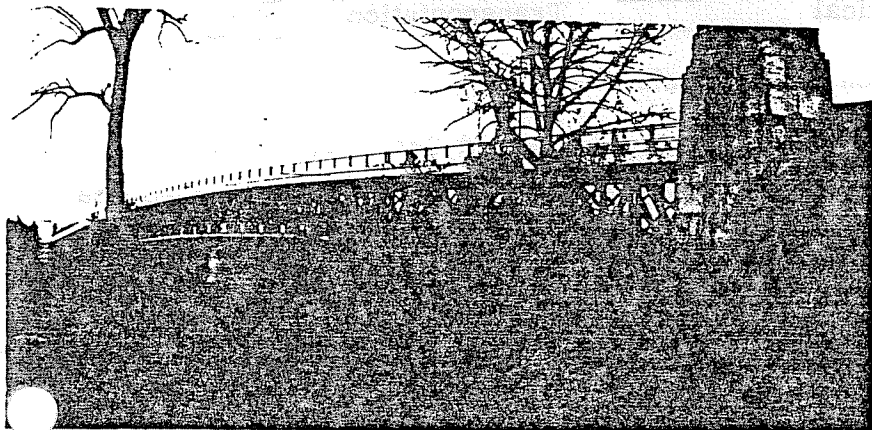
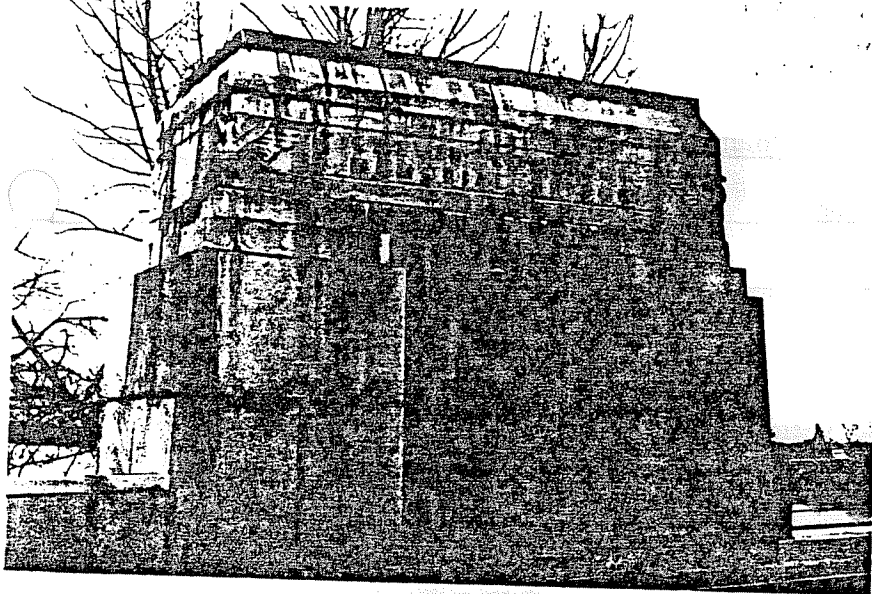


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Northampton

SS connecting Bridge St. (Northampton) to Russell St. (Hadley) across Conn. River.

Calvin Coolidge Memorial Bridge

present use bridge

present owner

type of structure (check one)

- bridge
- powder house
- street
- tower
- tunnel
- wall
- windmill

5. Description

Date 1939

Source Official Memorial Book

Construction material steel on concrete abutment

Dimensions 1440' long- 50' wide

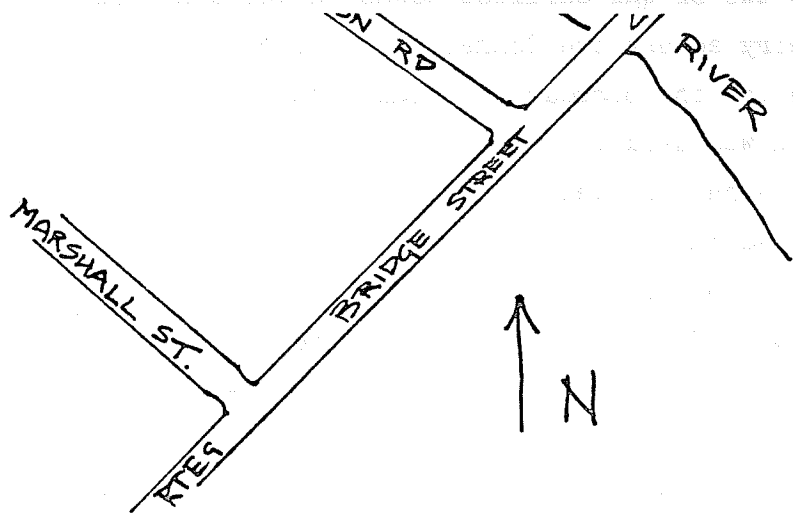
Setting

Condition good

6. Recorded by F. Lonergan

Organization MHC

Date Feb. 1980



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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) County of Hampshire

Original use bridge

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	<u> x </u>
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Community development	_____				

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Northampton	Form No: 19-B
Property Name: Calvin Coolidge	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below. Memorial Bridge

9. Historical Significance.

A plaque at the entrance to the bridge sums up his achievements:

1872-1933

Calvin Coolidge

- Thirtieth President of the United States 1923-1929
- Vice President of the United States 1921-1923
- Governor of Massachusetts 1919-1920
- Lt. Governor of Massachusetts 1916-1918
- President of the Massachusetts Senate 1914-1915
- Massachusetts State Senator 1912-1915
- Mayor of Northampton 1910-1911
- Member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives 1907-1908

Born in Plymouth, Vermont July 4th 1872

Died in Northampton Massachusetts January 5th 1933

A grateful State and Nation have erected this bridge
in commemoration of his distinguished services.

1939

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