

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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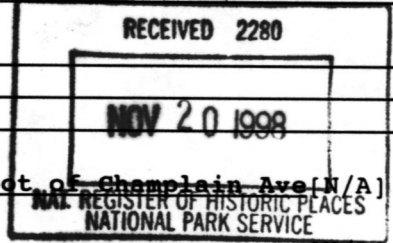
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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties or districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classifications, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Frazier Bridge

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_



**2. Location**

street & number Crosses LaChute River at foot of Champlain Ave [N/A] not for publication

city, town Ticonderoga [N/A] vicinity

state New York code NY county Essex code 031 zip code 12883

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ([ ] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

J.W. Alden  
Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation  
Signature of certifying official

26 October '98  
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ([ ] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

N/A  
Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

N/A  
State or federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby, certify that this property is:	Signature of keeper	Date of Action
<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register. [ ] see continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other, (explain:)	_____	_____

Frazier Bridge  
Name of Property

Essex County, New York  
County and State

**5. Classification**

<b>Ownership of Property</b> (Check as many boxes as apply)	<b>Category of Property</b> (check only one box)	<b>Number of Resources within Property</b> (do not include previously listed resources in the count)	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>1</u>	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____
		<u>1</u>	_____
			Total

**Name of related multiple property listings** (enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

**Ticonderoga (Village) Multiple Resource Area** N/A

**6. Function or Use**

<b>Historic Function</b> (enter categories from instructions)	<b>Current Functions</b> (enter categories from instructions)
<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Transportation (pedestrian only)</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**7. Description**

<b>Architectural Classification</b> (enter categories from instructions)	<b>Materials</b> (enter categories from instructions)
<u>Other: Double arched bridge</u>	foundation _____
_____	walls _____
_____	_____
_____	roof _____
	other <u>Stone structure with cast-iron rail</u>

**Narrative Description**  
(describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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### Description

The Frazier Bridge is the extension of a currently unused road that once existed between Montcalm Street and Burgoyne Road in Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York. The bridge crosses the LaChute River just before the "Lower Falls" and during its useful life, serviced a heavily industrialized area of what was then the Village of Ticonderoga. The Tower Mill of Ticonderoga Pulp and Paper Company stood adjacent to the bridge on the south side of the river and mill buildings surrounded the entire area. In the early 1970s, the mill, then known as International Paper Company, was torn down and the company relocated to an area outside the village (the property was donated to the town and it now exists as public parklands). At present, the Frazier Bridge spans the river between an active recreation area of the park on the north side, and a nature trail and meadow along the south bank. It is closed to vehicular traffic but heavily used by pedestrians. Plans include outdoor concerts and cultural events on the adjacent park lands where the mills once stood.

Within eyesight of the Frazier Bridge are a number of other components of the Ticonderoga Village Multiple Resource Area: The Ticonderoga Pulp and Paper Company Office (now the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum) to the southeast, the Community Building to the east, the Ticonderoga National Bank and the Gilligan and Stevens Block to the south, the Black Watch Library to the southwest. All components are within walking distance.

The Frazier Bridge, built in 1894, is a double-arched masonry bridge, 23 feet wide and spanning 50 feet at roughly 10 feet above water level. It is constructed of local limestone and lime mortar with the imprint of the original form still visible in the mortar underneath the arches. The abutments on either bank and center thrust blocks make up the foundation structure. The only modification to the bridge has been the removal of the five-foot planked side walkways between 1978 and 1986. The original decorative iron railings were retained and reinstalled closer to the stone sidewalls. The iron balustrade is a series of horizontal double angle irons on the top and a single iron on the bottom with a double vertical angle iron that is bolted to an I-Beam. Within the balustrade is a series of three Xs on the top half and three off-set crosses on the lower half. There are eleven sets of these on either side. (The cross and "X" are tied with bolts.) On either of the four corners, a cast-iron post was located. Today, only one exists on the southwest corner.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**  
(Mark an "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property that embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.

