

Part of
Covered Bridges of Adams, Cumberland, and
Perry Counties TR

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38-01-01 **Name:** Sauck's (Sachs) Covered Bridge
Location: T326 Water Works Road Cumberland & Freedom Townships
UTM: Zone 18 **N** 4407560 **E** 305100 **Acreage:** Located in Gettysburg
Owner: Adams County Historical Society National Military Park

$$(100' + 20') \times (15.3' + 10') =$$

$$120' \times 25.3' = 3036 + 43,560 = .06$$

Stream: Marsh Creek
Truss Type: Town
Builder:
Year: c.1854.

End Post to
End Post Length: 100 ft
Clearance:

Road Surface
Width: 15 ft. 4 in.
Load: closed to traffic

Distinguishing Features:

Sauck's Bridge is unusual in that it is one of Pennsylvania's few Town truss covered bridges and the only one in this area of the state. Its unusual open sides are also unique to the state. During the Civil War this bridge played an important part in the battle of Gettysburg.

Condition:

"At the time of the battle of Gettysburg this span was known as Sauches bridge. On the night of July 3, 1863, General Robert E Lee took the major portion of his army over this bridge when he retreated from the battlefield after the defeat of Pickett's Charge."

(From the Gettysburg Times, January 28, 1938)

The covered bridge was also used by Union troops during the Gettysburg Campaign. It was on the route by which Rowley's Division of the Union 1st Corps reached the field of battle. The brigades of Biddle & Stone, and Cooper's Battery crossed the bridge over Marsh Creek on the morning of July 1, 1863 as they traveled along Nunemaker's Mill Road, to Eiker's Mill Road, and proceeded to the Emmitsburg Road. (Official Records, vol. 27, part 1, p. 326; Bachelder's draft troop movement maps, first day's battle, GNMP archives; Chapman Biddle, The First Day of the Battle of Gettysburg. Philadelphia, 1880, p. 23) Humphreys' Division of the U. S. Third Corps also crossed the bridge the late evening of July 1, while en route to the Black Horse Tavern area. (Official Records, vol. 27, part 1, p. 531.)

The John Sochs area was behind the Confederate lines during the last two days of the Battle of Gettysburg and until the retreat of the Southern army July 4-5, 1863. This whole area along Marsh Creek was used as an encampment area, a hospital and burial area, a pasturage of the immense herds of cattle and horses accompanying the army; the bridge was therefore used by these men and animals of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia during the retreat from their position to get to the Hagerstown Road via the Black Horse Tavern Road.

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Only 17 covered bridges remain in the counties of Adams, Cumberland and Perry. The earliest of these is the Sauk's Bridge (38-01-01) of Adams County, this is also the only Town truss bridge of the group.

No overall regional characteristics are evident with a variety of siding, flooring and portals present. Because this is only a small remnant of the original number of bridges (except Perry County) it is impossible to ascertain any patterns in style or design.

The Rice bridge of Perry County displays a unique combination of Queen-posts and Burr arch. This is the only bridge of this type in Pa., however others may have existed but are now destroyed.

<u>Adams County</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Length</u>
Sauk's	38-01-01	1854	Town	100'
Jacks Mountain	38-01-08	1890	Burr	75'
Conewago Chapel	38-01-10	1899	Burr	98'
Heikes	38-01-14	1892	Burr	67'
Kuhn's Fording*	38-01-12	1882	Burr	228' 2 spans
Anderson's Farm*	38-01-05		Burr	70'
 <u>Cumberland County</u>				
Thompson*	38-21-10	1853	Burr	149'
Ramp	38-21-11	1882	Burr	136'
Bowmansdale*	38-21-13	(1973) 1867	Burr	112'
 <u>Perry County</u>				
Bistline	38-50-03	1871	Burr	96'
Adairs	38-50-04	1864(1919)	Burr	150' 2 spans
Red	38-50-06	1886	MK-QP	45'
Saville	38-50-07	1903	Burr	60'
Kochendefer	38-50-09	1919	MK-QP	60'
Rice	38-50-10	1869	QP-Burr	123'
New Germantown	38-50-11	1891	MK-QP	74'
Mt. Pleasant	38-50-12	1918	MK-QP	73'
Book's	38-50-13	1884	Burr	70'
Waggoner	38-50-15	1889	Burr	74'
Dellville	38-50-16	1889	Burr	174' 3 spans
Fleisher	38-50-17	1887	Burr	113'
Clays*	38-50-18		Burr	74'

*Not nominated, included only for comparison

9. Major Bibliographical References

County Bridge Records
PHMC Covered Bridge Survey 1979
Allen, Richard Sanders. Covered Bridges of the Middle Atlantic States.
Brattleboro, VT: Stephen Greene Press, 1959, p. 61-71, 72.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property 1.01

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References See continuation sheets

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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

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan M. Zacher

organization PHMC date _____

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city or town Harrisburg state Pennsylvania

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

title ED WEINTRAUB, Director
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