

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Vermont
COUNTY: Lamoille
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE OCT 1 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Scribner Covered Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Town road across Gihon River, 1.8 miles east of Johnson village NE of Johnson

CITY OR TOWN: Johnson vicinity CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Vermont District

STATE: Vermont CODE: 50 COUNTY: Lamoille CODE: 015

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input 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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Town of Johnson

STREET AND NUMBER: (no street number)

CITY OR TOWN: Johnson 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: Johnson STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1974 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 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 Scribner Covered Bridge consists of a single span supported by two flanking timber modified queenpost trusses. The trusses rise less than half the height of the side walls of the bridge. Each truss incorporates iron suspension rods which connect its queenposts with the bottom chords. The trusses lack internal bracing, being bolted to the vertical posts of the enclosing "shed". Triangular steel plates have been added to the lower ends of the trusses to reinforce the joints between the diagonal members and the bottom chords.

The Scribner Bridge is 48 feet long and 17.5 feet wide, and has a 13.5-foot roadway. The wood floor, which consists of planks laid flat and perpendicular to the trusses, is 40 feet long; it begins four feet inside each portal. The approaches are concrete. The structure rests on abutments which in 1960 were rebuilt in concrete.¹

The post-and-beam shed which encloses the trusses is framed with timbers pegged together. On the exterior, it is 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 are rectangular. The medium-pitch gable roof, which does not overhang the gable ends, is covered with standing seam metal sheeting.

1. Robert L. Hagerman, Covered Bridges of Lamoille County, Robert L. Hagerman, Morrisville, Vt., 1972, p. 22.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Scribner Covered Bridge probably was built originally without its upper walls and roof, and therefore belongs among a small number of covered wood bridges in Vermont which have been rebuilt from open bridges.¹ The trusses of the Scribner Bridge have only about half the usual height of queenpost trusses applied to bridges covered during original construction. The Scribner Bridge is one of three covered bridges remaining in the town of Johnson.

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.

1. R. L. Hagerman, Covered Bridges of Lamoille County, Robert L. Hagerman, Morrisville, Vt., 1972, p. 22.

2. 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

Hagerman, Robert L., Covered Bridges of Lamoille County, Robert L. Hagerman, Morrisville, Vt., 1972.

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

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	
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NE	0 0 0	0 0 0		21 0 0	57 0 0	
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

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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: **5/2/74**

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. Pinney

Title Director of Historic Sites
State Historic Preservation
Officer

Date 7/10/74

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/1/74

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 9.27.74

PROPERTY Scribner Covered Bridge STATE Vermont

WORKING NUMBER 7.15.74.1153

Lamoille

TECH REVIEW
PHOTOS 1
MAPS 1

CONTROL REVIEW
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HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
Accept
J. Thorman
9/6/74

ARCHEOLOGIST TO HAER
JCS
Accept
M. B. HANES
15 Aug 74

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF
Accept
Cole
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BRANCH CHIEF
accept
H. M. H. H.
9/20/74

