

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# 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 National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any 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.

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### 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Ashland Mill Bridge (Removal)

Other names/site number: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

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

### 2. Location

Street & number: near Ashland Street, over the Pachaug River

City or town: Griswold State: CT County: New London

Not For Publication: N/A Vicinity: N/A

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

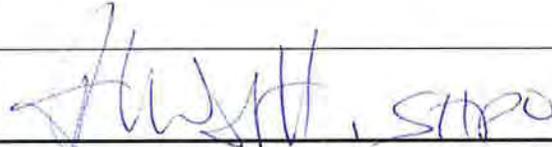
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

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   X   does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

   national    statewide    local  
Applicable National Register Criteria:

   A    B    C    D

		<u>11/25/15</u>
<b>Signature of certifying official/Title:</b>		<b>Date</b>
<u>Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office</u>		
<b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b>		

In my opinion, the property <u>  </u> meets <u>  </u> does not meet the National Register criteria.	
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<b>Signature of commenting official:</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Title :</b>	<b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b>

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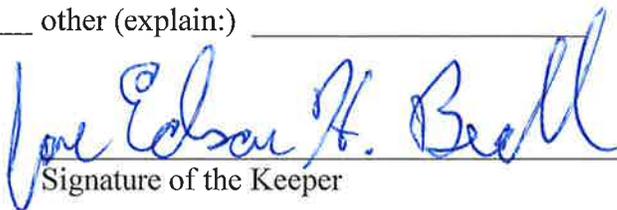
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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

**REMOVED  
from  
National Register**

  
Signature of the Keeper

2-2-16  
Date of Action

**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

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**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register   1  

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**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

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**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 8. Statement of Significance

**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

This documentation is presented to remove the Ashland Mill Bridge in Griswold, Connecticut from the National Register of Historic Places because it is not extant. The Ashland Mill Bridge formerly spanned property identified in the Town of Griswold's assessment database as Parcel 10732 (Map 27/Block 29/ Lot 35.1) and Parcel 10438 (Map 27/ Block 28/Lot 3).

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**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Ashland Bridge (NR: 99000407) was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on April 1, 1999 under Criteria A and C for its statewide significance as a representative example of late nineteenth century bridge engineering and as a product of the Berlin Iron Bridge company, a major manufacturing company and Connecticut's only large nineteenth-century bridge fabricator. The bridge was a single-span, lenticular pony truss structure built in 1886 by the Berlin Iron Bridge Company for the Ashland Cotton Company, a textile manufacturer in the Jewett City section of the Town of Griswold, Connecticut. Although the Berlin Iron Bridge Company built hundreds of bridges throughout the Northeast, relatively few have survived to present day. Many features of the Ashland Mill Bridge were typical of the early years of metal-truss engineering, including the use of wrought iron as the principal material, pinned connections, and an unusual patented truss pattern.

At the time this property was nominated for National Register listing, the bridge had deteriorated decking and surface rusting, but remained otherwise intact. In 1995, a fire destroyed the rest of the mill complex, with the exception of an associated office building, dam, and tailrace. Those

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resources are currently (2015) extant, but were not included in the National Register nomination for the bridge. By 1999, the Town of Griswold began a project to convert the former mill site into a public park and restore the dam. Due to the deteriorated decking on the mill bridge, the town constructed a new pedestrian footbridge slightly downstream and closed the mill bridge to traffic. The mill bridge was removed from its site and around the time of its National Register listing in 1999.

This additional documentation is submitted in order to remove the Ashland Bridge from the National Register as per 36 CFR 60.15 (a)(1) because “the property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing the National Register because the qualities which cause it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed...”. The aerial images included below depict that the property has been removed.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Westervelt, Robert. "Committee to plan new Griswold park," *The Day* (New London, Connecticut), February 1, 1999.

Westervelt, Robert. "Ashland Mill Bridge on National Historic Register," *The Day* (New London, Connecticut), February 11, 1999.

