

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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

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

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## 1. Name

historic MC GEES MILLS COVERED BRIDGE

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number T322 not for publication

city, town Bell Township vicinity of congressional district 23

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Clearfield code 033

## 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Clearfield County c/o County Commissioners

street & number Clearfield County Courthouse, 2nd and Market Streets

city, town Clearfield vicinity of state Pennsylvania 16830

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clearfield County Courthouse

street & number 2nd & Market Streets

city, town Clearfield state Pennsylvania

## 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**

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**

#38-17-01

MC GEES MILLS COVERED BRIDGE

Location: T322, Bell Township  
UTM: Zone 17 N4527620 E 688290  
Owner: Clearfield County

Stream: West Branch of the Susquehanna River  
Truss Type: Burr  
Year: 1873

End Post to End Post Length: 116 feet  
Road Surface Width: 15'  
Condition: Good

**Distinguishing Features:** The McGees Mills Covered bridge is a single span of 109', with horizontal siding, a shingle covered gable roof, and cut stone abutments. Interior has been encased with protective wooden walls. Floor boards are narrow, horizontally laid. Eave level windows as well as two centrally placed, square windows are present.

# 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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation		
<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 1873 Builder/Architect

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Susquehanna River watershed once had the most covered bridges in Pa. At one time, 30 covered bridges crossed the main Susquehanna River itself but they as well as many on the West Branch, the North Branch and the Juniata River are now gone.

The West Branch of the Susquehanna starts far to the west and passes through five counties before joining the main river. At one time six covered bridges crossed the West Branch at Clearfield, Lock Haven, Williamsport, Muncy, Lewisburg and McGee's Mills. Today only the McGee's Mills Bridge remains. Several smaller covered bridges crossing small streams still remain in the five counties the West Branch passes through. However the McGee's Mill bridge is the only remaining covered bridge in Clearfield County today as well as being the last covered bridge spanning the West Branch itself.

The village of McGee's Mill began with the settlement of James McGee in 1826 and the erection of a gristmill and sawmill. Bell Township remains basically agricultural to the present. The McGee's Mill covered bridge continues to serve this rural agricultural community as transportation across the West Branch of the Susquehanna.

# 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Commerative Biographical Record of Central Pa. Counties of Centre, Clearfield, Jefferson and Clarion, 1891; Vol. I p. 554-555, 617.

Swope, Roland D., Jr. History of Clearfield County, 1911, p. 571-72.  
 Allen, Richard S. Covered Bridges of the Middle Atlantic States, S. Greene

# 10. Geographical Data

Press, Vermont, 1959, p. 61-62.

Acreage of nominated property .07

Quadrangle name McGee's Mills

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A 

1	7	6	8	8	2	9	0	4	5	2	7	6	2	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D 

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H 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification. Acreage and boundaries are calculated by adding 20 feet to length and 10 feet to the width to include abutments.  
 $(116' + 20') \times (15' + 10') = 136' \times 25' = 3400 + 43560 = .07$

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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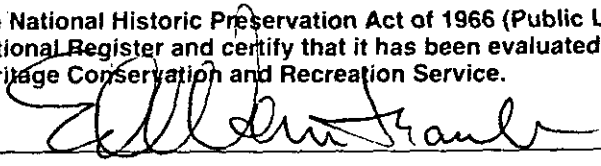
# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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.

