

Part of
Berks County Covered Bridges TR

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

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 only five covered bridges remaining today in Berks County. All use the Burr arch trussing system and date from the 1850 to 1870 period. Berks County bridges portray some unique regional characteristics; all possess horizontal siding and three have unusual stepped portals.

<u>Bridge Name & Number</u>		<u>Truss</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Length</u>
Pleasantville	36-06-01	Burr	1852, 1856	126'
Greisemer's Mill	36-06-03	Burr	1868	124'
Kutz's Mill	36-06-05	Burr	1854	93'
*Wertz's	36-06-06	Burr	1867	165'
Dreibelbis Station	36-06-07	Burr	1869	172'

* Listed on National Register on 11-17-78.

The Pleasantville bridge has the unusual distinction of being built in two stages because of the shortage of lumber following the Great Flood of 1850.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .33

Quadrangle name _____ See Continuation Sheet Quadrangle scale 1: 24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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/Berks County Conservancy date _____

street & number Box 1026 / 960 Old Mill Road telephone _____

city or town Harrisburg/Wyomissing state Pennsylvania 17120/19610

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*

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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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

COVERED BRIDGES OF BERKS COUNTY

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 10 PAGE 1

Total Acreage: .33

Verbal Boundary Description

The verbal boundary description is calculated by adding 20' to each bridge length and 10' to each bridge width to include abutments.

Manatawny, Pa. Quadrangle

(1) Pleasantville Bridge (36-06-01) Acreage: .08
Zone 18 E 437 260 N 4469 870
 $(126' + 20') \times (16' + 10') = 146' \times 26' = 3796 \div 43,560 = .08$

Boyertown, Pa. Quadrangle

(2) Greisemer's Mill Bridge (36-06-03) Acreage: .08
Zone 18 E 437 300 N 4468 080
 $(124' + 20') \times (14.5' + 10') = 144' \times 24.5' = 3528 \div 43,560 = .08$

Kutztown, Pa. Quadrangle

(3) Kutz's Mill Bridge (36-06-05) Acreage: .06
Zone 18 E 431 760 N 4487 180
 $(93' + 20') \times (16' + 10') = 113' \times 26' = 2938 \div 43,560 = .06$

Hamburg, Pa. Quadrangle

(4) Dreibelbis Station Bridge (36-06-07) Acreage: .11
Zone 18 E 425 500 N 4489 480
 $(172' + 20') \times (16' + 10') = 192' \times 26' = 4992 \div 43,560 = .11$

36-06-03 Name: Greisemer's Mill Covered Bridge
Location: T579 Oley Township
UTM: Zone 18 N4468080 E437300 Acreage:
Owner: Berks County

