

38-48-01 Name: Kreidersville Covered Bridge

Location: L.R. 48061 Allen Township

UTM: Zone 18 N 4507980 E 458360 Acreage:

Owner: Northampton County $(100' + 20') \times (16.66' + 10') = 120' \times 26.66 = 3199.2$

$\div 43,560 = .07$

Stream: Hokendaugua Creek

Truss Type: Burr

Builder:

Year: 1840

End Post to

End Post Length: 100 ft

Clearance:

Road Surface

Width: 16 ft 8 in

Load: 1 ton

Distinguishing
Features:

Kreidersville bridge is the only remaining covered bridge in Northampton County. It was built in 1840 but has been restored and strengthened by the addition of steel reinforcements. Its narrow horizontal siding reaches to the eaves and it has no windows making the interior very dark. It is presently closed to traffic for its preservation.

Condition:

Good

**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street & number _____ not for publication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
077/017

3. Classification

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"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

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

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	Bucks Co. #38-09-05	c.1959
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	Carbon Co. #38-13-01	c. 1970
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed				

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Delaware River watershed extends in Pennsylvania from the foothills of the Catskill Mountains at the New York - Pennsylvania border, Southward to the Pennsylvania border with Delaware. Officially the watershed includes the Delaware River, Lackawaxen River, Lehigh River and Schuylkill River. It includes the following Pennsylvania counties from north to south: Wayne, Pike, Luzerne, Monroe, Carbon, Northampton, Schuylkill, Lehigh, Berks, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, Philadelphia and Delaware. This nomination of 23 covered bridges involves five counties: Luzerne, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton and Bucks. The other counties are excluded from this nomination for the following reasons:

Wayne County: no historic covered bridges (one c. 1971 CB)

Pike County: no covered bridges

Monroe County: no historic covered bridges (2 bridges c. 1956)

Schuylkill County: 2 historic covered bridges listed on NR (1-3-78)

Berks County: 5 historic covered bridges - will be nominated when data from survey available

Montgomery County: no historic covered bridges (3 modern CB)

Chester County: 15 historic covered bridges, will be nominated when survey data available

Philadelphia County: 1 historic covered bridge - listed on NR - Fairmount Park (2-7-72)

Delaware County: no historic covered bridges (one 1952 CB)

After the Susquehanna River watershed the Delaware River watershed was the richest in number and types of covered bridges. Today only a third of these wooden spans remain. Of the 26 bridges described below their are:

- 1 Queenport truss bridge
- 1 Kingpost truss bridge
- 10 Burr arch truss bridges
- 13 Town truss bridge
- 1 Howe truss bridge

Their ages vary from 1832 to 1888 with the breakdown as follows:

1832 - 3 bridges	1871 - 2 bridges
1840 - 1 bridge	1872 - 1 bridge
1841 - 3 bridges	1873 - 2 bridges
1842 - 1 bridge	1874 - 2 bridges
1855 - 1 bridge	1875 - 1 bridge
1858 - 1 bridge	1882 - 2 bridges
1860 - 3 bridges	1888 - 1 bridge
1870 - 1 bridge	

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Delaware River and its watershed area of fourteen counties once had the most and some of the earliest covered bridges in Pennsylvania. At one time the Delaware River itself was crossed by twenty-one interstate covered bridges. All but the railroad bridge at Easton were built originally by companies interested in the tolls that could be collected.

Three top covered bridge architects built across the Delaware River; the 1806 Theodore Burr, bridge between Morrisville and Trenton, second oldest covered bridge in the United States; the 1806 Timothy Palmer bridge at Easton; and the 1814 Lewis Wernwag bridge at New Hope. None of the 21 bridges remain.

The northern watershed area of Wayne, Pike, Luzerne and Monroe Counties had only a handful of covered bridges originally and only one of these, the Bittenbender bridge in Luzerne County still remains.

In the Lehigh River area the covered bridge was more abundant. Carbon County has only two remaining bridges, one of which was saved only by its removal by the Beetzville Dam project area. Lehigh has retained six of its original wooden spans but Northampton only one.

Bucks County today retains 13 of its original 35 or 37 covered bridges. The strict usage of the Town truss within the county is unusual and represents the largest number of Town truss bridges anywhere in the State.

The lower watershed area has seen the greatest disappearance of the covered bridge. Originally six wooden bridges spanned the Wissahickon Creek alone, today only the Thomas Mill bridge remains.

In an area that saw the birth and development of the covered bridge, these rare survivors are the only remaining examples of an important stage in the development of bridge technology and history.

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Because of the scarcity of bridges remaining, it is difficult to identify any regional characteristics except in Bucks County. The most common remaining Bucks County Bridge has the following characteristics:

- Town Truss
- Stone abutments (usually capped)
- Gable roof
- Full height vertical outer siding
- Triangular or oval portal openings
- Inner walls in portals

