

Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-22-72)

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	DEC 23 1974

1. NAME  
COMMON:  
Fuller Covered Bridge  
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
Town road across Black Falls Brook at Montgomery village  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Montgomery  
STATE: Vermont  
CODE: 50  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Vt. District  
COUNTY: Franklin  
CODE: 011

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 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	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Montgomery  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
(no street number)  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Montgomery  
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:  
Montgomery  
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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STATE: Vermont  
COUNTY: Franklin  
ENTRY NUMBER: 115893  
DATE: 12/23/74  
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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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		

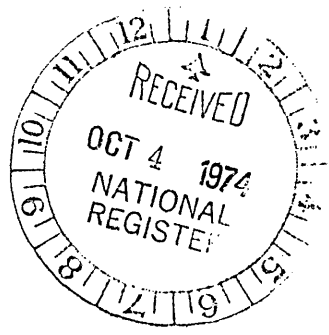
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fuller Covered Bridge consists of a single span supported by two flanking timber Town lattice trusses. Two longitudinal segmented stringers have been added to the underside of the deck beams for reinforcement; each stringer comprises a number of shorter timbers tie-bolted together.

The Fuller Bridge is 49.5 feet long overall and 19.5 feet wide; it has a 16-foot roadway. The wood floor consists of planks laid on edge and parallel to the trusses. The structure rests on abutments built of irregular stone slabs mortared together; the south abutment has been mostly faced with concrete.

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. There are two large rectangular windows spaced asymmetrically in the east wall.

The gable ends are sheathed with flush boards hung vertically and painted white. The portal openings are rectangular except for short diagonal upper corners. The shallow-pitch gable roof is covered with standing seam metal sheeting.



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**6. 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) 1890

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/Phi-             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | osophy                                             | _____                                    |
| <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

The Fuller Covered Bridge crosses Black Falls Brook in Montgomery village. Five other covered wood bridges remain in the town of Montgomery, giving it the highest concentration of covered bridges by town in Vermont. Two brothers, Sheldon and Savannah Jewett of Montgomery, built all six of the bridges; they completed the Fuller Bridge in 1890, probably the last of their bridge projects. The Jewetts used Town lattice trusses in all of the bridges, which also share common architectural design and similar dimensions (except for length).

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."<sup>1</sup> The brothers prepared the timber for their bridges at their own mill, which stood in the West Hill district of Montgomery near one of the remaining bridges.

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.<sup>2</sup> 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. S. Allen, Covered Bridges of the Northeast, The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., 1974, p. 60.

2. Ibid., p. 50.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

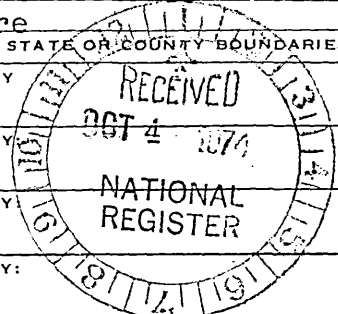
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one acre

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: 9/13/74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>William D. Pinney</u></p> <p>Title <u>Director of Historic Sites</u> <u>State Historic Preservation</u> <u>Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>9/30/74</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>12/23/74</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>12-20-74</u></p>
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COUNTY Franklin TOWN Montgomery

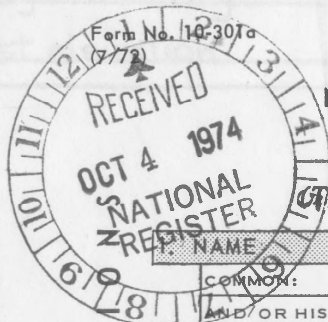
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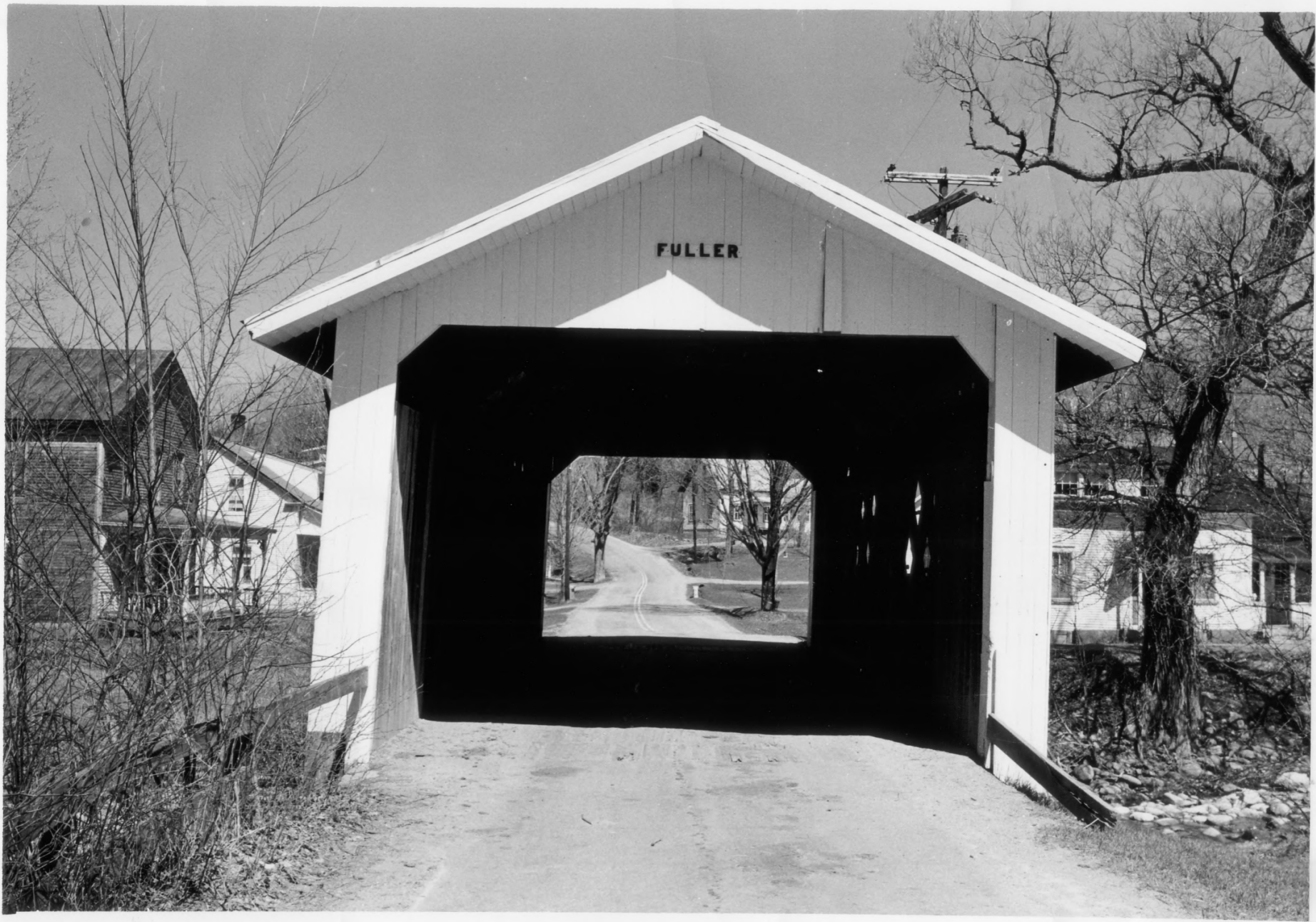
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Montgomery  
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE  
PHOTO CREDIT: Hugh H. Henry for Vermont Division of Historic Sites  
DATE OF PHOTO: May 1974  
NEGATIVE FILED AT:  
Vermont Division of Historic Sites

4. IDENTIFICATION  
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  
View of east elevation, looking southwest  
# 1032

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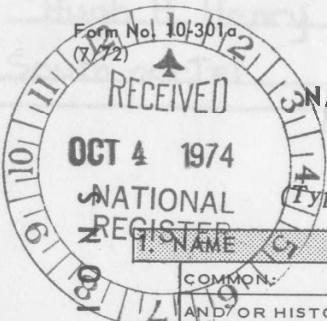
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4. IDENTIFICATION DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  <u>View of south portal, looking north</u>  <u>#282</u>			

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