$$(124' + 20') \times (14.5' + 10') = 144' \times 24.5' = 3528 + 43,560 = .08$$

Stream: Manatawny Creek
Truss Type: Burr
Builder:
Year: 1868

End Post to
End Post Length: 124 ft
Clearance: 12 ft

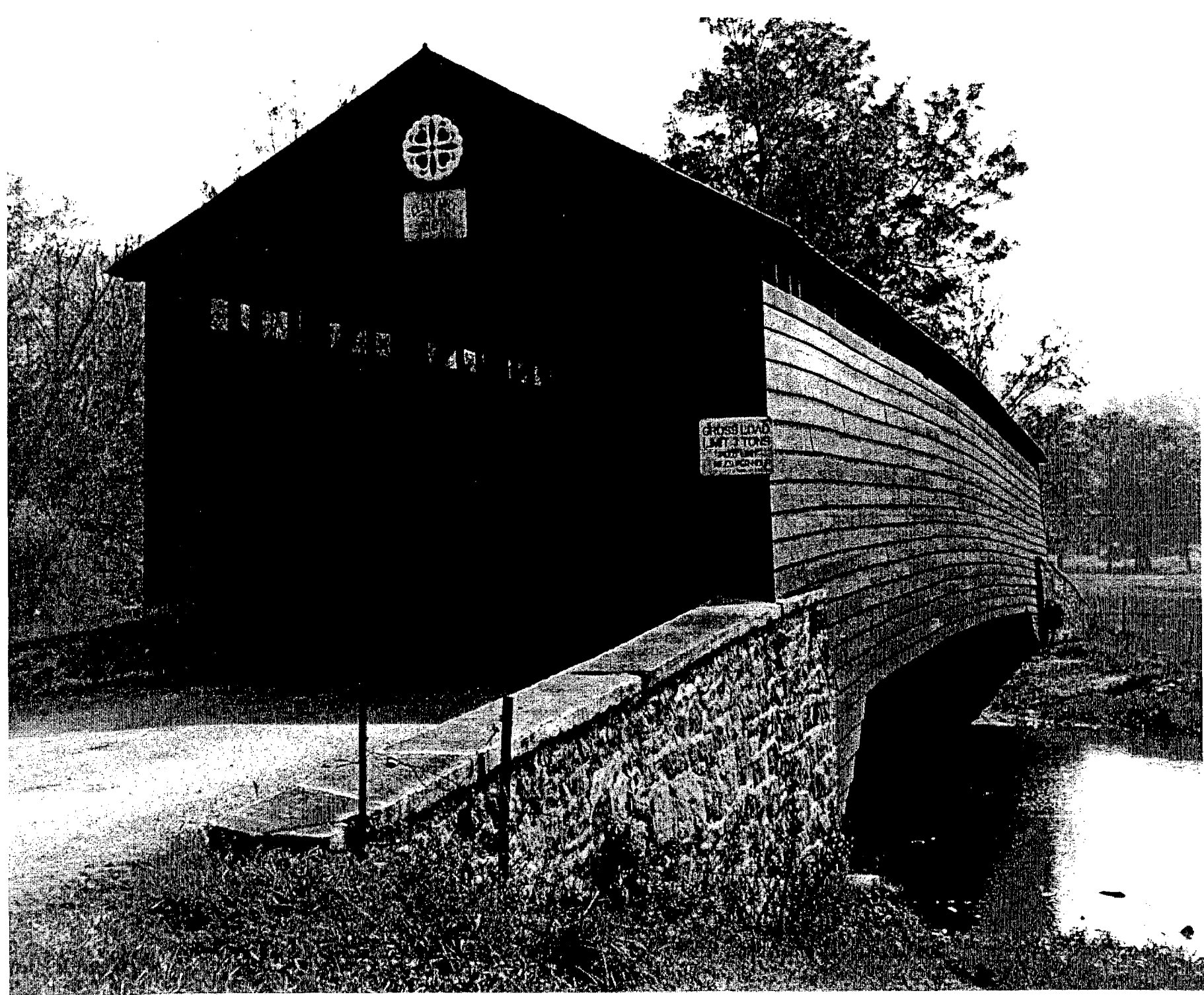
Road Surface
Width: 14 ft 6 in.
Load: 3 tons

Distinguishing Features:

Greisemer's Mill bridge is in excellent condition after repairs in 1957 and 1971. Its gable roof and stone abutments are common features with the other remaining Berks County covered bridges. It has wide plank horizontal siding with a small window opening near the eaves.

Condition:





PROSPECT
BRIDGE
1890

1. Name of Bridge: Greisemer's Mill in Oley Twp.

2. Location (Route number, Township or Borough): T-579

Oley Twp

Zone 18

U 4468080

E 437300

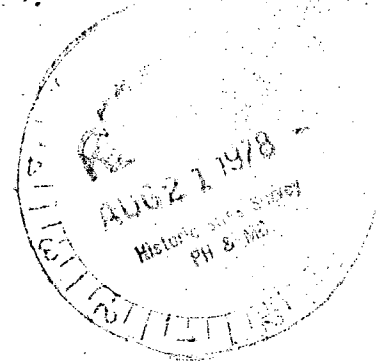
3. Creek located on: Manatawny Creek

4. Ownership (Borough/Township, County, State): County of Berks

5. Construction date (circa) and builder, if known: 1932

6. Specifics:

Trussing system: Burr
 Number of spans: one
 length: 120'
 width: 14'-6"
 load capacity: three tons
 height: 12'
 type of deck: Wood Plank
 condition: Good



7. Bridge number if corresponds with World Guide to Covered Bridges:

If you have any additional information, please send also.

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(FLEETWOOD)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

