

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: Mercer
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Kidd's Mills Historical Area (Shenango River Lake)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Located on both banks of the Shenango River, 5 miles south of Greenville, Pennsylvania, via Pennsylvania State Route 58 and Township

CITY OR TOWN: Road 653. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 24th

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Mercer CODE: 085

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Federal Government	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered Covered Bridge owned by Mercer County.	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Located on Government property.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. AGENCY

U.S. Government - Under jurisdiction of: U.S. Army Engineer District, Pittsburgh, Corps of Engineers

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (if applicable):

CITY OR TOWN: Pittsburgh

STREET AND NUMBER: Federal Bldg. 1000 Liberty Avenue

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Mercer County Courthouse or above address (Block 4)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Mercer STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

FILE OF SURVEY: No survey of this site has ever been made according to the State

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

BEST COPY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Liaison Officer in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Kidd's Mills Historical Area comprises an area of about 33 acres. The area contains the only covered bridge in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and the sites of two grist mills, one on each side of the Shenango River. Until now, the bridge had been preserved by the Mercer County Historical Society and has recently been taken over by the Greenville Historical Commission, the Mercer County Historical Society and the Mercer County Commissioners.

The covered bridge crosses the Shenango River along an old county road connecting State Routes 18 and 58. It replaced one which had been swept away during a flood in February 1867. The Mercer County Commissioners spent \$3,000 in 1965 to make minor repairs to the bridge.

Rural craftsmen built the bridge with fitted joints and hand-hewn timbers. Chisel and ax marks can be seen in the wood of the Kidd's Mills Bridge along with wooden pins and wedges used to hold the bridge together. A distinguishing feature of the bridge, reaching 120 feet across the Shenango River, are the high stone parapets, or abutments, supporting the bridge.

A plaque was attached to the bridge on the west bank of the Shenango River which read "Kidd's Mills Bridge, Built in 1868, near the site of an earlier Bridge Destroyed in a Freshet in February 1867". It has apparently since been removed by vandals.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kidd's Mills Covered Bridge has stood since 1868 and is among the 200 remaining covered bridges in Pennsylvania. It was designated as a county historical landmark in 1963. A fight to save the bridge has been waged by the Pymatuning Township Supervisors, in whose territory the bridge stands, and by the Mercer County Commissioners. The bridge is also included in the official list of such landmarks published by the National Covered Bridge Society.

The bridge is the only remaining example in the eastern United States of a "Smith Cross Truss". The truss was patented in 1867 by Robert Smith of Tippecanoe City, Ohio.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sharon Herald on June 19, 1971

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	41° 21' 23"	80° 23' 34"				
NE	41° 21' 23"	80° 23' 11"				
SE	41° 21' 05"	80° 23' 11"				
SW	41° 21' 05"	80° 23' 34"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 33 Acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Colonel N. G. Delbridge, District Engineer		DATE: 9 May 1973
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army		
STREET AND NUMBER: Federal Bldg., 1000 Liberty Avenue		PHONE: 412-644-6800
CITY OR TOWN: Pittsburgh	STATE Pennsylvania 15222	CODE 037

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes
 No
 None

State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local

Federal Representative Signature Date

Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

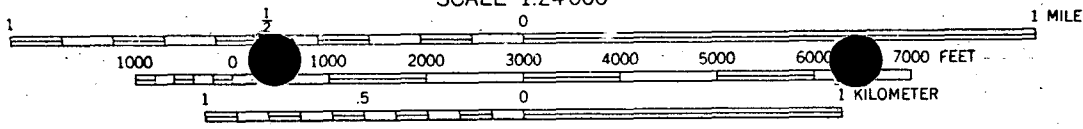
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ATTEST:

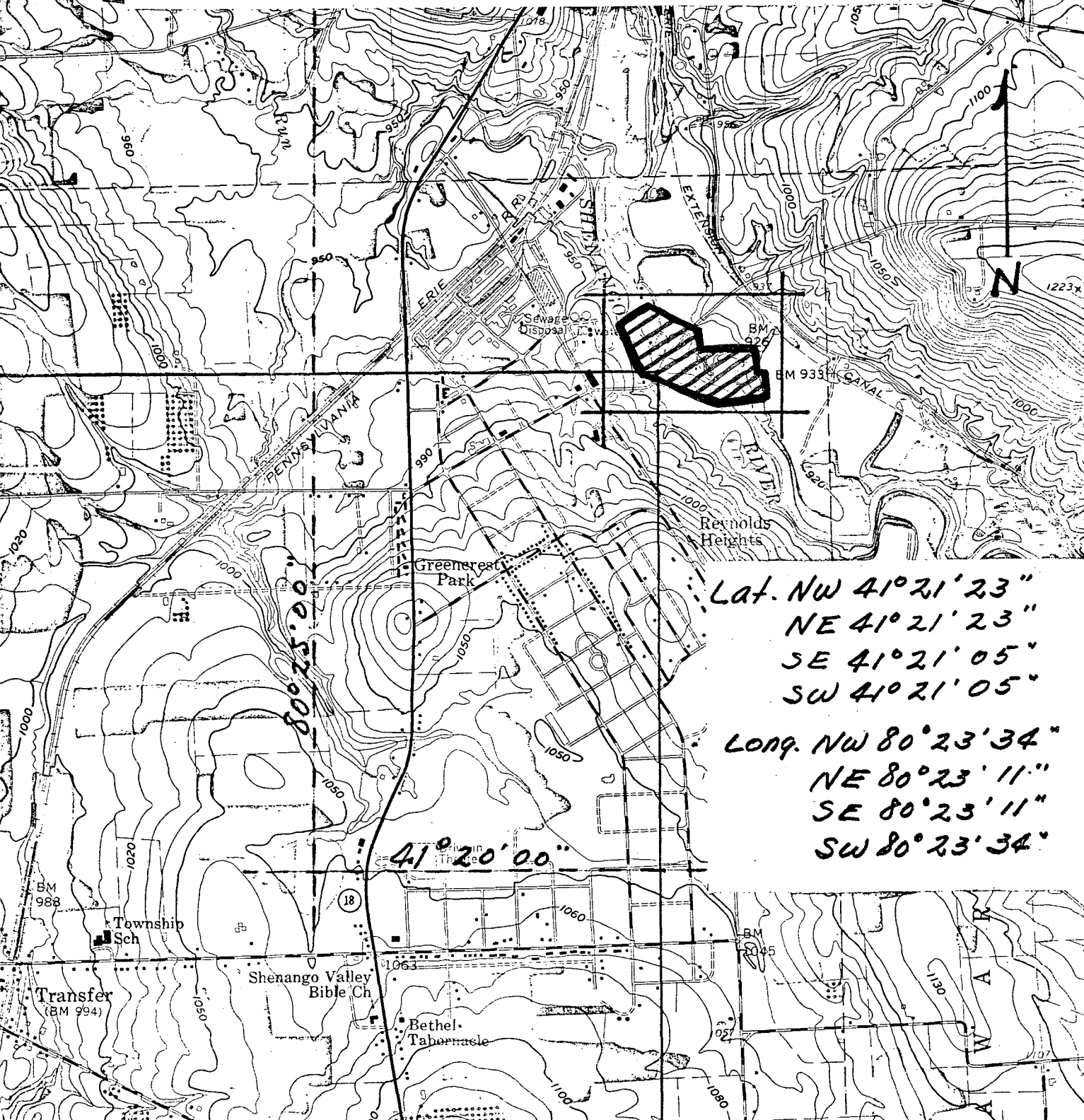
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



Lat. NW $41^{\circ}21'23''$
 NE $41^{\circ}21'23''$
 SE $41^{\circ}21'05''$
 SW $41^{\circ}21'05''$

Long. NW $80^{\circ}23'34''$
 NE $80^{\circ}23'11''$
 SE $80^{\circ}23'11''$
 SW $80^{\circ}23'34''$

$41^{\circ}20'00''$

SHARPSVILLE QUADRANGLE
 PENNSYLVANIA—MERCER CO.
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
 SW 1/4 SHENANGO 15' QUADRANGLE