KEEPER
W. H. H.
9/27

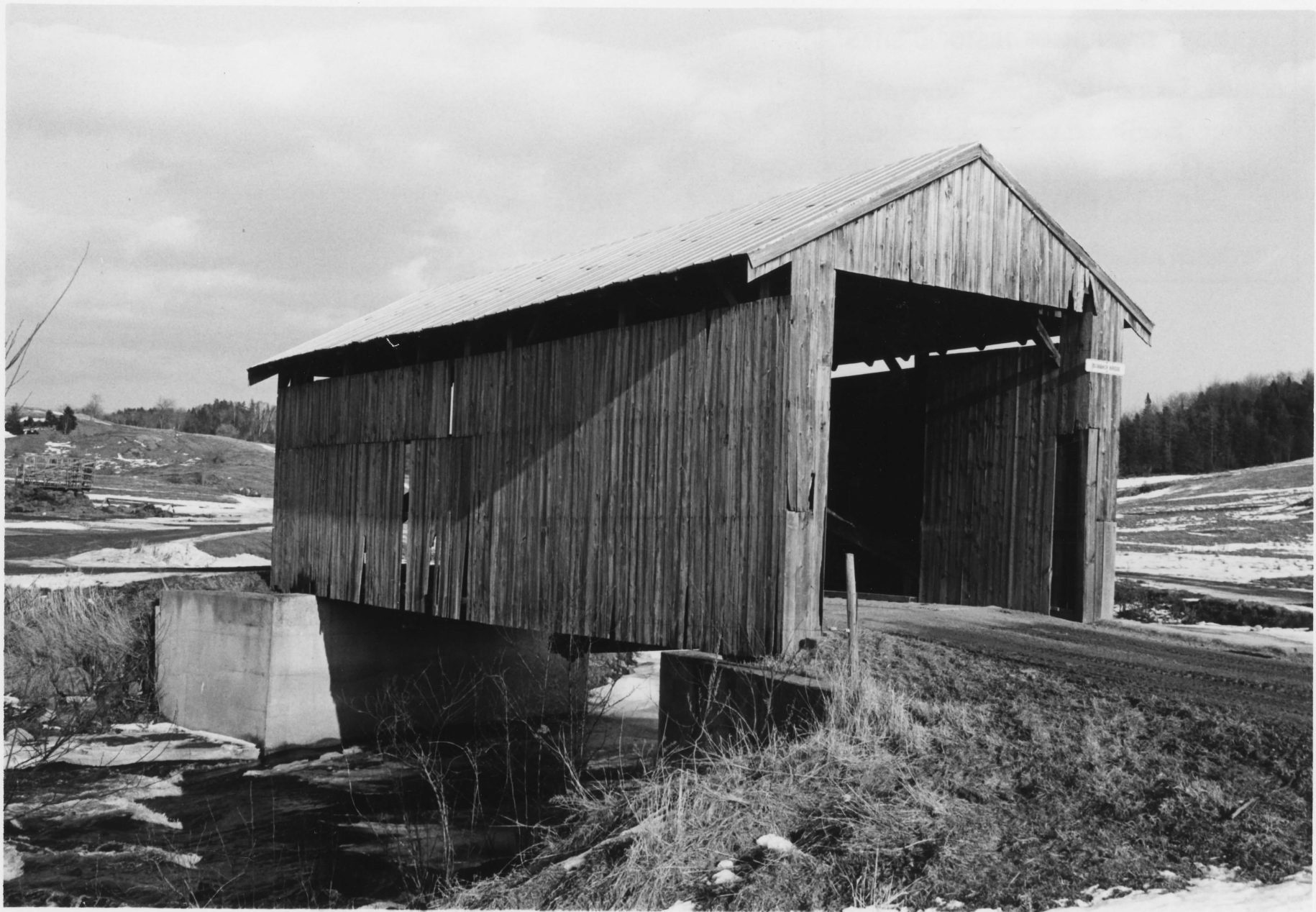
National Register Write-up 11-8-74

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry 11/5/74

Re-submit _____

Entered OCT 1 1974



VERMONT DIVISION OF HISTORIC SITES

COUNTY Lamoille TOWN Johnson

SUBJECT Scribner covered bridge

DATE 1. 1974

CREDIT Hugh H. Henry

VIEW West

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

1. NAME COMMON		AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
Scribner Covered Bridge			OCT 1 1974

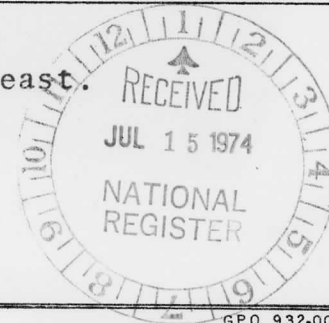
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STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Vermont	Lamoille	Johnson

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Town road across Gihon River, 1.8 miles east of Johnson village

3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Hugh H. Henry for Vt. Division of Historic Sites	January 1974	Vermont Division of Historic Sites

4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View of west elevation and south portal, facing northeast.



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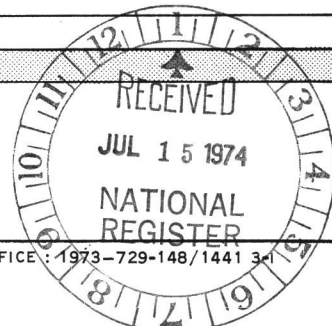
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
<u>Vermont</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>Lamoille</u>	<u>015</u>
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: <u>U.S.G.S. 15 minute series (topographic) - Hyde Park, Vt.</u>			
SCALE: <u>1:62500</u>			
DATE: <u>1953</u>			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



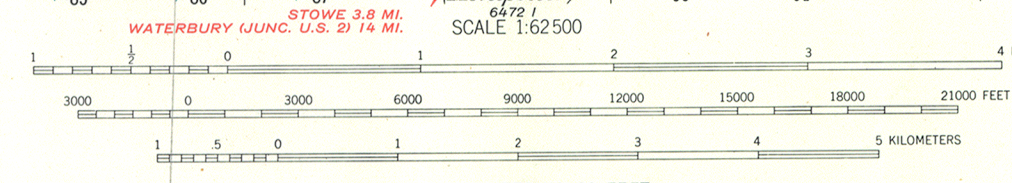


Scribner Covered Bridge
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72° 38' 57"

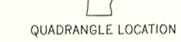


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Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by plane-table surveys 1927. Revised 1953
Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum
1000-foot grid based on Vermont coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Medium-duty
Light-duty
Unimproved dirt
State Route



HYDE PARK, VT.
N4430-W7230/15
1953
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE VERMONT

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fisher Covered Railroad Bridge	Wolcott vicinity Lamoille County
Scribner Covered Bridge	Johnson vicinity Lamoille County
Upper Cox Brook Covered Bridge	Northfield vicinity Washington County
Gold Brook Covered Bridge	Stowe vicinity Lamoille County
Jaynes Covered Bridge	Waterville vicinity Lamoille County

Also Notified

Hon. George D. Aiken
Hon. Robert T. Stafford
Hon. Richard W. Mallary

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. William B. Pinney, Director
Vermont Division of Historic Sites
Pavilion Building
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

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10/2/74