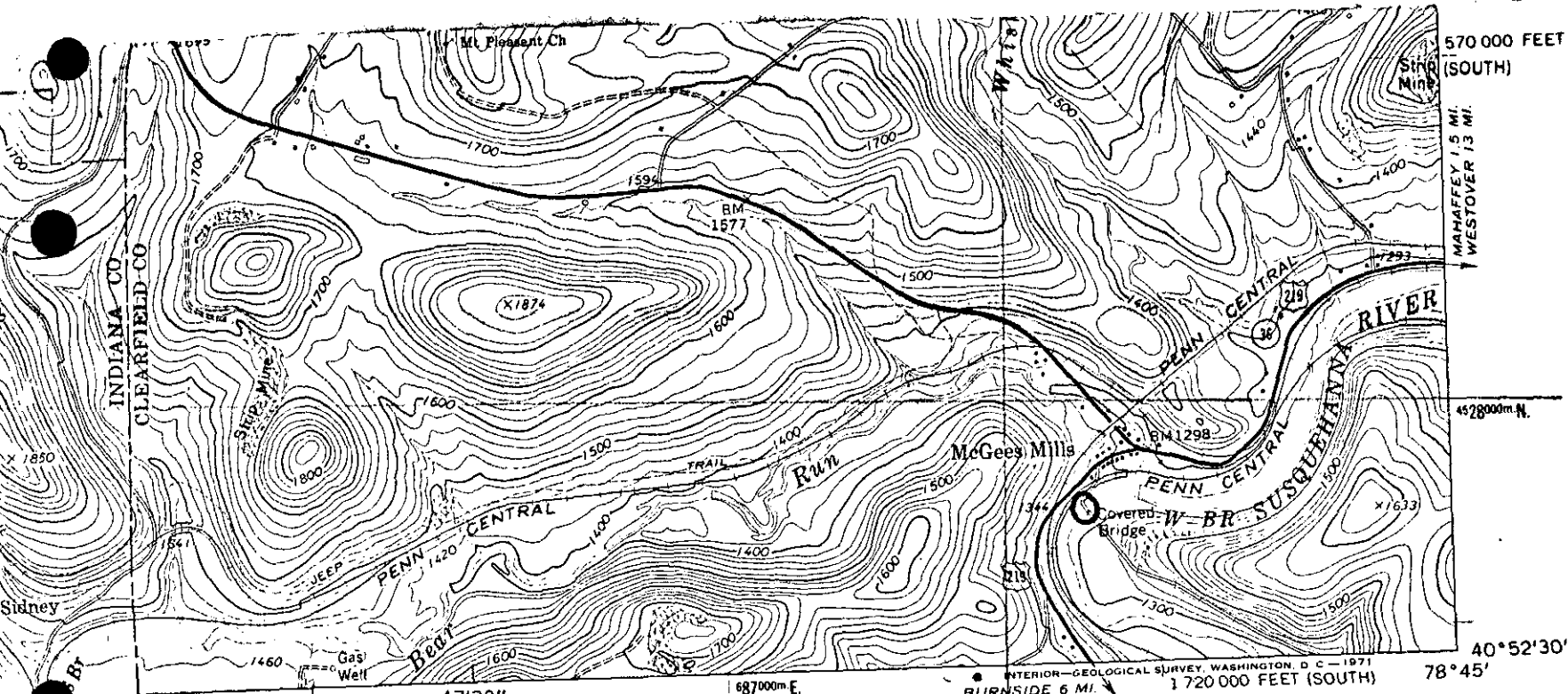
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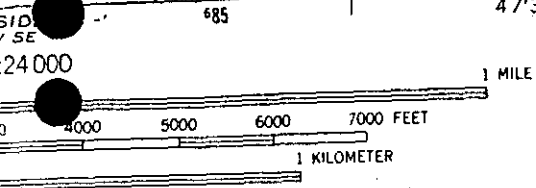
ED WEINTRAUB, Director  
 title Office of Historic Preservation

date 12-10-79

For HCRS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	date
Keeper of the National Register	date
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

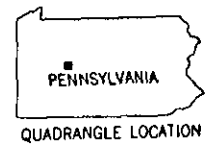


McGees Mills Covered Bridge  
 Clearfield County  
 Zone 17 E688290 N4527620



INTERVAL 20 FEET  
 IN SEA LEVEL

NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
 AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface \_\_\_\_\_

Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface \_\_\_\_\_

Unimproved road, fair or dry weather \_\_\_\_\_

U. S. Route (rectangle symbol) State Route (circle symbol)

MC GEES MILLS, PA.  
 NE/4 PUNXSUTAWNEY 15' QUADRANGLE  
 N4052.5—W7845/7.5

1968  
 AMS 5265 IV NE—SERIES V831

570 000 FEET (SOUTH)

MAHAFFEY 1.5 MI. WESTOVER 1.3 MI.

4528000m N.

40°52'30" 78°45'

(WESTOVER) 5265 1 SW