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

Name of Property: Frazier Bridge

2. Location

Street & Number: Crosses LaChute River at foot of Champlain Ave (N/A)

City, Town: Ticonderoga (N/A)


3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation
Signature of certifying official

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.)

Signature of commenting or other official

N/A

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is: [ ] entered in the National Register.
[ ] See continuation sheet.
[ ] determined eligible for the National Register.[ ] see continuation sheet.
[ ] determined not eligible for the National Register.
[ ] removed from the National Register.
[ ] other, (explain:)

Signature of keeper

Date of Action
**Frazier Bridge**

Name of Property

**Essex County, New York**

County and State

### 5. Classification

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

Ticonderoga (Village) Multiple Resource Area

N/A

### 6. Function or Use

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Narrative Description

(describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)
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 rail 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 sidewalks. 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.
Frazier Bridge

Name of Property

Essex County, New York

County and State

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.)

[X] 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.

[X] 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:

[X] State historic preservation office
[ ] Other State agency
[ ] Federal agency
[ ] Local government
[ ] University
[ ] Other

Name of repository:

[X] recorded by Historic American Building Survey #
[ ] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #
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."
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.
Major Bibliographical References

Bandi, N., Team Leader, "Essex County Bridge Inspections and Condition Report". July 12, 1986.

Green, Richard, P.E. "Essex County Bridge Inventory and Inspection". November 14, 1978.


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

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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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

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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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REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Frazier Bridge

MULTIPLE NAME: Ticonderoga MRA

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

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the National Register
Frazier Bridge
crosses La Chute River
foot of Champlain Ave
Ticonderoga, Essex County, NY

Plan by: Waet Lender, Bridge, 1998
Frazier Bridge crosses La Chute River south of Champlain Ave.
Ticonderoga, Essex County, NY

Foundation - looking north

Photo by: Walt Lender, PEID, 1998
FRAZIER BRIDGE

CROSSES LA CHUTE RIVER

800T OF CHAMPLAIN AVE

TICONDEROGA, ESSEX COUNTY, NY

Iron railing - looking northwest

Photo by: Walt Lender, PEIDE

1998
Frazier Bridge crosses La Chute River
80' of Champlain Ave
Ticonderoga, Essex County, NY

Southeast view

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Frazier Bridge.
Crosses LaChute River
Foot of Champlain Ave
Ticonderoga, Essex County, NY

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Frazier Bridge
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North View

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

SOUTH VIEW

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Frazier Bridge crosses the Chute River foot of Champlain Ave.
Tiandérogue, Essex County NY

Southwest view

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Frazier Bridge crosses La Chute River south of Champlain Ave, Ticonderoga, Essex County, NY.

Northwest view.

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FRAZIER BRIDGE
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500 FT. OF CHAMPLAIN AVE
TICONDEROGA, ESSEX COUNTY, NY

Northwest view

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FRAZIER BRIDGE
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goot of Champlain Ave
Ticonderoga, Essex County, NY

Northeast View

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August 28, 1998

Ms. Linda Garofalini
Historic Reservation Field
Services Bureau-NYS ORHP
Peebles Island P.O. Box 189
Waterford, 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