The following property is a component of the Hudson Highlands Multiple Property Resource Area. The cover form for the multiple resource area is filed under Dutchess County. The resource area includes properties in Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester Counties. Please note that the individual nomination-registration forms were not prepared for the 58 properties and historic districts that are components of the multiple resource area. Instead, the documentation was provided on expanded Building-Structure or District Inventory Forms.

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YOUR NAME: Elise M. Barry DATE: 4/29/82	
YOUR ADDRESS: Cedar La., Rhinebeck, N.Y. TELEPHONE: 914-876-4931	
ORGANIZATION (if any):	
DENTIFICATION	
BUILDING NAME(S): Bear Mountain Bridge and toll house TY: Stony Point	
. COUNTY: Rockland TY: Stony Point	
STREET LOCATION: R666/202; OVER HUDSON RIVER	
OWNERSHIP: a. public XXX b. private	
PRESENT OWNER: N.Y.S. Bridge Authority ADDRESS: Highland, N.Y.	
USE: Original: bridge/toll house Present: same	
. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes XX No Interior accessible: Explain toll house-during business hours	3
DESCRIPTION toll house	
BUILDING a. clapboard b. stone & c. brick d. board and h. iten	
MATERIAL: e, cobblestone f. shingles g, stucco other: stee!	
2. STRUCTURAL a. wood frame with interlocking joints	
SYSTEM: b. wood frame with light members	
(if known) c. masonry load bearing walls XX-toll house	
d. metal (explain)	
e. other steel towers and wire cables	
). CONDITION: a. excellent b. good XX c. fair d. deteriorated	
. INTEGRITY: a. original site XX b. moved if so,when?	
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):	

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

see attached maps



14.	d. developers e. deterioration	
	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 c. scattered buildings c. scattered built-up c. commercial f. industrial g. residential h. other: Hudson River	
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	ARCHITECT: bridge- Howard C. Baird; unknown	
	BUILDER: Terry & Tench Construction Co., Carey Construction Co.	
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21.	SOURCES: (see continuation sheet	
	The Historic Hudson. vol.2, no 2., June 1923., The Bear Mountain Bridg	e'.
22.	THEME:	

, early-20th century bridge construction and design and commercial

architecture

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20. November 27,1924. In 1940 the State purchased it for \$2,275,000.00, although originally the bridge was to revert to the State at no cost after 30 years of private operation. The Bear Mountain Bridge is significant as a structure which possesses higher that it is also significant as an important event in the history or transportation in the Hudson Highlands.

The toll house was begun and completed with the bridge. In 1940 when the State purchased the bridge, road and toll houses, it discontinued use of the road toll and collected tolls from the bridge toll house. Before 1940, the toll to cross the bridge was 80¢ for cars and driver plus 10¢ for each passenger. Pedistrians also paid 10¢. In 1940 the flat rate became 50¢. This is the most important structure of its type in the survey area. The architectural design is eclectic, containing elements of the Tudor, Elizabethan and English cottage styles. Of note are the steep slate roof, tower and stone construction. The toll house is a significant contributing element to the Bear Mountain Bridge.