**Criteria Considerations**  
(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

- Industry
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Engineering
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**  
1894 - 1948

**Significant Dates**  
1894; 1925

**Significant Person**  
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)  
N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**  
N/A

**Architect/Builder**  
D.M. Arnold, Engineer  
Alex Lee, Builder

**Narrative Statement of Significance**  
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**  
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

- Previous documentation on file (NPS):**      **Primary location of additional data:**
- 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 Building Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
  - recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_
- State historic preservation office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Statement of Significance

The Frazier Bridge is being added to the Village of Ticonderoga Multiple Resource Area (MRA), which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988. Although the bridge was included in the area surveyed for the Ticonderoga Village MRA and identified as historically significant, at the time, there was a question of ownership (Essex County was in the process of abandoning the bridge and the Village of Ticonderoga was taking possession), which delayed its nomination. Additional contextual information on the history of the Village of Ticonderoga, which supports the nomination of the Frazier Bridge to the National Register of Historic Places, can be found in the cover document for the Village of Ticonderoga MRA.

### History

The crossing where the Frazier Bridge is located has long been an important transportation link in what was once the village of Ticonderoga. As early as 1822, when D. Kelly surveyed the lower falls, a bridge was built on or about this same site. In 1836, B.F. Frazier ran a planing mill on the north side of the river above the falls. In 1845, the same family opened a cabinet-making shop that was near the existing bridge; the present bridge takes its name from that enterprise.

Reference is made to a bridge at this crossing in a March 7, 1874 note in the Ticonderoga Sentinel indicating that the old bridge was becoming dilapidated and that a new bridge was needed. Three weeks later, William Calkins, the Town Supervisor, asked for "...plans, proposals and specifications for the erection of a stone, wood or iron bridge, 50 feet span, 20 feet wide roadway, 10-1/2 feet above water and will meet at the office of J.C. Hollenbeck, 4th day of April next, 10 a.m. to consider the proposal." On April 4th, 1874, four plans were presented and a week later a resolution was passed on an iron bridge of a Cooper Patent. Construction began immediately and by July 15, 1877, the Ticonderoga Sentinel reported that "...the iron bridge was being placed on the abutments and it looks swell."

Sometime in early 1892, the Cooper Patent iron bridge collapsed. The May 19, 1892 issue of the Ticonderoga Sentinel reported on a "Petition for the Highway Commission to replace the collapsed iron bridge on North Main with an arched stone structure." A July 14, 1892 issue described the bridge over North Main to be "...a stone driveway twenty-three feet less a narrow coping on each side and arched sidewalks five feet each side." On August 25, 1894, the Ticonderoga Sentinel reported that "Alex Lee is rushing work on the stone bridge. D.M. Arnold, engineer says the stone work should be completed in about a week."

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The Frazier Bridge was completed in 1894 and, until 1972, it provided access to the paper mills on the south side of the LaChute River. The bridge primarily serviced the transportation needs of the Ticonderoga Pulp and Paper Company which, in 1925, was purchased by International Paper Company to become part of its international paper production, operation and manufacture. In 1959, the International Paper Company required a larger building to house its Number 7 paper making machine. To accommodate this new building, the portion of North Main Street from Exchange Street to Burgoyne Road was closed, effectively cutting off vehicular access to the Frazier Bridge. Vehicular access was rerouted to a new bridge downstream, the Tower Avenue Bridge, and the Frazier Bridge was left open for use as a footbridge for mill workers. In 1972, International Paper Company built a new plant outside of Ticonderoga and began demolition of all the old mill buildings along the south side of LaChute River. Since then, the Frazier Bridge has been used only for recreational pedestrian traffic.

Today, the Frazier Bridge stands as one of the few reminders of the water-related manufacturing activities that once centered at the lower falls and provided the economic backbone of Ticonderoga and surrounding areas. It is also a highly intact notable example of traditional masonry bridge construction popular in the late-19th and early-20th centuries, and is one of approximately 500 remaining stone-arched bridges in the eastern United States built by local governments as part of the Good Roads Movement which developed nationwide during the late-19th century.

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Lape, Jane M., ed. Ticonderoga: Patches and Patterns from its Past. Ticonderoga: The Ticonderoga Historical Society, 1969.

Reale, Anthony P. "Report on Frazier Bridge over Lower LaChute River, Town of Ticonderoga". October 1998.

Watson, Michael, "ECHO Technical Assistance Report: Stone Arch Bridge, Ticonderoga, New York". Green Mountain Restoration. July 1995.

Ticonderoga Sentinel March 7, 1874; March 28, 1874; April 4, 1874; April 11, 1974; June 15, 1977.

Interviews: Anthony Reale, Jr., P.E.  
Betty McCaughlin, Historian, Ticonderoga Historical Society.

Frazier Bridge  
Name of Property

Essex County, New York  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than one acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

**Verbal Boundary Description**

Boundaries are outlined in bold on the attached tax map.

