

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Vermont
COUNTY:	Franklin
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	1974

1. NAME

COMMON NAME:	West Hill Covered Bridge
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Unused town road (across West Hill Brook,) 3.2 miles south of Montgomery village</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Montgomery</u>		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: <u>Vermont District</u>	
STATE: <u>Vermont</u>	CODE: <u>50</u>	COUNTY: <u>Franklin</u>	CODE: <u>011</u>

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: <u>Town of Montgomery</u>		
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>(no street number)</u>		
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Montgomery</u>	STATE: <u>Vermont</u>	CODE: <u>50</u>

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: <u>Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey</u>			
DATE OF SURVEY: <u>1974</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <u>Vermont Division of Historic Sites</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Pavilion Building</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Montpelier</u>	STATE: <u>Vermont</u>	CODE: <u>50</u>	

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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 West Hill Covered Bridge consists of a single span supported by two flanking timber Town lattice trusses. The structure has not been reinforced by any of the various devices added to many other covered bridges in Vermont. The bridge rests on abutments built of irregular stone blocks laid dry; the north abutment has been faced with concrete.

The West Hill Bridge is 59 feet long overall and 19.5 feet wide; it has a 16-foot roadway. The wood floor, which consists of planks laid flat and perpendicular to the trusses, begins four feet inside each portal; the approaches are gravel.

On the exterior, the heavy planks pegged together diagonally 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. The siding stops short of the eaves to leave strip openings along the tops of the walls.

The gable ends are also sheathed with unpainted flush boards hung vertically. The portal openings have diagonal upper corners, which correspond to the line of the interior struts. The shallow-pitch gable roof is covered with standing seam metal sheeting painted red.



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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) <u>unknown 1860-90</u>			
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	losophy	
<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			
<p>The West Hill Covered Bridge crosses West Hill Brook in the West Hill district of Montgomery township. Five other covered wood bridges remain in the town, giving Montgomery the highest concentration of covered bridges by town in Vermont. Two brothers, Sheldon and Savannah Jewett of Montgomery, built all six of the bridges; the year of construction of the West Hill Bridge is unknown. The Jewetts used Town lattice trusses in all of the bridges, which also share common architectural design and similar dimensions (except for length).</p> <p>Together with another bridge constructed by the Jewett brothers in the adjoining town of Enosburg, the Montgomery bridges constitute the most extensive surviving record of the work of any individual covered bridge builders who practiced their trade in Vermont. The complete inventory of bridges built by the Jewetts is unknown; Richard Sanders Allen writes that they built bridges "for more than thirty years."¹ The brothers prepared the timber for their bridges at their own mill, which stood near the West Hill Bridge.</p> <p>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.² 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.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>1. R. S. Allen, <u>Covered Bridges of the Northeast</u>, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1974, p. 60.</p> <p>2. Ibid., p. 50.</p>			

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

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	° ' "	° ' "		44° 52' 04"	72° 38' 53"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Hugh H. Henry, Historic Sites Researcher

ORGANIZATION

Vermont Division of Historic Sites

DATE

9/19/74

STREET AND NUMBER:

Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN:

Montpelier

STATE

Vermont

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. Priddy

Title

Director of Historic Sites
State Historic Preservation
Officer

Date

9/30/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A. R. [Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

DEC 31 1974

ATTEST:

Wm. B. Priddy
Keeper of The National Register

Date

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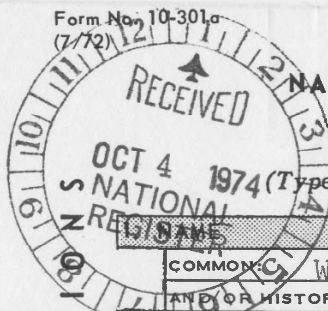
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SUBJECT West Hill covered bridge

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DATE OF PHOTO: May 1974

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View of east elevation, looking northwest.

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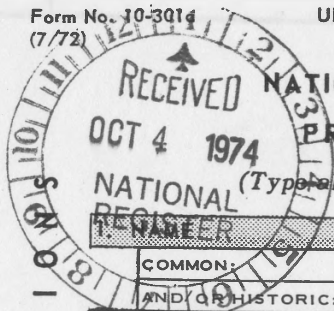
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View of south portal, looking northeast.

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