

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	

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allen, Richard, Covered Bridges of Middle Atlantic States
 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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
E	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	F	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
G	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

STREET & NUMBER

Columbia County Courthouse, 35 W. Main Street

TELEPHONE

717-784-5444

CITY OR TOWN

Bloomsburg / Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania 17815/17120

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

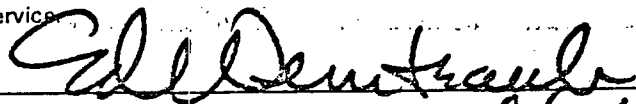
NATIONAL ___

STATE ___

LOCAL 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



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

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

(38-19-13)

S 1 Name: Welle Hess or Laubach Covered Bridge
Location: Fishing Creek, Sugarloaf Township on L.R. 19074 between Grassmere
Park and Laubach

UTM: 18 N 4569120 E 384370 Acreage: .11
Owner: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Stream: Fishing Creek
Truss Type: Burr Truss-Arch
Builder: Clinton and Montgomery Cole
Year: 1871

End Post to		Road Surface:
End Post Length:	126 feet	Width:
Clearance:	10 feet 8 inches	Load: 3 tons (sign)

Distinguishing

Features: Burr Truss-Arch with seven diagonal truss sections on either side
of the "king post".

Condition: Extensively modified.

Much of the framework under the deck is made of steel beams.

The tin roof with its wood ribbing is still essentially intact.

Much of the wall covering has been maintained as board and batten design.

Most of the stone and mortar abutments are intact.

38-19-13

Name: Welle Hess or Laubach Covered Bridge

Location: L.R. 19074 Sugarloaf Township

UTM: Zone 18 N 4569120 E 384370

Owner: Department of Transportation
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Stream: Fishing Creek

Truss Type: Burr

Builder: Clinton & Montgomery Cole

Year: 1871

Length: 126 ft

Width: 15 ft

Clearance: 10 ft 8 in

Load: 3 tons

Distinguishing Features:

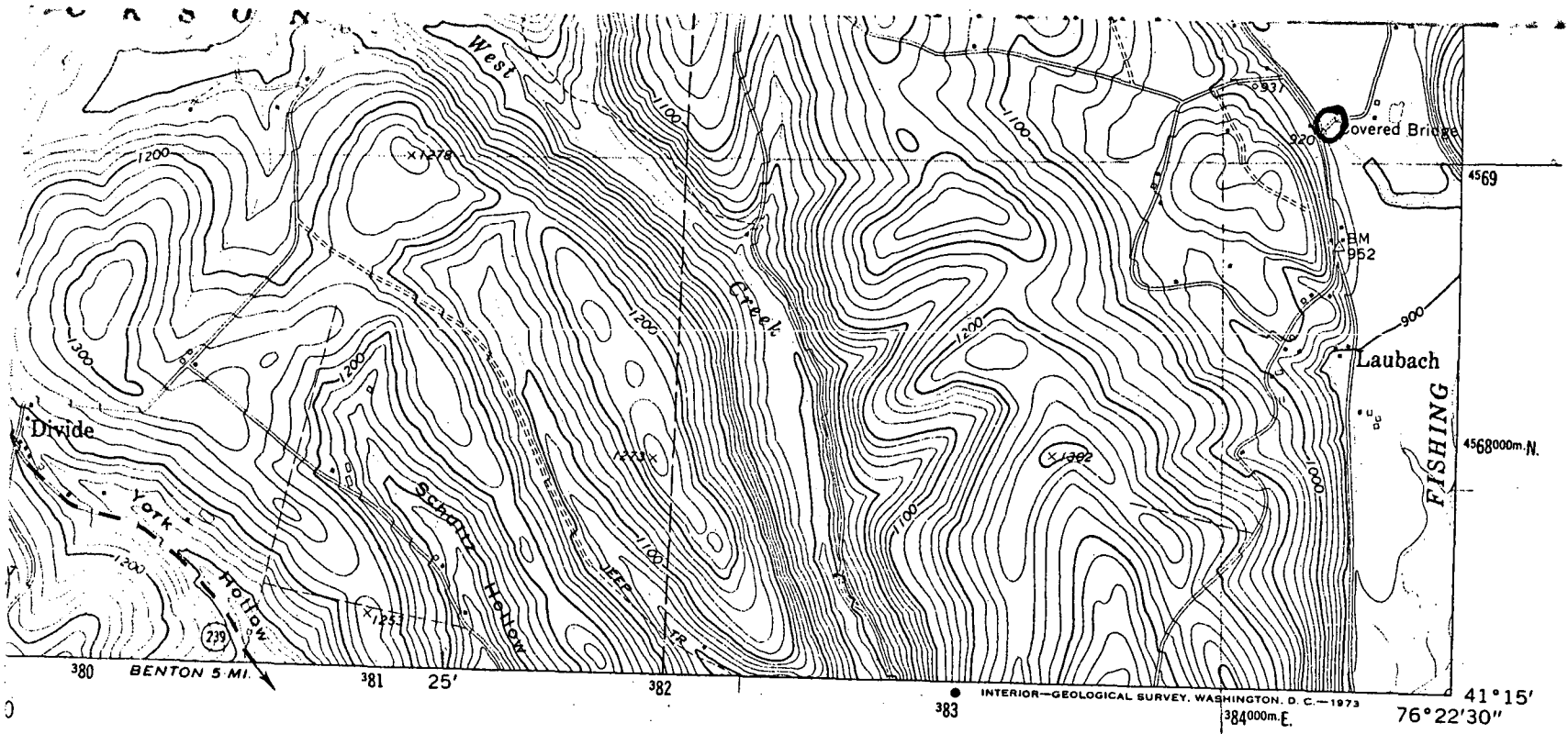
The Welle Hess Covered Bridge is 126 feet long, with a clearance of 10.66 feet. It is a Burr Arch Truss with seven diagonal braces on either side of the "king post". An arch is superimposed on this truss system.

The roof is of tin with wood ribbing. The wall coverings are of board and batten design. Some areas of the walls have been repaired with metal and plain vertical boards.

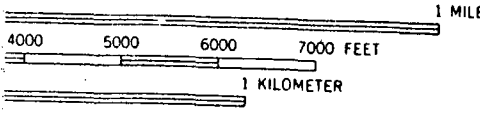
Longitudinal and horizontal steel beams constitute much of the bridge framework under the floor. At least one truss diagonal has been replaced by a steel element. Also a steel reinforcement has been added to one of the arches. The floor consists of horizontal boards over which two runways are laid.

Except for some minor repairs done in concrete, original stone and mortar remain. Most of the original stone and mortar abutments remain, but there has been partial repair work done with concrete.

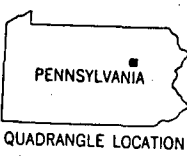
Condition: Good



Mass Covered Bridge
 Columbia County
 Zone 18 E384370 N4569
 (-19-13)



20 FEET
 LEVEL



P ACCURACY STANDARDS
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
 SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface _____
- Secondary highway, hard surface _____
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface _____
- Unimproved road _____
- Interstate Route
- ◻ U. S. Route
- State Route

(STILLWATER)
 5766 III NE

ELK GROVE, PA.
 SW/4 LAPORTE 15' QUADRANGLE
 N4115—W7622.5/7.5

1969

AMS 5766 IV SW—SERIES V831