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**COUNTY STREET BRIDGE**

**HISTORIC BRIDGE INVENTORY & EVALUATION**

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**Bridge No.** 1-1-5  
**Bridge Key #** BTP 513 002  
**Dist.** 5

**CRITERIA FOR DETERMINATION OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE**

**I. Builders Contribution**

**Quantity**

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**Name of Builder:** JOSEPH ROSS

**Designer:**

**Plaque:** Yes No X

**II. AGE:**

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**III. TECHNICAL**

**Bridge Type** STONE ARCH

**Bridge Width**

**Total Length of Bridge** 143'

**Number of Spans:** 3  
**Span Lengths** 30 30 18

**Patented:** Yes No Unknown

**Load Carrying Capacity:** Adequate X Inadequate

**Configuration:** Unique X Unusual Common

**Types of Materials:**

**List Special Features and Modifications:**

BASE OF ABUTS PIER HAVE BEEN GUNITED.
IV. ENVIRONMENTAL

Aesthetics: Unusual Good X Common
Site Integrity: Retained Violated
History of Bridge and Area:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

V. ECONOMICS

Owner: Municipal X County State Federal

R.R.

What is your recommendation? NOT SCHEDULED

Maintenance Replacement Rehabilitation

Are materials available for Rehabilitation: Yes No

Is structure scheduled for replacement? Yes No

VI. PHOTOS - INDICATE SHOTS TAKEN

1. Setting 6. Elevation
2. Builders Plaque 7. Joint & Connections
3. 3/4 View 8. Machinery
4. Thru View 9. Decorative Features
5. Under View

VII. COMMENTS & CONCLUSIONS

1. In your judgement, does this bridge have historic value? Yes X No
2. Please explain your answer to #1

3. Additional Comments required on back of page.

Preparer: Wayne Richd
Title: Ass't Environmental
Date of Survey: 8/6/80

INCLUDE TOPO SHEET SHOWING LOCATION
COUNTY STREET BRIDGE - IPSWICH

The County Street Bridge built in 1861 was the fourth bridge to be built on the Ipswich River as the growth of Ipswich was expanding.

The three other bridges at that time being the Willowdale Bridge, Warner's Bridge, and Choate Bridge were all built in conjunction with the development of the mills along the Ipswich River.

When the County Street Bridge was planned in the Spring of 1861, the great crisis of the Civil War was at hand, and the single vote recorded on March 11th, instructed the Selectmen to build a road from Col. William Baker's to Zenas Cushing's and another granite arch bridge was built forth with.
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY (MHC OPINION)

TO: VAL
FROM: PHS
DATE: 10/29/80
TOWN: IPSWICH
PROPERTY: DPW Bridge # I-1-5 (County Road over Ipswich River)

1. Does this property meet the criteria for NR eligibility?
   ☐ YES
   ☐ NO

A. Criteria
   a. events
   b. lives
   c. characteristics
   d. information

B. Local ☑ State ☐ National ☐

2. Statement of Significance: OR Why not eligible?

A span granite arch bridge over Ipswich River, built in 1861 to carry County St. over the Ipswich River—only 4 built at that time. The NHL Charle Bridge, 1764 is immediately upriver.

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