

Part of
Covered Bridges of the Delaware River
Watershed TR

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<http://www.nr.nps.gov/nrcover.htm>

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Name: Bittenbender's Covered Bridge

Location: Private property off L.R.40076, Huntington Township

UTM: Zone 18 N 4559340 E 397260 Acreage:

Owner: Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Bittenbender
Huntingdon Mills, Pa. 18622

$$(68.66' + 20') \times (13' + 10') =$$

$$88.66' \times 23' = 2039.18 + 43,560 = .04$$

Stream: Huntington Creek

Truss Type: Queenpost

Builder: Frank and Monroe and Stephen Harrison Dodson

Year: 1888

End Post to

End Post Length: 68 ft 8 in

Clearance: 11 ft 4 in

Road Surface

Width: 13 ft

Load: 5 tons

Distinguishing Features:

Bittenbenders Bridge located over Huntington Creek is the last covered bridge in Luzerne County. This queenpost truss bridge is in fair condition with repairs being made in 1936 by the addition of a center concrete pier and undergirder members and outriggers added in 1974. Its rough vertical plank siding is missing in several places. It has a double layer of oak planking for a floor. In 1927 this bridge was almost burned when the LuKlux Klan burned two Bittenbender barns and tried to burn this bridge with gas-soaked straw.

Condition:

Fair

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**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms* -
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic COVERED BRIDGES OF THE DELAWARE RIVER WATERSHED

and/or common

2. Location

street & number _____ not for publication _____

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 10/11/15/8
Luzerne, Carbon, Northampton

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Lehigh & Bucks code 079/025/09

3. Classification

077/017

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" 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 Multiple

street & number

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Multiple: See Continuation Sheet

street & number

city, town _____ state _____

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no

Date _____ federal state county local

depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

city, town Harrisburg state Pennsylvania

9. Major Bibliographical References

County Bridge Records
PHMC Survey of PA Covered Bridges
Allen, Richard S. Covered Bridges of the Middle Atlantic States
Brattleboro, VT: Stephen Greene Press, 1959, p. 51-61.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1.45

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References See Continuation Sheets

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheets

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan M. Zacher

organization PHMC date _____

street & number Box 1026 telephone _____

city or town Harrisburg state Pennsylvania 17120

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

ED WEINTRAUB, Director
title Office of Historic Preservation

date 3/10/80

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

date

Attest:

Chief of Registration