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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Elise M. Barry DATE: 4/29/82

YOUR ADDRESS: Cedar La., Rhinebeck, N.Y. TELEPHONE: 914-876-4931

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Bear Mountain Bridge Road (Rt. 6/202) and toll house (H.H.M.R.A.)
- 2. COUNTY: Westchester TOWN/CITY: Cortlandt VILLAGE: _____
- 3. STREET LOCATION: Rt. 6/202; between Bear Mtn. bridge and
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private Toll house - Camp Smith
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: N.Y.S. Highway Dept. ADDRESS: Albany, N.Y. Camp Smith, N.Y.
- 6. USE: Original: road/toll house Present: road/abandoned
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain _____

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. ^{road}stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: toll house
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated - toll house
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

see attached maps



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning c. roads
d. developers e. deterioration -toll house
f. other: vandalism

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
a. barn b. carriage house c. garage
d. privy e. shed f. greenhouse
g. shop h. gardens
i. landscape features: _____
j. other: toll house

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
a. open land b. woodland
c. scattered buildings
d. densely built-up e. commercial
f. industrial g. residential
h. other: _____

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

The Bear Mountain Bridge Road (Rt. 6/202), is a three mile, two lane scenic highway which winds up and down the south face of Anthony's Nose from the bridge to the Peeskill traffic circle. The toll house is located about two and one-half miles south of the bridge on the east side of the road. The building faces west and is surrounded by woodlands.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

By an act passed in 1922 enabling a private company to construct the Bear Mountain Bridge, it was required that the Bear Mountain-Hudson River Bridge Company build a road along the south face of Anthony's Nose to Roa Hook, mostly over state land, to connect with the Albany Post Road (Rt. 9). The specifications called for the road to rise higher

SIGNIFICANCE (see continuation sheet)

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c1923 - 24

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: Terry & Tench Construction Co.- Carey Construction Co.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
Begun in May 1923, it took seven months to build the road which was opened on Thanksgiving Day 1924. The road was privately owned and operated as a toll road by the Bear Mountain - Hudson River Bridge Co., a Harriman family enterprise. The company had been created by an act of the N.Y.S. Legislature in 1922. The Legislative act required the company to build a road in conjunction with the bridge that would run along the south face of Anthony's Nose to the Albany Post Rd. It also stated that the bridge and road would revert to the State at no cost 30 years after completion. When the Highway Dept. acquired the road, it did away with the toll.

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES:
The Historic Hudson, June 1923, vol. 2, no. 2. 'The Bear Mountain Bridge'. p. 37.

22. THEME:
early-20th century parkway construction and design and commercial architecture

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18. than the Storm King Road to offer views up and down the river and at the mountains on the west shore. The two lane road is bound by a low rubble masonry wall built from the excavation of 21,000 cubic yards of rock.

The toll house is a one story stuccoed building with a slate gable roof. A half timbered central bay for collecting tolls projects from the west facade of the collector's residence toward the roadway. This bay has heavy timber moldings with cravetto cornice supported by engaged columns. The north and south gable ends of the main roof have clapboard sections at the peaks above paired openings.

20. The simple Tudor style toll house is a distinctive type in the survey area. though it is in a deteriorated state, it retains most of its original period features. Of special note are the steep gable roof, exposed half timbering and smooth, stuccoed finish. The structure's major significance lies in its association with the scenic highway and the Bear Mountain Bridge construction and operation.

Rt. 6/202, the Bear Mountain Bridge Road is one of the most picturesque in the Hudson Valley and together with the Storm King Highway provides a unique combination unequalled in the state. The roadway and supporting scenic detailing such as the stone walls, are maintained in their original condition and have not been significantly altered since their construction. The highway is significant in its engineering achievement and its contribution to the history of transportation in the region.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The Bear Mountain Bridge Road's northern terminus is at the intersection of the Bear Mountain Bridge Road, the Bear Mountain-Beacon Highway, and the Bear Mountain Bridge, and extends three miles in a southerly direction, to a point south of the toll house. The east-west boundaries are generally 25 feet from the center of the highway with the exception of the cut rock sections, the boundaries of which extend from the top of the rock-cut to the base of the rubble forming the road bed. Included in the nomination are all stone walls, boulder guards and other engineering features. The toll house is located on the east side of the road at the southern end of the highway.

