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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Suspension Bridge at English Center

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

L.R. 41021, Station 607+35 in Village of English Center

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

English Center

VICINITY OF

17

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Pennsylvania

42

Lycoming

081

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 3

STREET & NUMBER

715 Jordon Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Montoursville

VICINITY OF

Pennsylvania 17754

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lycoming County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

West Third Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Williamsport

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Suspension Bridge at English Center carries Legislative Route 41021 over Pine Creek. This bridge dates from 1891. On June 1, 1889 a large flood swept through English Center destroying all bridges, and many homes.

Suspension bridges are carried by main trusses which consist of cables or chains resting on two vertical towers and are anchored down at the ends where they exert an inclined pull. The English Center bridge has simple steel towers of plate and lattice work. The principal members are eye bars. The continuous girder is suspended from the eye bars with angle & lattice members. Crossbracing is provided in each panel to stiffen the bridge. This one span bridge of 300 feet has an under clearance of 12 feet. Its open steel deck has a width of 15 feet.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

PREHISTORIC
 1400-1499
 1500-1599
 1600-1699
 1700-1799
 1800-1899
 1900-

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
 AGRICULTURE
 ARCHITECTURE
 ART
 COMMERCE
 COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

COMMUNITY PLANNING
 CONSERVATION
 ECONOMICS
 EDUCATION
 ENGINEERING
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
 INDUSTRY
 INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
 LAW
 LITERATURE
 MILITARY
 MUSIC
 PHILOSOPHY
 POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION
 SCIENCE
 SCULPTURE
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
 THEATER
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

1891

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Builder: Dean & Westerbrooke

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

English Center is located in a very mountainous section of Lycoming County. Pine Creek flows through a deep and wide ravine and passes through the center of the town. This area of the county, 14,820 acres, was purchased by Reverend John Hey in 1805. He then returned to England to gather people for a colony on his lands. The first settlers arrived in 1806. English Center was the central village and commerce area for the new colony. The area never did become very populated. In 1890 the entire population of Pine Township was 901.

The Suspension Bridge at English Center was built in 1891 following a disastrous flood in June of 1890 which destroyed all the bridges in the area. This unusual bridge was built by the Dean and Westerbrooke Engineers and Contractors of New York. They also designed the Walnut Street Bridge at Harrisburg, Dauphin County.

Suspension Bridges are relatively rare in Pennsylvania with the more important ones in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and most of these quite large. The English Center Bridge is a fine example of a small suspension bridge in Pennsylvania.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Kunz, F.C., C.E. *Design of Steel Bridges*, New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc. 1915, p. 119.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 300 ft.

QUADRANGLE NAME _____

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A | 1, 8 | 30, 8 | 7, 4, 0 | 4, 5 | 8, 9 | 3, 3, 0 |

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Zacher, Vance Packard

ORGANIZATION

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1026

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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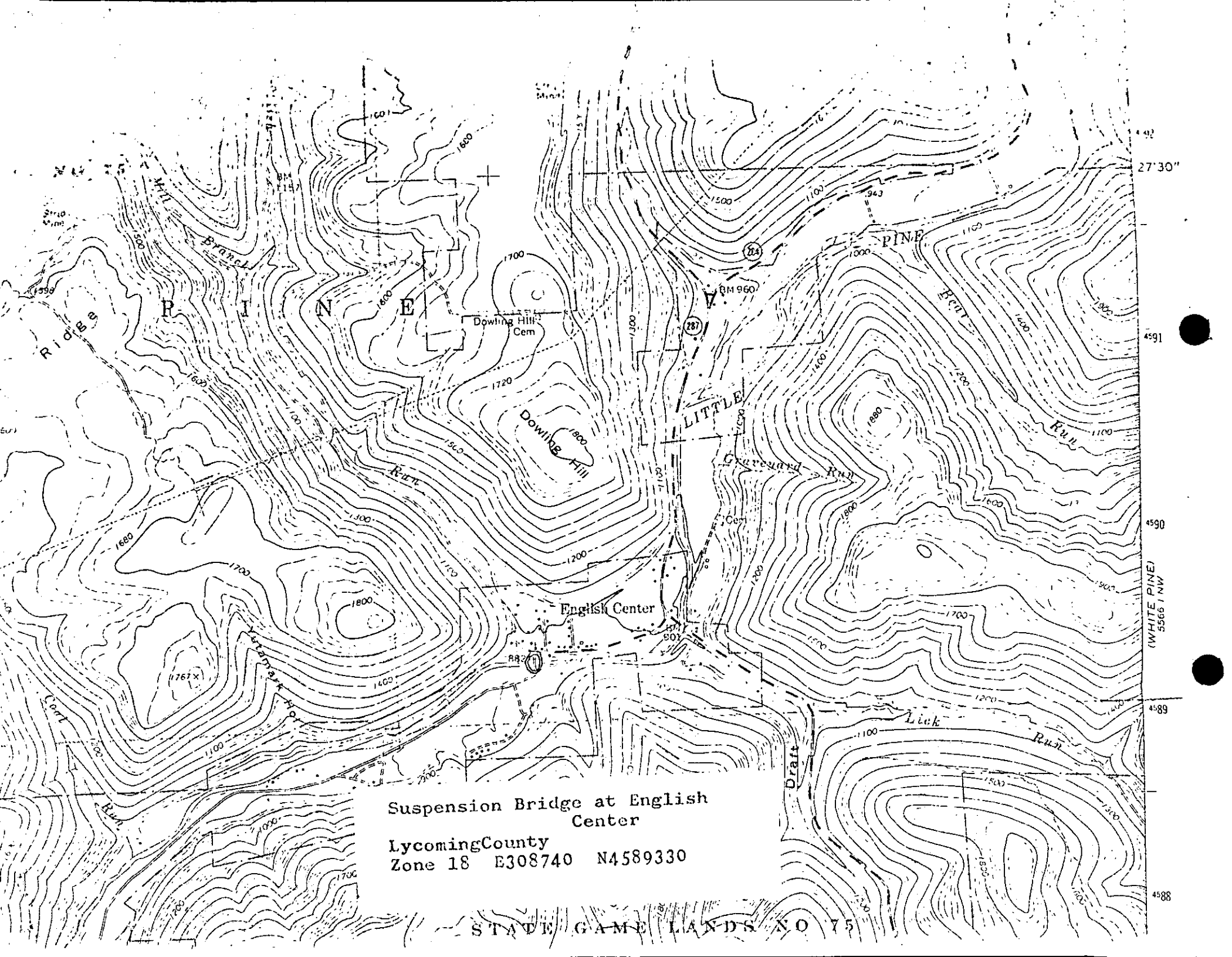
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



Suspension Bridge at English Center

Lycoming County
Zone 18 E308740 N4589330

STATE GAME LANDS NO 75

27°30'
4591
4590
4589
4588
WHITE PINE)
5566 1 NW