

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		



# 134            Name: Stillwater Covered Bridge  
 Location: Big Fishing Creek in the Borough of Stillwater on Twp. Rt. 629,  
 east of Rt. 487.

UTM: Zone 18    N 4556290                            E 385810                            Acreage: .13  
 Owner: Columbia County

Stream:            Big Fishing Creek  
 Truss Type:       Burr Truss-Arch  
 Builder:           James McHenry (Foreman - John Edson)  
 Year:               1849

End Post to:  
 End Post Length: 151 feet  
 Clearance:

Road Surface  
 Width: 15 ft., 3 inches  
 Load: 4 tons ( county records)

Distinguishing  
 Features:

Burr Truss Arch with seven diagonal braces on each side of  
 central king post.

Herring bone designed floor, but with no runways. System of  
 diagonal braces extending from a point near the end of the arch  
 to the center of the abutment.

Large abutments of stone and mortar.

Condition: Fairly good condition.  
 Galvanized steel roof.  
 Near the portals the ribbing of the roof is doubled in  
 number for added strength.  
 Outside walls are in good condition with board and batten  
 style consistently maintained.  
 One part of the inside wall has been sloppily repaired.  
 One abutment repaired with concrete, but due to disintegration,  
 the remaining abutments also need repair.  
 No steel braces have ever been added to the deck.

# 38-19-21 **Name:** Stillwater Covered Bridge

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**UTM: Zone** 18 **N** 4556290 **E** 385810

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**Stream:** Big Fishing Creek

**Truss Type:** Burr

**Builder:** James McHenry

**Year:** 1849

**Length:** 151 ft

**Width:** 15ft 3 in

**Clearance:**

**Load:** 4 tons

**Distinguishing Features:**

The Stillwater Covered Bridge is 151.1 feet long and has a roadway width of 15.25 feet. It is a Burr Truss Arch having seven diagonal braces on each side of each truss system.

The galvanized steel roof lies upon thin slats or ribs which cross the rafters. On the southwesterly portal, the design is plain, with a triangular covering of vertical planks under the eaves. The northeasterly portal is covered with horizontal planks, and the arch tapers slightly near the column. One column slants inward from the roof to the deck to provide better sight due to a sharp curve in the road.

The walls are of board and batten style. Where the road curves sharply a window pierces the wall.

The floor is herring bone designed with no runways. No steel beams have been added to the deck or undergirding.

One abutment has been completely repaired with concrete, but the rest are of original stone and mortar.

**Condition: Good**

Stillwater Covered Bridge  
Columbia County  
Zone 18 E385810 N4556290

(38-19-21)

