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NEW YORK STATE HISTORIC TRUST
STATEWIDE SURVEY OF HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS

1. Name (Common and Historic) "SPILE BRIDGE" 08907.000002

Location 2. ST. LAWRENCE County 3. DE PEYSTER-OSWEGATCHIE Town 08923.000001 Village or City

5. Address or Location Spile Bridge Rd; over Black Lake Outlet

6. Type EARLY WROUGHT IRON BRIDGE 7. Subject or Theme TRANSPORTATION

8. Date of Construction ORIG. 1874 9. Architect (If Known) ZENAS KING
HERE 1914

10. Builder (If known) KING IRON BRIDGE & MANUFACTURING CO.

11. Original Owner VILLAGE OF OGDENSBURG

12. Original Use 5-SPAN OSWEGATCHIE RIVER BRIDGE, LAFAYETTE TO SPRING ST.,
OGDENSBURG

13. Present Owner TOWNS OF DE PEYSTER & OSWEGATCHIE
Name
MAINTAINED BY ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
Address

14. Present Use TOWN HIGHWAY BRIDGE

15. Physical Condition GOOD. 3-SPAN (C. 300' LONG) TUBULAR WROUGHT
IRON KING PATENT HIGHWAY BRIDGE, ARCHED, WITH UPPER
CROSS BRACING. MODERN IRON GRILL FLOORING.

16. Surveys

17. Future Action SHOULD BE KEPT IN USE AND EXISTENCE AS LONG
AS POSSIBLE. AGE AND CONDITION & RARITY MAKE IT UNIQUE.
ALSO HAS SPECIAL LOCAL CONNECTION OF BUILDER.
WORTHY OF NATIONAL LANDMARK STATUS.

18. Surveyed by P. S. Call 9/68 Date Surveyed

History and Significance: NAMED "SPILE BRIDGE" SINCE IT REPLACED FORMER WOODEN BRIDGE ON PIUNG, IN 1914.

ORIGINALLY SPANNED OSWEGATCHIE AT OGDENSBURG, 3 SPANS ONLY BROUGHT HERE.

BUILT BY KING IRON BRIDGE & MANUFACTURING CO. OF CLEVELAND, OHIO. THIS WAS FOUNDED IN 1858 BY ZENAS KING, BORN A FEW MILES FROM HERE AT KING'S CONS. (KOKOMO) IN DEPEYSTER.

BRIDGE BEARS CO. NAMEPLATES ON EACH ARCH.

KING PATENTS ARE DATED 1861, 1864, 1866, WITH A RENEWAL OF RIGHTS IN 1867.

Sources of Information: _____

ST. LAWRENCE CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY; (1961-66)

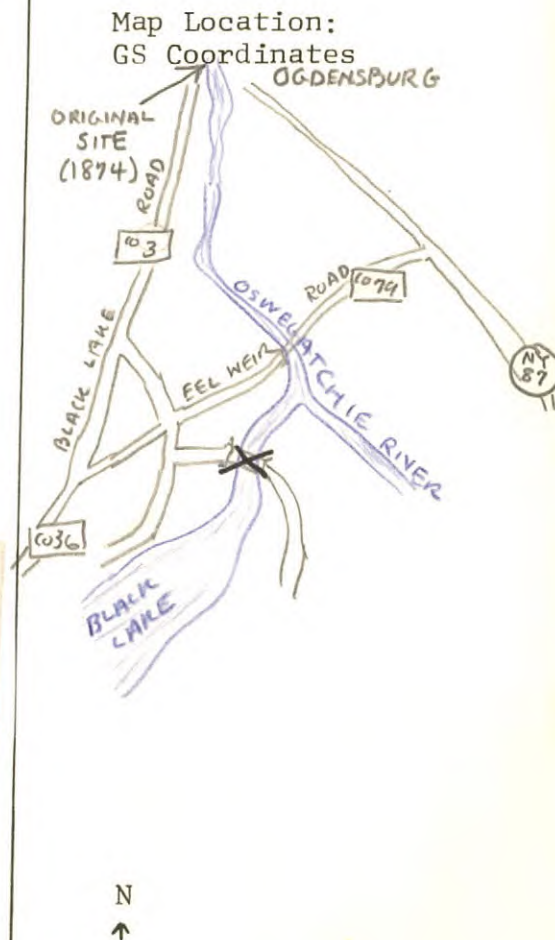
U.S. PATENT OFFICE RECORDS TO 1873

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Direction of View

WEST



St. Lawrence-Eastern Ontario Commission
HISTORIC SITE INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION:

1. Building Name(s): Bridge over Black Lake Outlet
2. County: St. Lawrence Town: Oswegatchie Village: _____
3. Street Location: Spile Bridge Rd
4. Date of Construction: 1875 5. Ownership: public
 private
6. Present Owner: _____ Address: _____
7. Use: Original: bridge Present: bridge
8. Accessibility to Public: Is exterior visible from public road? yes no
Is interior accessible? yes no (Explain below):

DESCRIPTION:

9. Architectural Style: _____ 10. Condition: excellent
 good
 fair
 deteriorated
11. Integrity: original site
 moved; If so, when _____
 commercially altered
 list major alterations and dates (if known): _____
Summer of 1976, bridge being worked on
12. Building Material:
 clapboard
 stone
 brick
 board and batten
 cobblestone
 shingles
 stucco
 other: _____
13. Surroundings of Building:
 open land
 woodland
 scattered buildings
 densely built-up
 commercial
 industrial
 residential
 other: _____

14. Related Outbuildings and Property:

15. Other Notable Features of Building and Site (including interior features, if known):

16. Photo:



17. Map:

