

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION  
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: Nancy Todd, Neil Larson DATE: September 1986  
Empire State Plaza

YOUR ADDRESS: Agency Building #1 TELEPHONE: 518/474-0479

ORGANIZATION (if any): Division for Historic Preservation  
see cover sheet, Item 11

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Pilgrim's Progress Road Bridge (Individual Component #37)
- 2. COUNTY: Dutchess TOWN/CITY: Rhinebeck VILLAGE: Rhinebeck vicinity
- 3. STREET LOCATION: Miller Road, just south of Rte. 308
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Town of Rhinebeck ADDRESS: 80 East Market Street, Rhinebeck 12572
- 6. USE: Original: vehicular bridge Present: vehicular bridge
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain NA

**DESCRIPTION**

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. STRUCTURAL 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  d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site  b. moved  if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

see Item #18

12. PHOTO: N. Todd, 1986  
Rhinebeck Historical Society, 1984

13. MAP: see continuation sheets  
Acreage: less than one



View from northwest

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
 d. developers  e. deterioration   
 f. other: \_\_\_\_\_
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: NONE  
 a. barn  b. carriage house  c. garage   
 d. privy  e. shed  f. greenhouse   
 g. shop  h. gardens   
 i. landscape features: \_\_\_\_\_  
 j. other: \_\_\_\_\_
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)

see continuation sheet

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

see continuation sheet

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1858

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

see continuation sheet

21. SOURCES:

see cover sheet, Item #9

Rhinebeck Town Multiple Resource Area  
Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York

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17. The Pilgrim's Progress Road Bridge is located on Miller Road approximately 800 feet south of the intersection of Miller (Pilgrim's Progress) Road and Route 308. The span is located in a rural, relatively undeveloped section of the township approximately one and one-half miles east of the village of Rhinebeck and is tangent to the northeast corner of the Robert Sands Estate (National Register: 2-24-75) and the southwest corner of the Grove estate (Individual Component #30). There is no other development in the vicinity of the Pilgrim's Progress Road Bridge.

The span is one of two extant, mid-nineteenth century stone arch bridges in Rhinebeck crossing the Landsman Kill within about 500 feet of one another. (The Salisbury Turnpike Bridge, Individual Component #36, is located to the northwest along the northern boundary of the Robert Sands Estate.) The area surrounding Pilgrim's Progress Road Bridge and the shallow creek is wooded to the north, south, east and west.

The nominated property (encompassing less than one acre of land) includes the bridge right-of-way and the land on which the actual structure is located. (See heavy black outline on attached county tax map.)

Contributing structures: 1

18. The Pilgrim's Progress Road Bridge is a triple-arched solid stone masonry structure built of mortared random fieldstone. The three barrel arches spanning the Landsman Kill are constructed of dressed cut stone voussoirs without keystones. A coping of rectangular bluestone slabs is laid nearly flush with and parallel to the road surface. A protective railing of steel posts and pipes flanks the bridge surface above the coping. The bridge appears to have been constructed ca. 1858 because its materials and construction techniques are similar to those of the Salisbury Turnpike Bridge (Individual Component #36). The Pilgrim's Progress Road Bridge measures 94' in length, 18'1" in width (out to out) and 9'5" above mean water level. The span continues in use as a vehicular bridge.

20. The Pilgrim's Progress Road stone arch bridge is historically significant as a rare surviving mid-nineteenth century engineering and transportation structure in the town of Rhinebeck. Built ca. 1858 as part of the important transportation link along the Salisbury Turnpike between the farming region of eastern Dutchess

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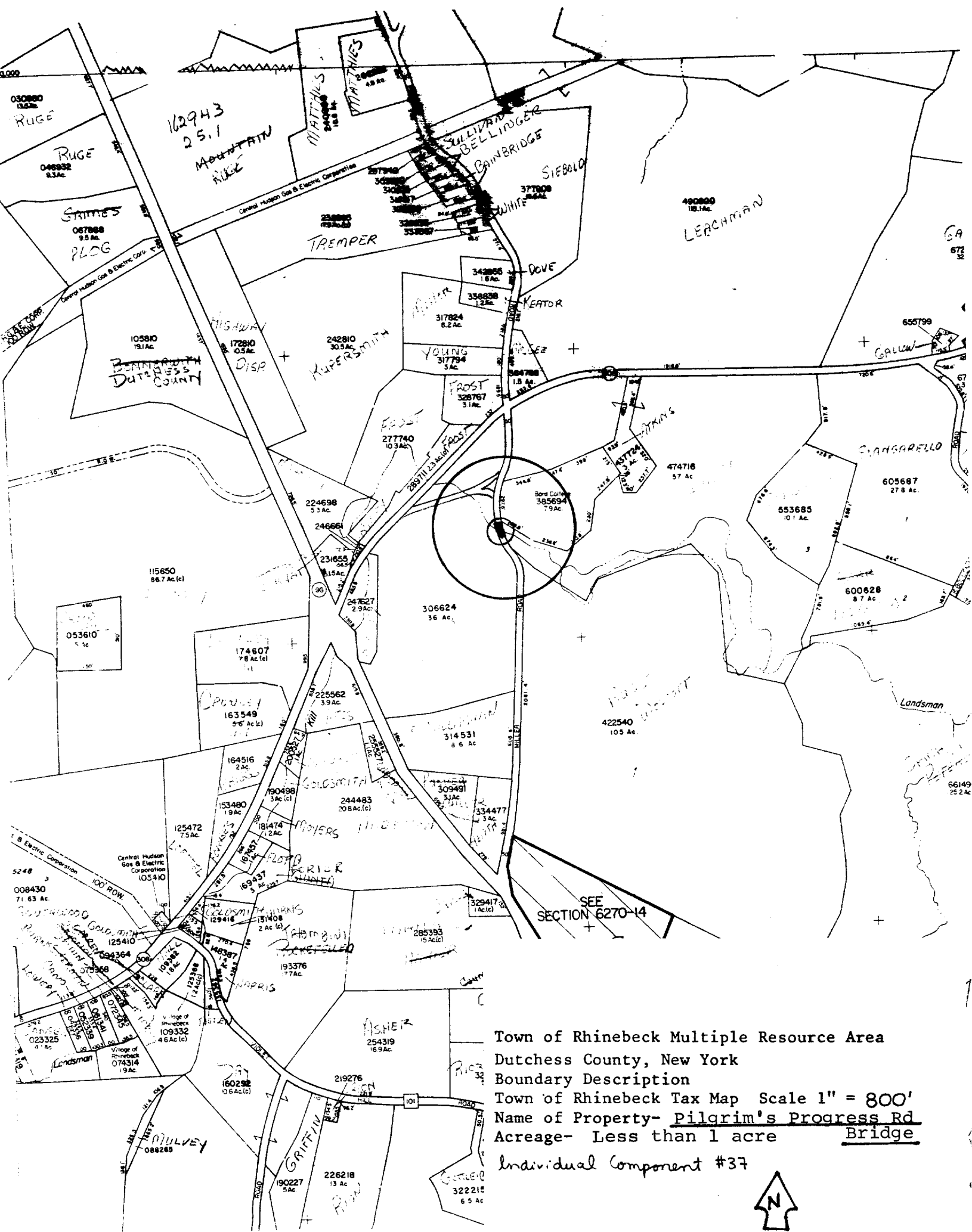
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County and the village of Rhinebeck, the triple-arch stone bridge is a distinctive example of regional vernacular bridge design and construction and is one of only two extant examples of its type and period within the Rhinebeck multiple resource area (see Salisbury Turnpike Bridge, Individual Component #36). The structure reflects the traditional vernacular fieldstone masonry building techniques of the Rhinebeck and mid-Hudson valley region and is one of the two earliest surviving vehicular bridges in the town of Rhinebeck.

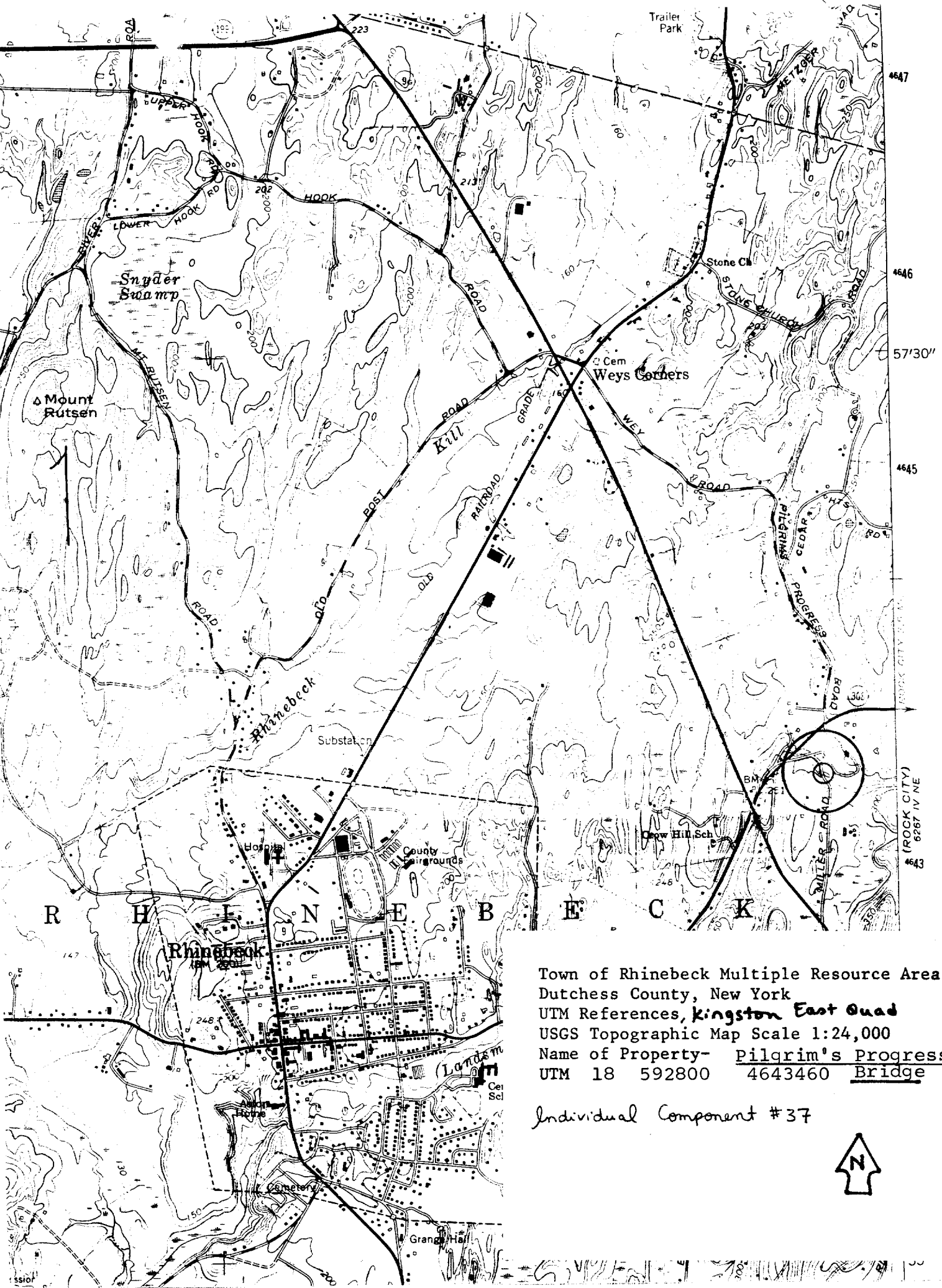
When the Schuyler grist mill in Rhinebeck was demolished in 1858, much of the building's fieldstone was salvaged and re-used to construct the Salisbury Turnpike and Pilgrim's Progress Road stone arch bridges. These two structures were important capital improvements associated with the early nineteenth century toll road linking the agrarian region of eastern Dutchess County and western Connecticut to the growing commercial village of Rhinebeck.

Although timber and iron were readily available and commonly used for bridge construction by the 1850s, these two stone arch bridges were built using the vernacular stone masonry techniques used in the Hudson Valley since the early eighteenth century. The construction technique incorporated the use of timber false work to support the stone arches until the mortar had set, thereby eliminating the need for a cut keystone. As two late examples of their type and method of construction, the Salisbury Turnpike and Pilgrim's Progress Road stone arch bridges also recall the longevity of traditional building craft practice in Dutchess County. Their long continuity of original use also contributes to their significance.



Town of Rhinebeck Multiple Resource Area  
 Dutchess County, New York  
 Boundary Description  
 Town of Rhinebeck Tax Map Scale 1" = 800'  
 Name of Property- Pilgrim's Progress Rd  
 Acreage- Less than 1 acre Bridge  
 Individual Component #37





Town of Rhinebeck Multiple Resource Area  
 Dutchess County, New York  
 UTM References, Kingston East Quad  
 USGS Topographic Map Scale 1:24,000  
 Name of Property- Pilgrim's Progress Rd.  
 UTM 18 592800 4643460 Bridge

Individual Component #37