**Boundary Justification**

Boundaries are drawn to include only the bridge and its abutments as its historic setting has been compromised by closure of the road and demolition of the mills it served.

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Linda M. Garofalini, Program Assistant (see also below)  
organization NYS Office of Parks, Rec. & Historic Preservation date 8/12/98  
street & number Peebles Island, PO Box 189 telephone 518-237-8643  
city or town Waterford state NY zip code 12188-0189

**Research & Documentation Prepared by:**

Bonnie Wilkinson	C. Walt Lender, Executive Director
146 Montcalm Street	Pride of Ticonderoga, Inc.
Ticonderoga, NY 12883	129 Montcalm Street
	Ticonderoga, NY 12883

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps** A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items**

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the 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 Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.



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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Frazier Bridge  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Ticonderoga MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Essex

DATE RECEIVED: 11/20/98 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 12/01/98  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/17/98 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/04/99  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 98001540

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 12-17-98 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



FRANIER BRIDGE  
CROSSES LA CHUTE RIVER  
FOOT OF CHAMPLAIN AVE  
TICANDEROGA, ESSEX COUNTY, NY

Plan by: Waet Lender, Pridge  
1998



FRAZIER BRIDGE  
CROSSES LA CLUTE RIVER  
SOOT OF Champlain Ave  
Ticonderoga, Essex County, NY

Foundation - looking north

Photo by: Walt Lender, PEIDE,  
1998



FRAZIER BRIDGE  
CROSSES LA CHUTE RIVER  
SOOT OF Champlain Ave  
Ticonderoga, Essex County  
NY

Iron railing - looking northwest

Photo by: Wael Lender, PEIDE  
1998





FRAZIER Bridge  
crosses La Chute River  
foot of Champlain Ave  
Ticonderoga, Essex County, NY

southeast view

Photo by: Wael Lender, PRIDE, 1998



FRAZIER Bridge.  
crosses LAChute River  
foot of Champlain Ave  
Ticonderoga, Essex County, NY

southeast view

Photo by: Walt Lender, PRIDE  
1998



FRAZIER BRIDGE  
CROSSES LA CHUTE RIVER  
SOOT OF Champlain Ave  
Ticonderoga, Essex County  
NY

NORTH view

Photo by: Wael Fender, PRIDE  
1998

PEDESTRIAN  
TRAFFIC  
ONLY



FRAZIER BRIDGE  
CROSSES LA CRUTE RIVER  
SOOT OF CHAMPLAIN AVE  
TICONDEROGA, ESSEX COUNTY, NY

SOUTH VIEW

Photo by: Wael Lender, PRIDE,  
1998

PEDESTRIAN  
TRAFFIC  
ONLY





FRAZIER BRIDGE  
CROSSES LA CLUTE RIVER  
SOOT OF CHAMPLAIN AVE.  
Ticonderoga, Essex County  
NY

SOUTHWEST VIEW

Photo by: Walt Lender, PRIDE  
1998



FRAZIER BRIDGE  
crosses La Chute River  
800' of Champlain Ave  
Ticonderoga, Essex County, NY

Northwest view

Photo by: Walt Lender, PRIDE  
1998



FRAZIER BRIDGE  
CROSSES LA CHUTE RIVER  
SOOT OF CHAMPLAIN AVE  
TICANDEROGA, ESSEX COUNTY, NY

Northwest view

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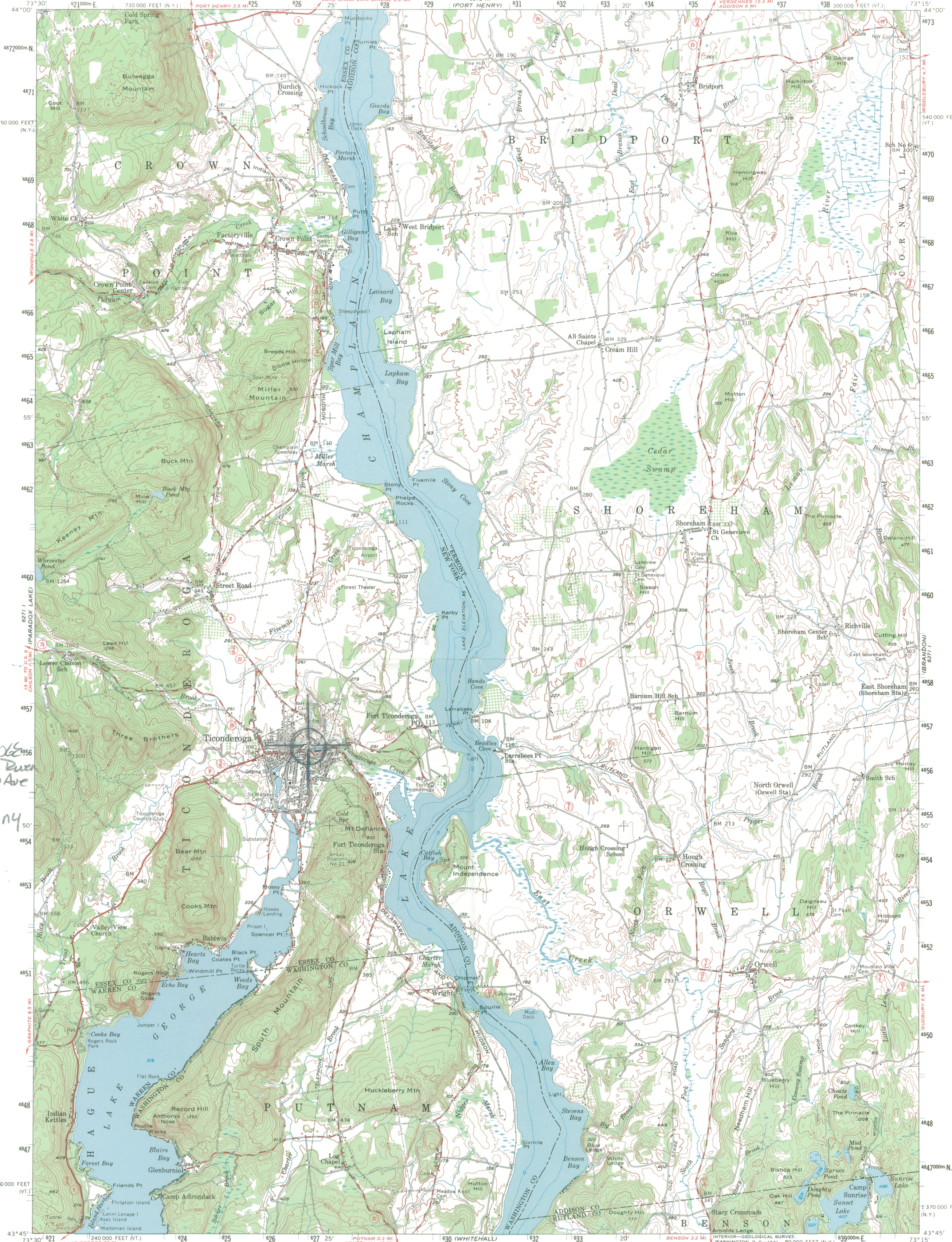
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FRAZIER BRIDGE  
CROSSES LA CHUTE RIVER  
FOOT OF CHAMPLAIN AVE  
TICANDEROGA, ESSEX COUNTY, NY

NORTHEAST VIEW

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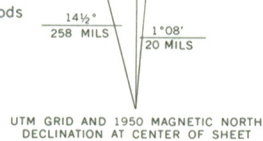
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Essex County, NY  
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Control by USGS and USC&GS

Compiled in 1959 from 1:24,000-scale maps of  
Bridport, Crown Point, Ticonderoga, and  
Orwell 7.5 minute quadrangles, surveyed 1949-1950

Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods  
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Hydrography in Lake Champlain by U. S. Lake Survey 1947

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
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and New York coordinate system, east zone  
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zone 18, shown in blue



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Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
State Route	

