

Part of  
Covered Bridges of Columbia and Montour  
Counties TR

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

Covered Bridges of Columbia & Montour Counties

CONTINUATION SHEET

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YEAR	QUEENPOST	BURR	KINGPOST	WARREN
1856	Wagner (56'5") 38-19-15			
c1860	Snyder (60'2") 38-19-14			
1865		Parr's Mill (84'3") 38-19-29		
1870		Riegel (107'3") 38-19-29		
1871		Welles Hess (126') 38-19-13		
1875		J. Ness (105'2") 38-19-10		
		Patterson (81'8") 38-19-26		
	L.Knoebel (40') 38-19-39, 38-49-13			
1876	Jud Christie 55'10" 38-19-25			S.Eckman 65'2" 38-19-08
				Krickbaum 62'2" 38-19-32 38-49-12
1880			Richards (68'8") 38-19-01, 38-49-07	

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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
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
E	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
G	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
F	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
H	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

**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**

NAME / TITLE

Bill Pennesi / Susan Zacher

ORGANIZATION

Columbia County Planning Commission / PHMC

DATE

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Bloomsburg / Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania 17815/17120

**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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Ed Weintraub*

TITLE Ed Weintraub, Director  
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

9/24/79

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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

# 6 Name: Riegel Covered Bridge  
 Location: Roaring Creek in Franklin Township on Twp. Rt. 312 north of Rohrbach

UTM: 18 N 4529900 E 372520 Acreage: .1  
 Owner: Columbia County

Stream: Roaring Creek  
 Truss Type: Burr Truss Arch  
 Builder: Jacob Kostenbauder  
 Year: 1870

End Post to  
 End Post Length: 107 feet, 3 inches  
 Clearance: 11 feet

Road Surface:  
 Width: 14 feet, 10 inches  
 Load: 4 tons (sign)  
 5 tons (county records)

#### Distinguishing

Features: Burr Truss Arch having five diagonals on either side of central king post. Also a single arch on the inner side of each wall truss system.

One wall is longer than the other due to the sharp turn in the road.

The portals are unique due to the trapezoidal floor plan of the bridge. One post is flush with the portal, while the other is several feet in from the roofline.

The undergirding is all wood.

Condition: Overall good condition.

The roof of tarred metal panels is in need of some minor repairs.

The side walls are covered with board and batten and are in generally good condition.

Part of the abutments are reinforced with concrete, but for the most part the original stone and mortar remain.

# 38-19-35      **Name:** Riegel Covered Bridge  
**Location:** T312 Franklin Township  
**UTM: Zone** 18    **N** 4529900    **E** 372520  
**Owner:** Columbia County.

