



Zone 18
 N4591040
 E360440

#38-57-02

Name: Hillsgrove Covered Bridge

Location: T357 Elkland Township

UTM: Zone 18 N4591040 E 360440 Acreage:

Owner:

Sullivan County

$$\cdot \cdot (17' + 20') \times (18' + 10') = 19' \times 28' = 5348$$

Stream: Loyalstock Creek

$$\div 43,560 = .12$$

Truss Type: Burr

Builder: Sadler Rogers

Year: c.1850

End Post to

End Post Length: 171 ft

Clearance:

Road Surface

Width: 18 ft

Load:

Distinguishing
Features:

Hillsgrove bridge crosses Loyalstock Creek south of the Forksville bridge. These two structures are similar in design and style, and were built by the same person. Set against the hillside, the Hillsgrove bridge has vertical plank siding and narrow width-laid flooring.

Condition:

Good

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

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received

date entered

**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 COVERED BRIDGES OF BRADFORD, SULLIVAN AND LYCOMING COUNTIES

and/or common

2. Location

street & number

not for publication

city, town

vicinity of

congressional district

10/11/17

state

Pennsylvania

code

42

Bradford/Sullivan
county /Lycoming

code 015/113/08

3. Classification

Category

district

building(s)

structure

site

object

thematic

Ownership

public

private

both

Public Acquisition

in process

being considered

Status

occupied

unoccupied

work in progress

Accessible

yes: restricted

yes: unrestricted

no

Present Use

agriculture

commercial

educational

entertainment

government

industrial

military

museum

park

private residence

religious

scientific

transportation

other:

4. Owner of Property

name

Multiple

street & number

city, town

vicinity of

state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Bradford/Sullivan/Lycoming County Courthouses

street & number

city, town

Towanda/Laporte/Williamsport

state

Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pennsylvania Inventory
of Historic Places

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1976

federal state county local

depository for survey records

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

city, town

Harrisburg

state

Pennsylvania

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

There are seven remaining covered bridges in the counties of Bradford, Sullivan and Lycoming.

Bridge	County	Truss	Year	Length
Knapp's	Bradford	Burr	1853	95'
Forksville	Sullivan	Burr	1850	146'
Hillsgrove*	Sullivan	Burr	c.1850	171'
Sonestown	Sullivan	Burr	c.1850	99'
Buttonwood	Lycoming	Burr	1898	63'6"
Cogan House	Lycoming	Burr	1877	93'
Lairdsville	Lycoming	Burr	1888	77'10"

*Listed on NR
on 7-2-73

All burr arch trusses, the seven bridges range from 63'6" to 171'. A variety of siding, flooring portal types make comparison on a regional basis difficult. It is also hard to compare the small number remaining with once present in the three counties. However, the remaining bridges are fine examples of the wooden bridge in Pennsylvania.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Located in the Susquehanna River watershed, these north central Pennsylvania Counties have never been heavily populated with agriculture and lumbering the most important economic basis today, as well as in the past. The use of lumber as a building resource was not only evident in their bridges but their buildings as well. While never rich in the number of covered bridges historically, there is significant difference between what was present 75 years ago and what is present today.

In 1890, Sullivan County had 30 covered bridges, today they only have 3. Bradford County had a least two with the possibility of many others not recorded, today only one remains. This remaining bridge is the highest-above-water covered bridge in Pennsylvania. Lycoming also has been reduced in number to only three.

These remaining examples of the covered bridge are an important link and record of the transportation histories in each county.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

County Bridge Records
PHMC Survey of Pennsylvania Covered Bridges
Allen, Richard S. Covered Bridges of the Middle Atlantic States
Brattleboro, VT: Stephen Greene Press, 1959, p. 61-72.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property .49

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References See Continuation Sheet

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Verbal boundary description is calculated by adding 20 feet to each length and 10 feet to each width to include the abutments.

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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date

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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

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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

Part of
Covered Bridges of Bradford, Sullivan, and
Lycoming Counties TR

Available at the National Park Service website
<http://www.nr.nps.gov/nrcover.htm>