture and fields cultivated for crops (Photograph 2). Two farm roads lead off from the north side of the road to plowed fields, marked by additional stone walls running at right angles to the one bordering the road (Photograph 3). Both roadside stone walls become more visible in the eastern portion and are less tumbled down and overgrown than at the west end (Photographs 4 and 5). There is one dwelling along the nominated portion, a 1 1/2-story clapboarded house dating from about 1840 (Photograph 6).

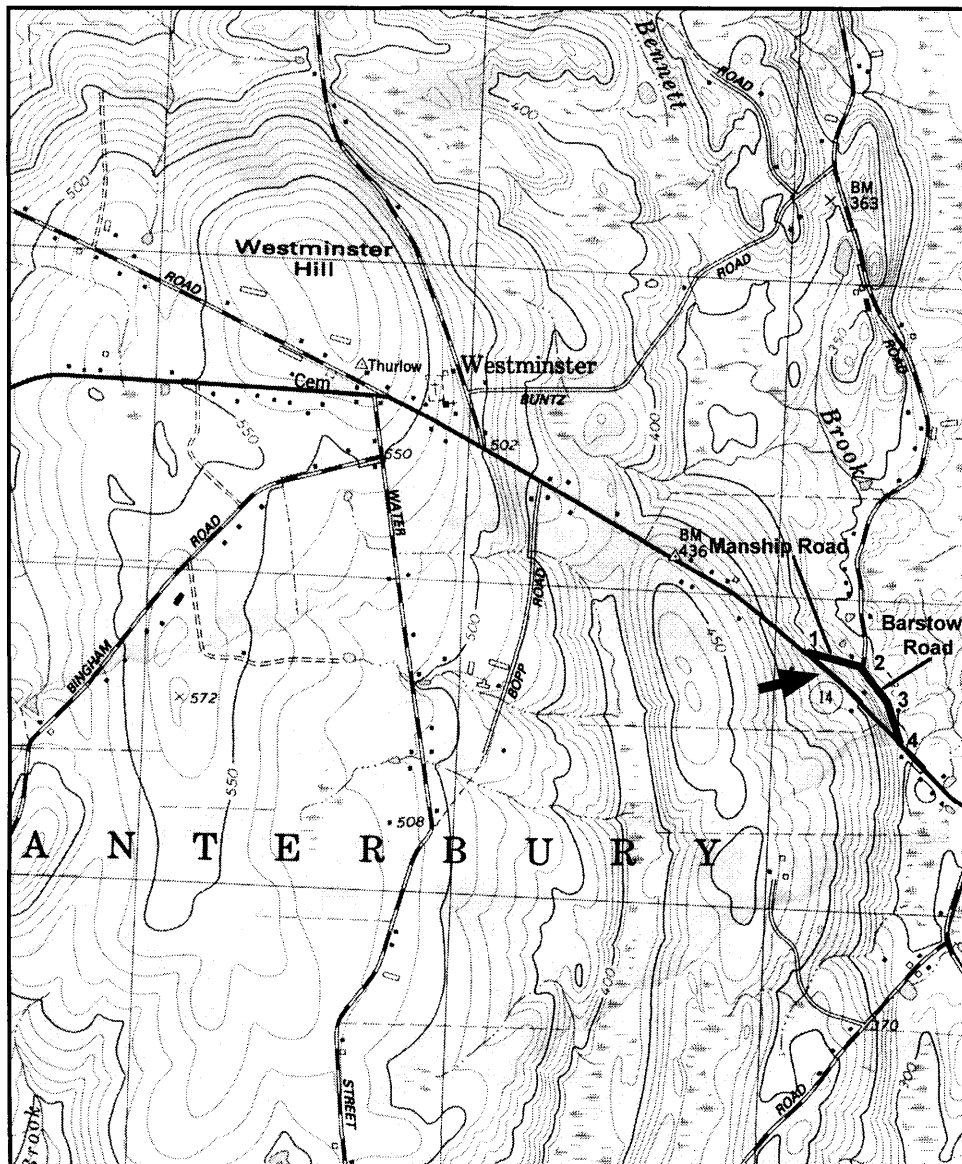
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Figure 1: March route along Manship and Barstow Roads, as shown on U.S.G.S. Scotland Quadrangle, 1:24000