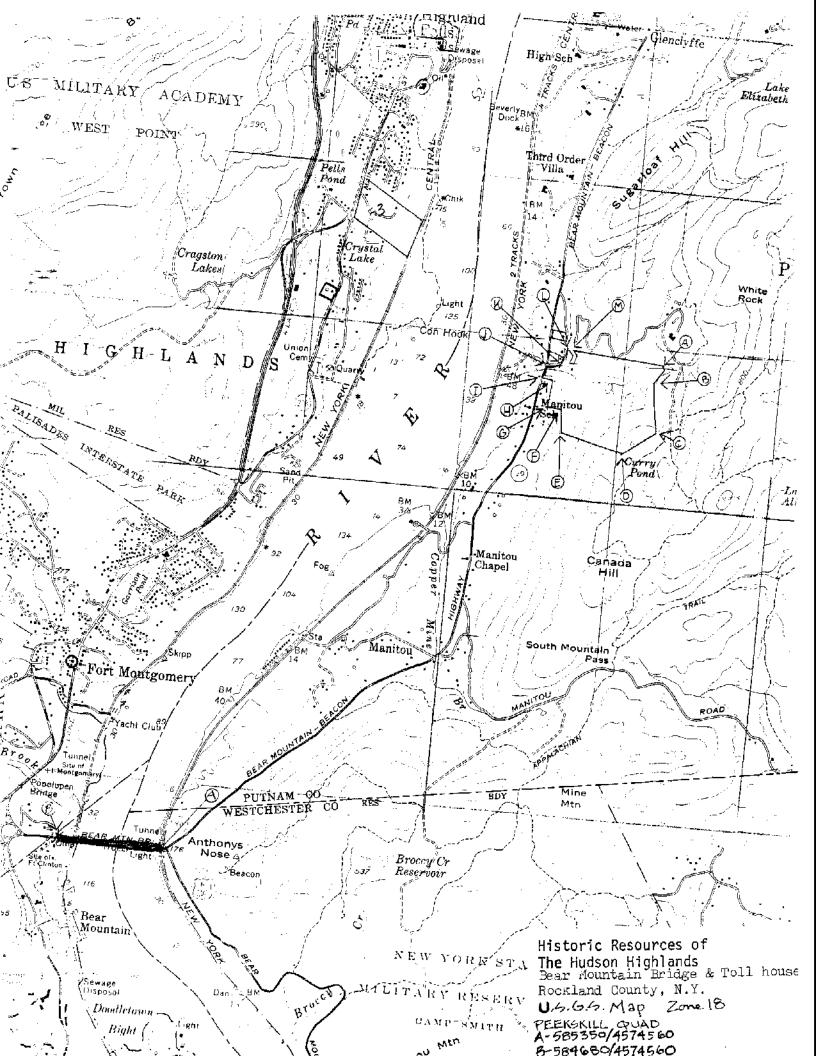
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The eastern boundary of the Bear Mountain Bridge and its right-of-way is located 175 feet east of the point where the bridge meets the eastern shore of the Hudson River. From the center line of the bridge, the boundary extends and 75 feet south perpendicular to the bridge. The 150 feet right-of-way traverses the Hudson River to a point 450 feet west of the point where the bridge meets the western shore of the river. The property is enclosed by a rectangular right-of-way 150 feet wide north to south and 2257 feet long east to west. The toll house is located on the west bank of the Hudson River just south of the bridge within the right-of-way.

Acreage 7.77.



View of front facade of toll house on bridge



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YOUR NAME: Rosemary A. Sorkin 14 Reggie Drive

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YOUR ADDRESS: Wappingers Falls, N.Y. TELEPHONE: 914-297-7420

ORGANIZATION (if any): H.A.D.A.C., P.O. Box 274, Hurley, N.Y.

IDENTIFICATION

Bear Mountain Bridge 1. BUILDING NAME (S)

TOWNCITY: Stony Point VILLAGE:

Rte 6 13020055 Hudson River 3. STREET LOCATION

b. private 🗀 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public 🛎

5. PRESENT OWNER: N.Y.S. Bridge AuthorianDRESS: Highland, N.Y.

6. USE: Original: Present:

a. clapboard

No 🗆 Exterior visible from public road: Yes 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Interior accessible: Explain _

b. stone

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING

e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: steel

d. deteriorated

d. board and batten

c. brick

9. STRUCTURAL

MATERIAL:

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

11. INTEGRITY:

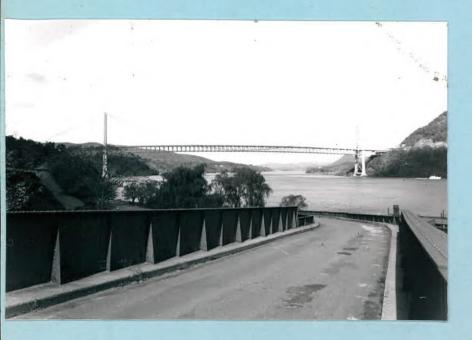
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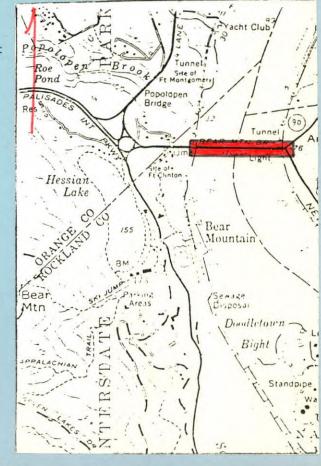
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13. MAP:





14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning c. roads c. ro
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: Hudson River
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district) The Bear Mountain Bridge runs from east to west across the Hudson River. Anthony's Nose is on the east & the Fort Clinton site & the Palisades Interstate Park are on the west.
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known): The Bear Mountain Bridge is a steel suspension bridge rising 153 feet above the Hudson River. The two steel towers are 355 feet above their foundation piers which are set in solid rock on the riverbanks. These towers hold the 18 inch cables which support the 1632 foot suspension span. The total length of the bridge is 2257 feet. The asphaltic concrete roadway is 38 ft wide with a five foot sidewalk on each side. SIGNIFICANCE 19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1923-24
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21. SOURCES: Solvitur Ambulando. In the Hudson Highlands. Appalachian Mountain Club: New York, 1945.; Bear Mountain Bridge plaque.; Chester A. Smith. Peekskill, a Friendly Town: Its Historic Sites & Shrines: A Pictorial History of the City from 1654 to 1952. The THEME: Friendly Town Assoc.: Peekskill, 1952. Twentieth century bridge construction and design.

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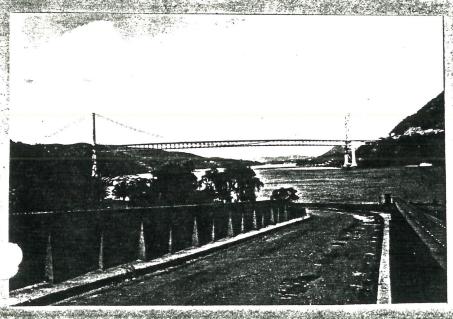
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YOUR NAME: Elise M. Barry DATE: 4/29/82
YOUR ADDRESS: Cedar La., Rhinebeck, N.Y. TELEPHONE: 914-876-4931
ORGANIZATION (if any):
IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME(S): Bear Mountain Bridge and toll house 2. COUNTY: Rockland & Westchesterwn/CITY: Stony Point/Cortlandt
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3. STREET LOCATION: Rt.6/202 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public XX b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER N.Y.S. Bridge Authority ADDRESS Highland, N.Y.
6. USE: Original: bridge/toll house Present: same
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes XX No Interior accessible: Explain toll house-during business hour
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20. November 27,1924. In 1940 the State purchased it for \$2,275,000.00, although originally the bridge was to revert to the State at no cost after 30 years of private operation. The Bear Mountain Bridge is significant as a structure which possesses high the listic value. It is also significant as an important event in the history or transportation in the Hudson Highlands. The toll house was begun and completed with the bridge. In 1940 when the State purchased the bridge, road and toll houses, it discontinued use of the road toll and collected tolls from the bridge toll house. Before 1940, the toll to cross the bridge was 80¢ for cars and driver plus 10¢ for each passenger. Pedistrians also paid 10¢. In 1940 the flat rate became 50¢. This is the most important structure of its type in the survey area. The architectural design is eclectic, containing elements of the Tudor, Elizabethan and English cottage styles. Of note are the steep slate roof, tower and stone construction. The toll house is a significant contributing element to the Bear Mountain Bridge.

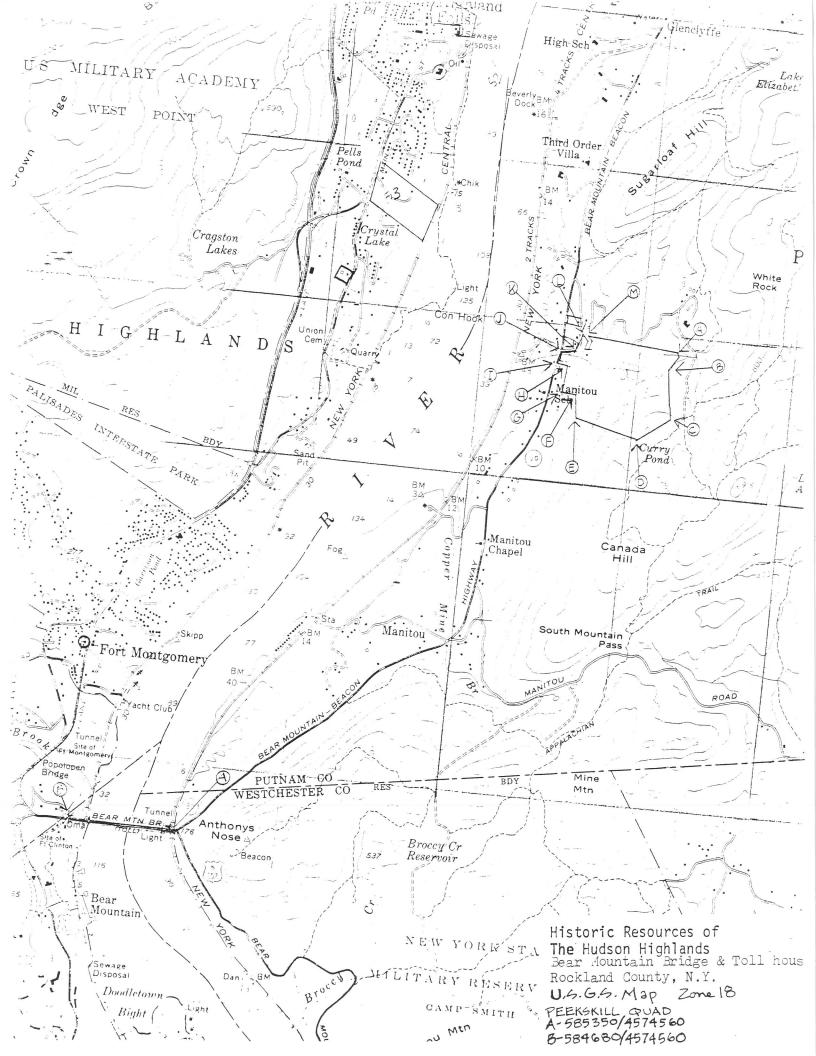
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The eastern boundary of the Bear Mountain Bridge and its right-of-way is located 175 feet east of the point where the bridge meets the eastern shore of the Hudson River. From the center line of the bridge, the boundary extends and 75 feet south perpendicular to the bridge. The 150 feet right-of-way traverses the Hudson River to a point 450 feet west of the point where the bridge meets the western shore of the river. The property is enclosed by a rectangular right-of-way 150 feet wide north to south and 2257 feet long east to west. The toll house is located on the west bank of the Hudson River just south of the bridge within the right-of-way.

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View of front facade of toll house on bridge



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ORGANIZATION (if any): H.A.D.A.C., P.O. Box 274, Hurley, N.Y.

IDENTIFICATION

- I. BUILDING NAME(S): Bear Mountain Bridge Toll House
- 2. COUNTY: Rockland TOWN CITY: Stony Point VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: _ Rte 6/202; of westend Bear Mt Bridge
- a. public 🛚 b. private Authority 4. OWNERSHIP:
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: New York State Bridgaddress: Highland, NY
- 6. USE: Original: _ toll house Present: _ same
- Exterior visible from public road: Yes 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Interior accessible: Explain during business hours

DESCRIPTION

(if known)

- 8. BUILDING a. clapboard b. stone 🗷 c. brick 🗆 d, board and batten MATERIAL:
 - e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other:
- a. wood frame with interlocking joints 9. STRUCTURAL b. wood frame with light members SYSTEM:
 - c. masonry load bearing walls d. metal (explain)_
 - e. other
- b. good X c. fair a. excellent d. deteriorated 10. CONDITION: a. original site 3 b. moved 1 11. INTEGRITY: if so, when?
 - c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP





	14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐ d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
	f. other:
	15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: a. barn □ b. carriage house □ c. garage □
	d. privy \(\sigma\) e. shed \(\sigma\) f. greenhouse \(\sigma\)
	g. shop h. gardens
	i. landscape features:
	j. other: Bear Mountain Bridge
	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) Facade faces north, bridge roadway- east, Hudson River- south,
-	parkland, zoo- west, toll booths.
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	18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
	One story, five bay building; stone foundation; entrance is framed with
	quoins & keystone; metal casement windows; flat & hipped roof dormers;
	steep slate gable roofs; three story tower has stone corbels, half
	timbered projecting bay with diamond pane windows, pyramidal slate
	roof & a metal octagonal cupola with a pointed roof.
	SIGNIFICANCE
	19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1923-24
	ARCHITECT: unknown
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	BUILDER: Terryw& Tench Construction Co. & Carey Construction Co.
	20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
	The toll house was begun March 24, 1923 & was opened November 27, 1924.
	When the State took over the operation of the Bear Mountain Bridge in
	1940, the east shore road toll house was closed down & only this one
	was used to collect the bridge tolls.
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	Solvitur, Ambulando. In the Hudson Highlands. Appalachian Mountain
	Club: New York, 1945.; Chester A. Smith. Peekskill, A Friendly
	Town: Its Historic Sites & Shrines: A Pictorial History of the City 22. THEME: from 1654 to 1952. The Friendly Town Assoc: Peekskill, 1952.
	Early twentieth century commercial architecture.
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CONTINUATION SHEET

20. cut stone door surround and half timbering. Along with the associated bridge, this structure comprises a unique complex in the survey area.

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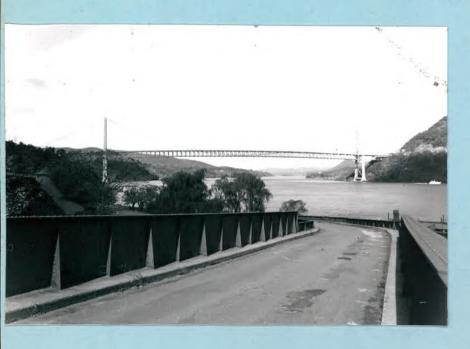
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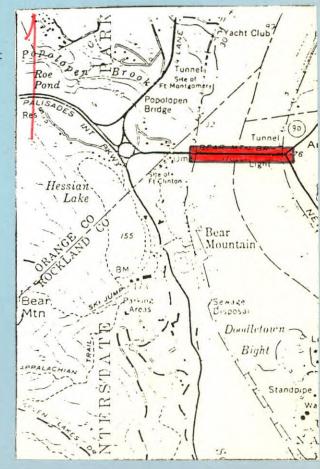
IDENTIFICATION Bear Mountain Bridge 1. BUILDING NAME (S) TOWNCITY: Stony Point VILLAGE: Rte 6 13020055 Hudson River 3. STREET LOCATION b. private 🗀 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public 🛎 5. PRESENT OWNER: N.Y.S. Bridge AuthorianDRESS: Highland, N.Y. 6. USE: Original: Present: No 🗆 Exterior visible from public road: Yes 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Interior accessible: Explain _ DESCRIPTION a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten 8. BUILDING e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: steel MATERIAL: a. wood frame with interlocking joints 9. STRUCTURAL b. wood frame with light members SYSTEM: c. masonry load bearing walls (if known) d. metal (explain)_ e. other b. good a. excellent c. fair d. deteriorated 10. CONDITION: a. original site X b. moved \(\square\$ 11. INTEGRITY: if so, when?

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17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district) The Bear Mountain Bridge runs from east to west across the Hudson River. Anthony's Nose is on the east & the Fort Clinton site & the Palisades Interstate Park are on the west.
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known): The Bear Mountain Bridge is a steel suspension bridge rising 153 feet above the Hudson River. The two steel towers are 355 feet above their foundation piers which are set in solid rock on the riverbanks. These towers hold the 18 inch cables which support the 1632 foot suspension span. The total length of the bridge is 2257 feet. The asphaltic concrete roadway is 38 ft wide with a five foot sidewalk on each side. SIGNIFICANCE 19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1923-24
ARCHITECT: Howard C. Baird
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