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### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary location of additional data:

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreage of Property** \_\_\_\_\_

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Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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|--------------|------------|
| 1. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

**Or**

**UTM References**

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or  NAD 1983

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|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 2. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 3. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 4. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

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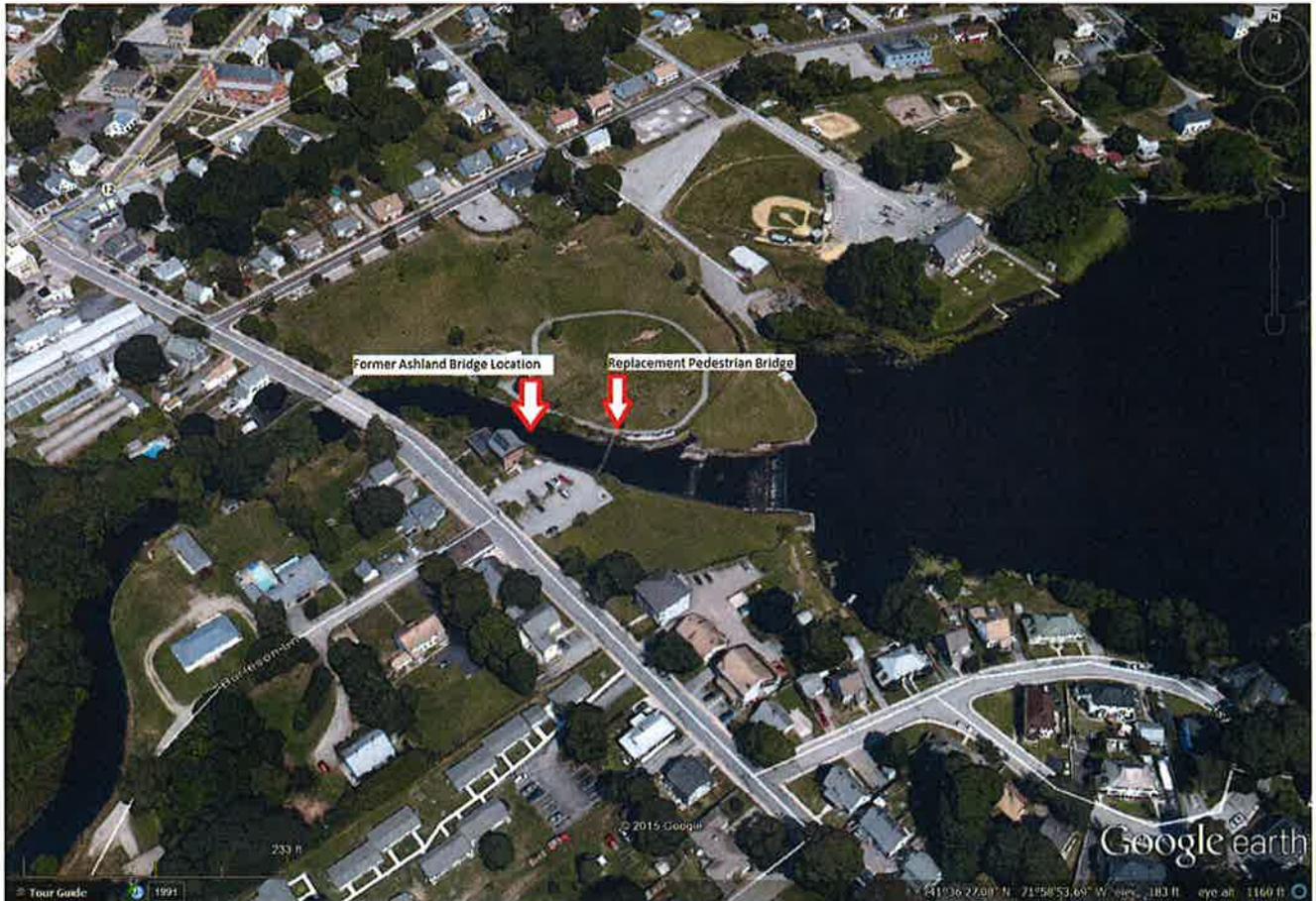
### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Aerial image showing location of former Ashland Mill Bridge and location of the new pedestrian bridge (source: Google Earth, November 2015).

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Aerial image showing location of former Ashland Mill Bridge and location of the new pedestrian bridge (source: Bing.com, November 2015).

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.