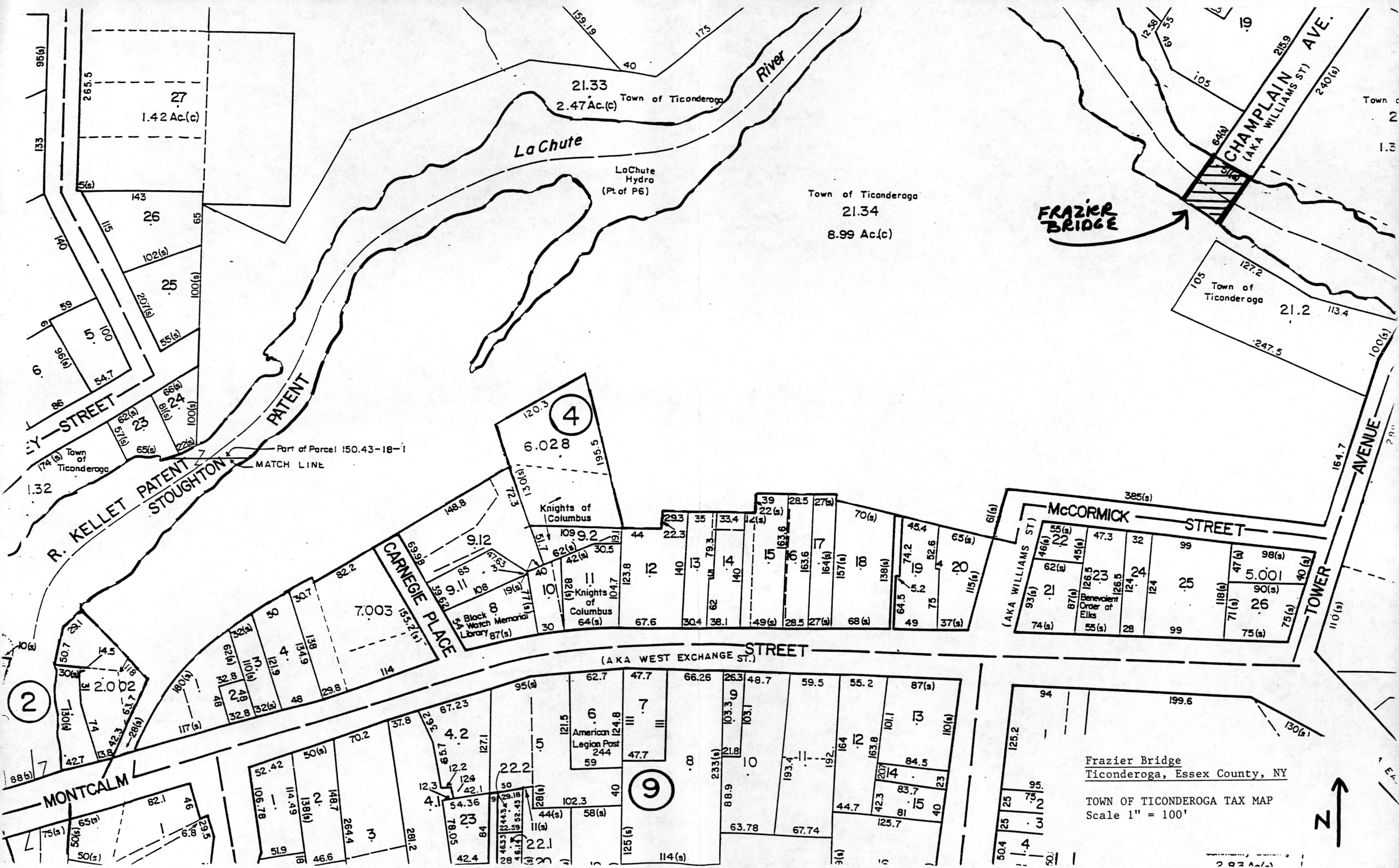
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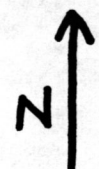
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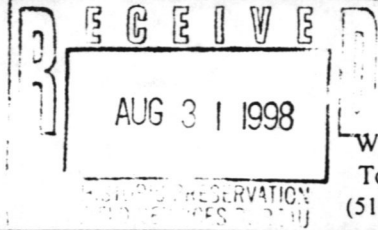
Frazier Bridge  
 Ticonderoga, Essex County, NY  
 TOWN OF TICONDEROGA TAX MAP  
 Scale 1" = 100'



2023-01-11

# Town of Ticonderoga

117 East Montcalm Street  
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## Town Council

Fayette Spring  
Virginia LaPointe

August 28, 1998

Ms. Linda Garofalini  
Historic Preservation Field  
Services Bureau-NYS NDRH  
Peebles Island-P.O. Box 189  
Watford, NY 12188-0199

Dear Ms. Garofalini:

I am quite pleased to be informed that the Frazier Bridge in Ticonderoga is to be considered by the State Review Board at its next meeting for nomination to the National and State Register of Historic Places.

I support, without reservation, the nomination of this structure to the National and State Registers.

If any additional information is required that will enhance the potential for its being placed on these Registers, please so inform me, and I shall be glad to provide what I can.

We thank you for your direction and assistance in this matter, and look forward to hearing of a successful conclusion.

Very truly yours,

Theresa C. Lonergan  
Town Historian