

Part of  
Covered Bridges of Columbia and Montour  
Counties TR

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# DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD             RUINS  
 FAIR              UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Of the twenty-eight covered bridges of Columbia and Montour Counties, one is shared by Montour and Northumberland Counties and three are shared by Columbia and Northumberland Counties. All four of these bridges were nominated with the nomination known as, Covered Bridges of Northumberland County. They will be mentioned and included in this nomination merely to present the total picture of these two counties. They are:

#### Columbia/Northumberland

1. Lawrence L. Knoebel (38-49-13, 38-19-39)
2. Krickbaum (38-19-32, 38-49-12)
3. Richards (38-19-01, 38-49-07)

#### Montour/Northumberland

1. Gottlieb Brown/Sam Wagner/Rishel (38-47-01, 38-49-11)

The majority of the bridges (24) are evenly divided between the Queenpost truss type and the burr arch truss type. The remaining truss types include one Kingpost, and three Warren. A comparison of their lengths, types and dates of construction can be seen on the following chart.

YEAR	QUEENPOST	BURR	KINGPOST	WARREN
1846	Rohrback (64'4") 38-19-31			
1847		Rupert 185'4" 38-19-33		
1849		Stillwater (151') 38-19-21		
1850	E. Paden (75') 38-19-11	W. Paden (112') 38-19-12  Davis (87'1") 38-19-16  Hollingshead (116'10") 38-19-34		

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Brattleboro, Va: Stepehn Greene Press, 1959, p. 61-72.  
Columbia and Montour Historic Transportation Study, June 1976. Columbia-  
Montour Joint Planning Commission.  
The Covered Bridges of Columbia County, Pa., Columbia County Historical  
Society, December 1974.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

\* .16 3 bridges nominated  
with Northumberland Co.

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.88 Total

QUADRANGLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Boundaries for all bridges are calculated by adding 20' to each length  
and 10' to each width (15' used when width not known) to include  
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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**12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL X

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE  
*Ed Weintraub*

TITLE Ed Weintraub, Director  
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE 9/24/79

**FOR NPS USE ONLY**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

38-19-16

# 12 Name: Davis Covered Bridge  
Location: North Branch Roaring Creek, Cleveland Township on Twp. Rt. 356 off  
Pa. Rt. 42 south of Catawissa and west of Queen City.

UTM: 18 N 4529670 E 378720 Acreage: .08  
Owner: Columbia County

Stream: North Branch Roaring Creek  
Truss Type: Burr Truss-Arch  
Builder: D. Kostenbauder  
Year:

End Post to	Road Surface:
End Post Length: 87 feet, 1 inch	Width: 14 feet, 2 inches
Clearance: 11 feet	Load: 3 tons (county records) 4 tons (sign)

#### Distinguishing

Features: Burr Truss-Arch having four diagonal braces on either side of the central king post and an arch superimposed on either side of each truss system.

The deck floor consists of horizontal boards with two runways.

Condition: The bridge needs some repair work due to flood damage.

The board and batten portals are in generally good condition, but need some minor repairs where boards are missing.

Many boards and battens are missing and broken, and need repair.

The original abutments have been almost totally replaced by reinforced concrete.

The roof of tarred metal is in good condition.

# 38-19-16

**Name:** Davis Covered Bridge

**Location:** T356 Cleveland Township

**UTM: Zone** 18 **N** 4529670 **E** 378720

**Owner:** Columbia County

**Stream:** North Branch Roaring Creek

**Truss Type:** Burr

**Builder:** Dan Kostenbauder

**Year:** unknown

**Length:** 87 ft 1 in

**Width:** 14 ft 2 in

**Clearance:** 11 ft

**Load:** 4 tons

**Distinguishing Features:**

The Davis Covered Bridge is 87.1 feet long, with a roadway width of 14.2 feet, and clearance of 11 feet. It is of the Burr Truss Arch having four diagonal braces on either side of the central king post. The arch is superimposed on either side of each truss system.

The roof of tarred metal panels rests on thin wooden ribs over the roof rafters. The portals are of board and batten design. The arch, which is trimmed with molding, is horizontal at the top and slants downward at the corners.

Many boards and battens of the wall coverings are missing.

The floor consists of horizontal boards with two runways on top. No steel beams have been added to the undergirding.

**Condition: FAIR**