Acreage 18.18.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Hudson Highlands Multiple Resource Area
State NY

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

30 31. First Baptist Church of
Cold Spring

Substantive Review

Keeper

11/23/82 *Frances Jean Douglas*

Attest

32. Fish and Fur Club

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

11/23/82 *Delores Byers*

Attest

33. House at 3 Crown Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

11/23/82 *Delores Byers*

Attest

34. House at 249 Main Street

Keeper

RT

Attest

35. Bear Mountain Bridge Rd.

Entered in the
National Register

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Attest

31 36. Bear Mountain State Park
Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

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37. Barr, Amelia, House

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38. Camp Olmsted

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39. Deer Hill

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40. Gatehouse on Deerhill Road

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Bear Mountain Bridge Rd. (Hudson Highlands MRA)
Westchester County
NEW YORK

Working No. 10/2/82-2866
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 11/11/82 — 11/26/82
Action: ACCEPT 4/23/82
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

resubmission
 nomination by person or local government
 owner objection
 appeal

Entered in the
National Register

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category _____ Ownership _____ Status _____ Present Use _____
Public Acquisition _____ Accessible _____

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition _____ Check one _____ Check one _____
 excellent deteriorated unaltered original site
 good ruins altered moved date _____
 fair unexposed

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below _____

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) _____

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Average of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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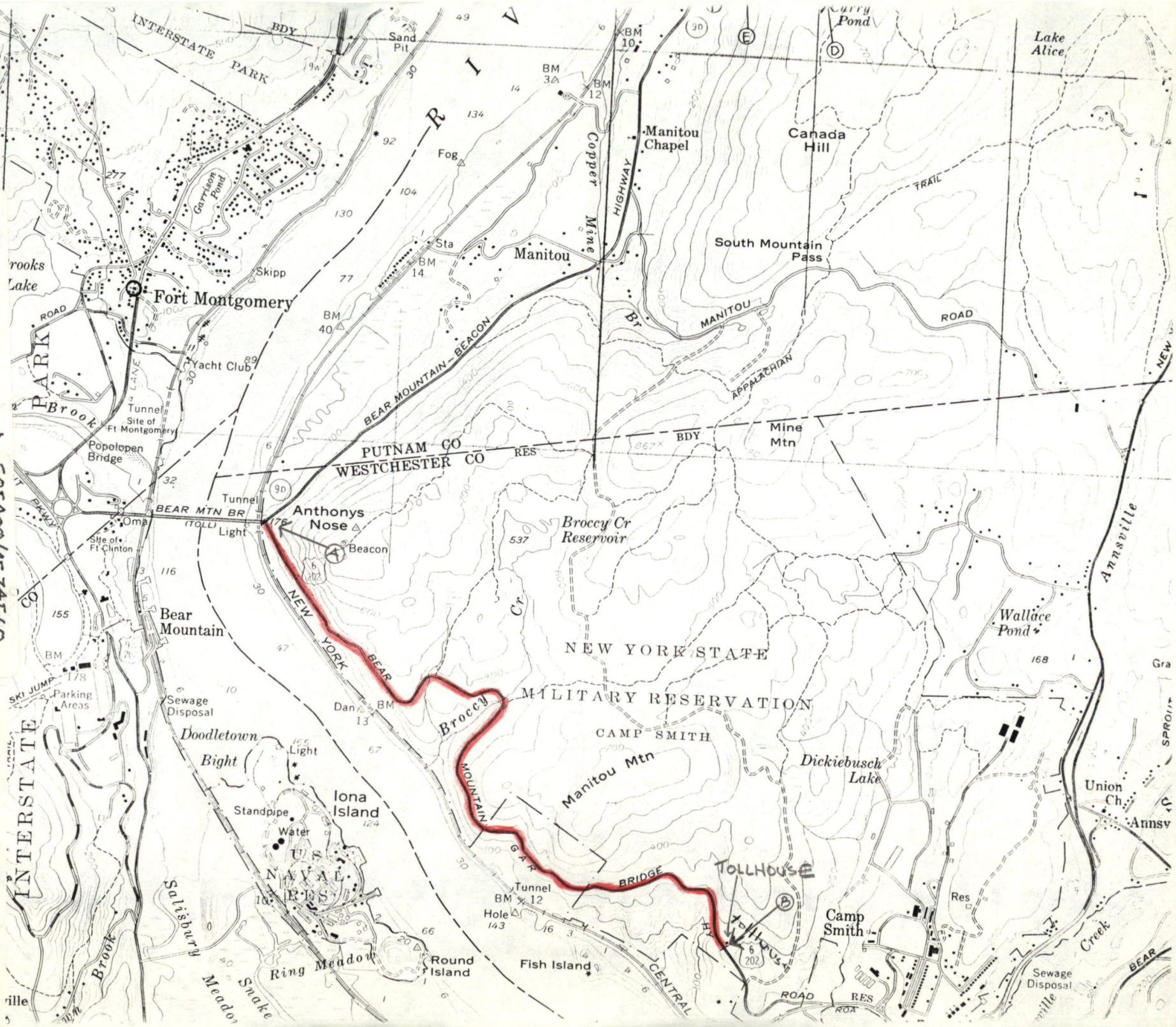
Views of toll house on the Bear Mountain Bridge Road
(Rt 6/202) from the north and south



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 B - 58760/4572530

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 Bear Mountain Bridge Road and
 Cortland, NY
 U.S.S. Map
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