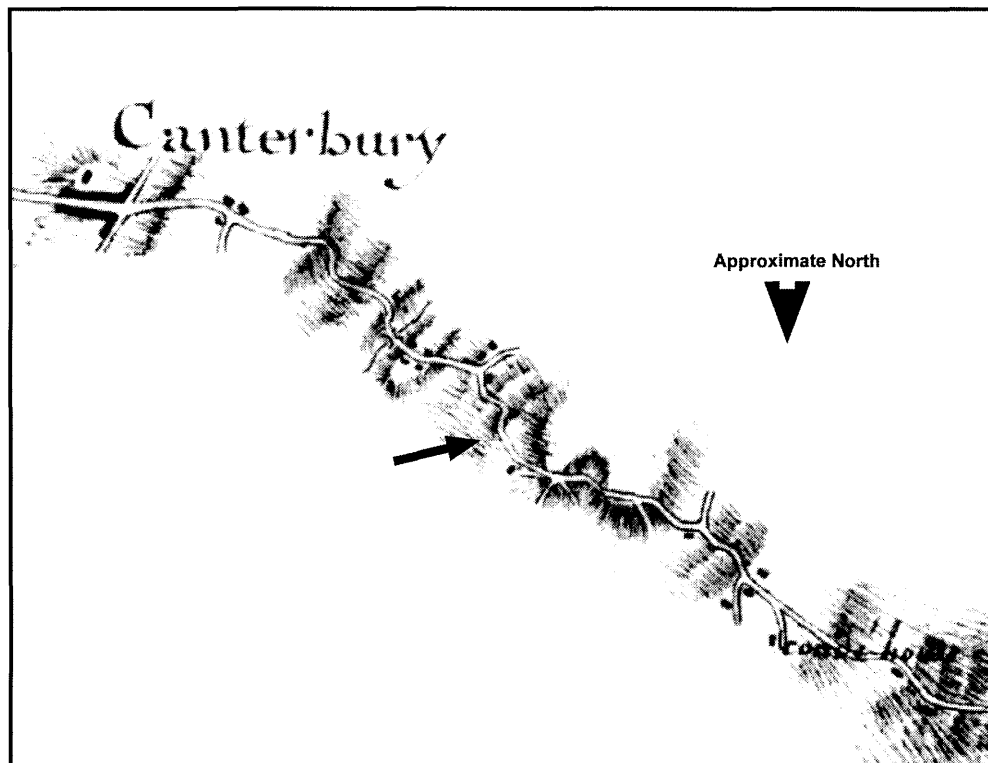
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Figure 2: Excerpt from the French route map, as drawn by Louis-Alexandre Berthier, military engineer for the French army, with the portion represented by Manship and Barstow Roads indicated by an arrow (*from Rice and Brown 1972*). The building indicated as the "condé [county] house" is the Westminster meetinghouse; other French sources call it "Park House," referring to the plot of land for a burying ground and meetinghouse donated by the Parke family in 1769.



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Significance:

The Manship Road - Barstow Road loop is significant because of its association with an important event in Connecticut's Revolutionary War history, the passage of the French Army, under the command of Count Rochambeau, on its way to and from the decisive victory at the Battle of Yorktown (Criterion A). Although paved, the road retains the visual qualities that evoke the narrow and winding country roads experienced by the French. Where modern Route 14 takes a steep but straight course up the ridge that lies west of Kitt Brook, the earlier road takes a less direct, curving path in its approach. The surrounding land of woods, plowed fields, and stone walls lining the roadway closely matches the landscape of eastern Connecticut as described by the French:

The country is a little more cleared, especially in the environs of Plainfield. . . . I saw some farms sown with rye and wheat, but especially with maize and potatoes. I also passed through many woods, mostly of oaks and chestnuts. The country [west of Canterbury] is very similar to the environs of Plainfield; yet more pasture lands there, which are in the valleys. So we ascend and descend continually on this road (Blanchard 1969: 108-109).

The French passed along this road segment in June 1781 when marching from the third camp at Plainfield to the fourth camp along the Shetucket River in Windham. Although not the worst portion of the trip, the poor condition of the roads caused the Bourbonnais Regiment's baggage to arrive very late (du Bourg 1880 (IV): 293), and a year earlier Chastellux had described this particular portion of the route as having "rugged and difficult roads" (Chastellux 1968 (I): 22-23). On the return trip in November 1782, the army again passed along this road segment, this time camping at Windham Center and just past Kitt Brook in Canterbury.

The French route map (Figure 2) clearly shows the winding course of the road still in place along Manship and Barstow Roads. Identifiable landmarks, such as Kitt Brook and the Westminster meetinghouse, as well as the area's distinctive topography, allow a firm attribution of Manship and Barstow Roads with the alignment as traversed by the French.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property consists of the entire course of Manship Road and Barstow Road from its intersection with Manship Road southeastward approximately 800 feet to its intersection with Westminster Road (Route 14). The nominated property includes the entire public road right-of-way.

Boundary Justification:

Manship Road and this part of Barstow Road retain the visual qualities that convey its historical significance as a portion of the route traversed by the French Army in 1781-1782. East and west of the segment, the route along Westminster Road (Route 14) has been widened to the point that it no longer conveys the sense of a colonial road.

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All Photographs:

1. March Route of Rochambeau's Army: Manship Road - Barstow Road
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Captions:

Manship Road, west end, camera facing east; stone walls on both sides of road obscured by vegetation
Photograph 1 of 6

Intersection of Manship and Barstow Roads, camera facing east toward fields on north side of road
Photograph 2 of 6

Farm Road leading to plowed field north of Barstow Road at east end, camera facing north; stone wall on left runs perpendicular to Barstow Road
Photograph 3 of 6

Typical section of stone wall along south side of Barstow Road, camera facing southwest
Photograph 4 of 6

Section of stone wall along north side of Barstow Road, near house, camera facing northwest
Photograph 5 of 6

House on north side of Barstow Road, camera facing north
Photograph 6 of 6