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>County</u>
Bittenbender✓	38-40-01	1888	QP	68'8"	Luzerne
Harrity	38-13-01	1841	KP	66'	Carbon
Little Gap✓	38-13-02	c.1860	Burr	73'	Carbon
Zimmerman*	38-54-01	c.1860	Burr	55'	Schuylkill
Rock*	38-54-02	1870	Burr	50'	Schuylkill
Bogert✓	38-39-01	1841	Burr	145'	Lehigh
Wehr✓	38-39-02	1841	Burr	117'	Lehigh
Manasses Guth✓	38-39-03	1882	Burr	108'	Lehigh
Rex✓	38-39-04	1858	Burr	150'	Lehigh
Geiger✓	38-39-05	1860	Burr	112'	Lehigh
Schlicher✓	38-39-06	1882	Burr	108'	Lehigh
Kreiderville✓	38-48-01	1840	Burr	100'	Northampton
Haupt's Mill✓	38-09-01	1872	Town	107'	Bucks
Knecht's✓	38-09-02	1873	Town	110'	Bucks
Van Sant✓	38-09-03	1875	Town	86'	Bucks
Erwinna✓	38-09-04	1871	Town	56'	Bucks
South Perkasio✓	38-09-05	1832	Town	93'	Bucks
Sheard's Mill✓	38-09-06	1873	Town	130'	Bucks
Mood's✓	38-09-07	1874	Town	120'	Bucks
Uhlerstown*✓	38-09-08	1832	Town	110'	Bucks
Frankenfield✓	38-09-09	1832	Town	110'	Bucks
Cabin Run	38-09-10	1871	Town	82'	Bucks
Loux✓	38-09-11	1874	Town	60'	Bucks
Pine Valley✓	38-09-12	1842	Town	81'	Bucks
Twining Ford✓	38-09-13	?	Town	150'	Bucks
Thomas Mill*	38-51-01	1855	Howe	78'	Philadelphi

(* On National Register)

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

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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BRIDGE

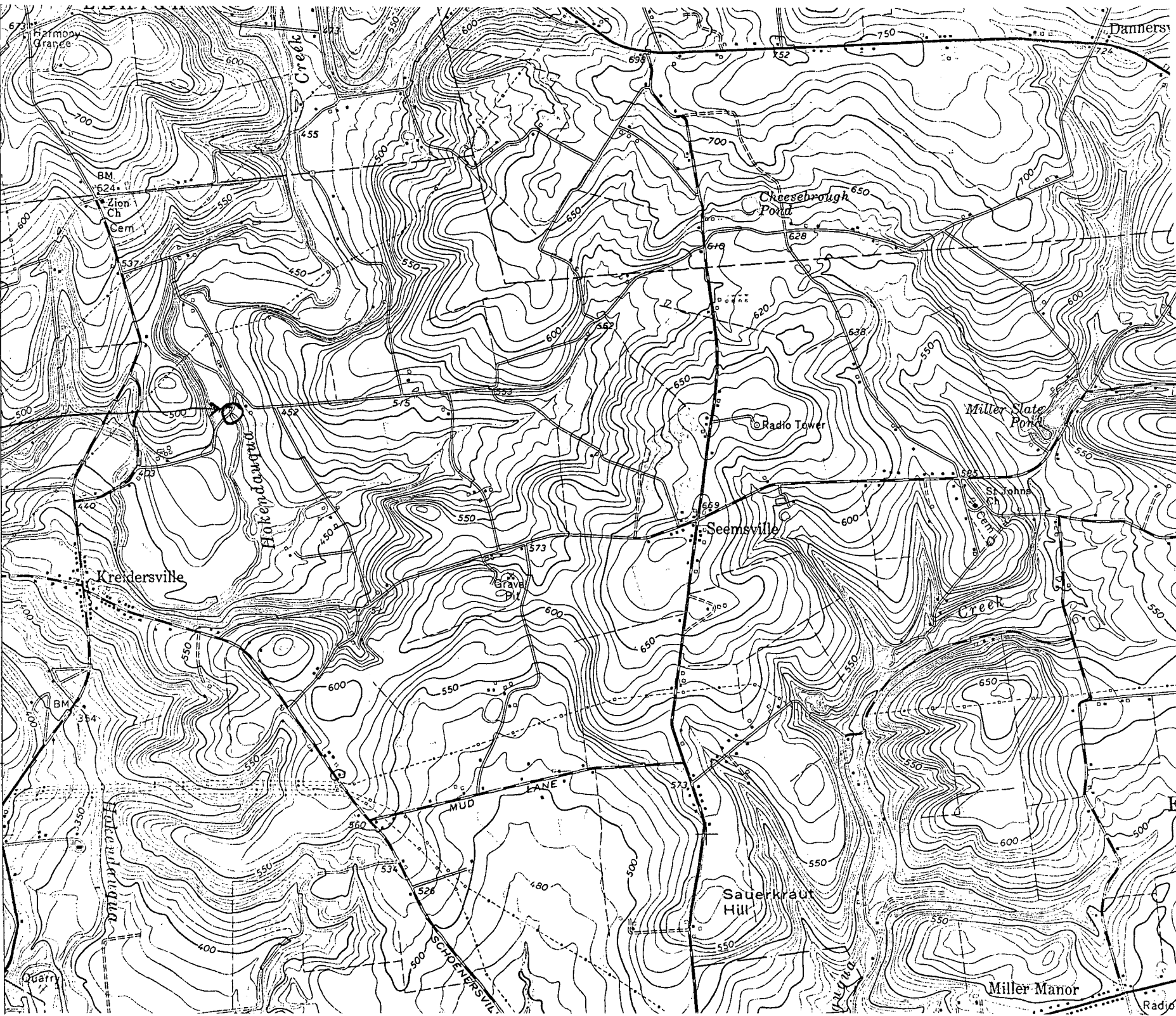
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SCHIDENERSVILLE

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Pond

Radio Tower

Seemsville

Sauerkraut
Hill

Miller Slate
Pond

St. Johns
Ch
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Creek

Miller Manor

Radio