**Stream:** Roaring Creek  
**Truss Type:** Burr  
**Builder:** Jacob Kostenbauder  
**Year:** 1870

**Length:** 107 ft 3 in.      **Width:** 14 ft 10 in  
**Clearance:** 11 ft      **Load:** 4 tons

**Distinguishing Features:**

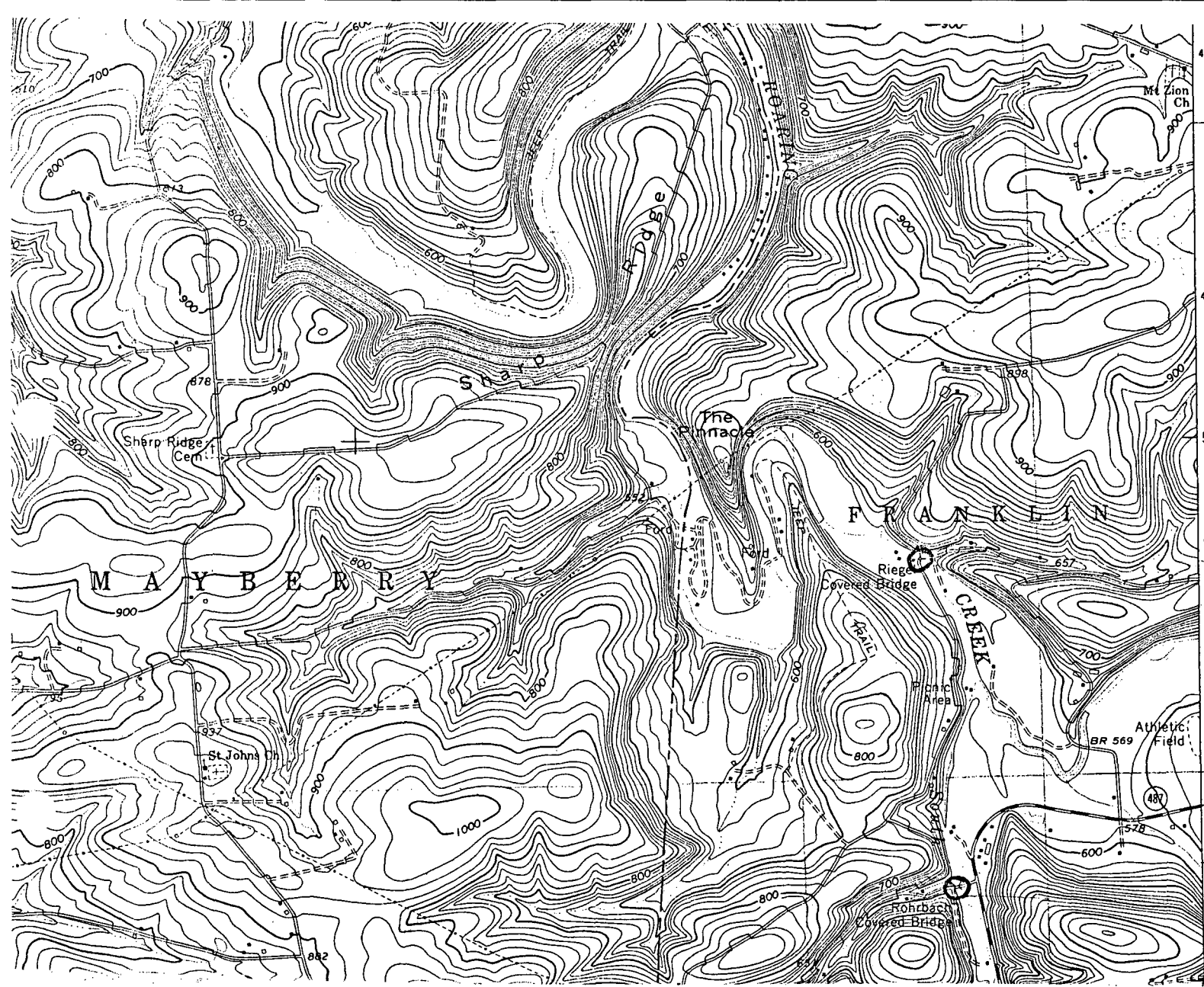
The Riegel Covered Bridge is 107.25 feet long, with a roadway width of 14.9 feet, and clearance of 11 feet. It is a Burr Truss Arch having five diagonal braces on either side of the central king post. A most unusual feature is a single arch on the inner side of each wall truss system.

The roof is of tarred metal panels over wooden ribbing on rafters. Because of the trapezoidal floor plan of the bridge the portals are unique. One post is flush with the portal while the other is several feet in from the roof line. There are awninged windows at either end of this shortened wall. The reason for the shortened wall and windows is because the road turns sharply in that direction.

The side walls are covered with board and batten. The flooring of the deck consists of horizontal boards with two runways on top. The deck and undergirding have no steel beams added.

The abutment at one end is in part the rock out-cropping of the hill and in part a concrete replacement. The abutment at the other end is in small part a concrete replacement, but in large part the original stone and mortar.

*Condition Good*



4532  
4531  
55'  
4530  
38-19-35  
4529  
38-19-31  
PARRS MILL 1.5 MI.  
CATAWISSA 4.4 MI.

Riegel Covered Bridge  
Columbia County N4529900  
Zone 18 E372520 (35-19-35)

Covered Bridge  
Columbia County N4528550  
Zone 18 E372520 (38-19-31)