

Part of
Covered Bridges of Columbia and Montour
Counties TR

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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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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		

38-19-31

24 Name: Rohrbach Covered Bridge
Location: South Branch Roaring Creek in Franklin Township on Twp. Rt. 369 west
of Pa. Rt. 487 southwest of Catawissa.

UTM: 18 N 4528550 E 372640 Acreage: .06
Owner: Columbia County

Stream: South Branch Roaring Creek
Truss Type: Queen Post Truss
Builder: Joseph Fulton
Year: 1846

End Post to
End Post Length: 64 feet, 4 inches
Clearance: 11 feet

Road Surface:
Width: 14 feet, 5 inches
Load: 3 tons (sign)
4 tons (county records)

Distinguishing

Features: Has a roof beam with notches and peg marks where other structural elements
can connect, but do not.

Both portals are of board and batten with molding along the edge of the arch.

Condition: Not in the best condition due to flood waters.

Some structural members are split and the walls are rotting.

Roof ribbing needs repair work.

The side wall coverings have broken or missing boards and need repair.

Only a small portion of the original stone and mortar abutments remain;
most of the stone has been covered or replaced by concrete.

The floor consists of horizontal boards and is in good condition.

38-19-31 **Name:** Rohrbach Covered Bridge

Location: T369 Franklin Township

UTM: Zone 18 **N** 4528550 **E** 372640

Owner: Columbia County

Stream: South Branch Roaring Creek

Truss Type: Queenpost

Builder: Joseph Fulton

Year: 1846

Length: 64 ft 4 in
Clearance: 11ft

Width: 14 ft 5 in
Load: 3 tons

**Distinguishing
Features:**

The Rohrbach Covered Bridge is 64.33 feet long, with a roadway width of 14.5 feet, and clearance of 11 feet. It is a queen post truss design.

The roof of galvanized steel panels rests on wooden ribs on top of roof rafters. Both portals are of board and batten style with molding along the edge of the arch. The arch is horizontal at the top but tapers diagonally at the corners.

The side wall coverings are of board and batten design, but in need of repair.

The floor consists of horizontal boards over which two runways have been laid. One of the longitudinal beams of the deck have been braced with metal plates.

Only small portions of the original stone and mortar abutments remain; most of the stone has been covered or replaced with concrete.

Condition: Fair