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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

COVERED BRIDGES OF JUNIATA AND SNYDER COUNTIES

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Juniata/Snyder

CODE

067/109

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> thematic	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple (See continuation Sheet)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Juniata County Courthouse/Snyder County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street / West Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Mifflintown / Middleburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

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JUNIATA & SNYDER COUNTIES COVERED BRIDGES

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Owners

#38-34-01 Academia, Pomeroy Covered Bridge

Juniata County Historical Society
c/o David A. Shellenberger, President
R. D. #1
Mifflintown, Pennsylvania 17059

#38-34-02 Dimmsville Covered Bridge
Juniata County

Juniata County
Courthouse, Main Street
Mifflintown, Pennsylvania 17059

#38-34-04 Lehman's, Port Royal Covered Bridge

Kenneth & Lucy Lehman
R. D. #2, Louarille Farm
Port Royal, Pennsylvania 17082

#38-34-05, 38-55-05 North Oriental - Beaver Covered Bridge

Juniata County
Courthouse, Main Street
Mifflintown, PA 17059

#38-55-02 Dreese's or Beavertown Covered Bridge

#38-55-03 Klinepeter's or Gross Covered Bridge

#38-55-04 Aline or Meiserville Covered Bridge

Snyder County
Courthouse, West Market Street
Middleburg, Pennsylvania 17842

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#38-34-06, 38-55-05 East Oriental - Sheaffer Covered Bridge

David L. & Connie Delbaugh
R. D. #1
Liverpool, Pennsylvania

7 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

Juniata and Snyder Counties have a total of eight covered bridges; three in Juniata, three in Snyder and two between counties. All but one of these bridges employ a Burr type truss. The North Oriental/Beaver Covered Bridge has a multiple kingpost. The Academia, Pomeroy and the Lehman's, Port Royal bridges have two spans using two burr trusses. A breakdown by number of spans, truss type and length is shown below.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Spans</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Truss</u>	<u>Year</u>
1	2 (135')	270'	Burr	1902
2	1	100'	Burr	
3	2 (54')	108'	Burr	1888
4	1	62'	MKP	
5	1	90'	Burr	
6	1	95'	Burr	c. 1870
7	1	100'	Burr	1871 or 1878
8	1	60'	Burr	1884

In appearance all the bridges are the same with vertical plank siding, open rectangular windows at eave level, gable roof and cut stone abutments.

There is high preponderance of Burr truss type bridges in these two counties as compared to Washington and Greene Counties where only one of thirty-five covered bridges is a Burr. This may be tied to the practical reason of length, where Burr type trusses are used for spans over 100 feet or related to skill of local bridge builders.

BRIDGE INVENTORY (Juniata County)

Name: Academia Pomeroy Covered Bridge #38-34-01
Stream: Tuscarora Creek
Truss Type: Burr
Year: 1902
Builder: James M. Groninger
End Post to End Post Length: 270'
 (Two spans of 135' each)
Road surface width: 15' 6"
Condition: Excellent
Distinguishing Features: This large covered bridge has vertical siding, open windows at the eave level, a gable roof, and stone abutments.

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Name: Dimmsville Covered Bridge #38-34-02

Stream: Cocolamus Creek

Truss Type: Burr

End Post Length: 100'

Road Surface Width: 15'

Condition: Excellent

Distinguishing Features: The Dimmsville Covered Bridge has vertical siding, rectangular windows at eave level plus a square window midway, a gable roof and cut stone abutments.

Name: Lehman's, Port Royal Covered Bridge #38-34-04

Stream: Licking Creek

Truss Type: Double Burr

Year: 1888

End Post Length: 107'

Road Surface: 15' 6"

Load: 2 Ton

Distinguishing Features: The Lehmans, Port Royal Covered Bridge has a double Burr arch, vertical siding, rectangular windows at eave level and a gable roof. This bridge was badly damaged during the Agnes Flood of 1972 and rebuilt using original timbers and using the same style.

Name: North Oriental/Beaver Covered Bridge #38-34-05
38-55-05

Stream: Mahantango Creek

Truss Type: Multiple Kingpost

End Post Length: 62'

Road Surface Width: 12'6"

Condition: good

Load: 9 tons

Distinguishing Features: The North Oriental Covered Bridge has vertical siding, rectangular window openings at eave level and a gable roof.

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Name: East Oriental/Sheaffer Covered Bridge #38-34-06
38-55-06

Stream: Mahantango Creek
Truss Type: Burr
End Post Length: 90'
Road Surface Width: 15' 6"
Load: 2 Tons
Condition: Good

Distinguishing Features: The East Oriental Covered Bridge has vertical siding, rectangular window openings at eave level and a gable roof. Currently used for storage.

Name: Dreese's or Beavertown Covered Bridge #38-55-02

Stream: Middlecreek
Truss Type: Burr
Year c. 1870
End Post Length: 95'
Road Surface Width: 14' 8"
Load: 2 Tons
Condition: Good

Distinguishing Features: This bridge has vertical siding, open windows near eaves and a gable roof.

Name: Klinepeter's or Gross Covered Bridge (ON NATIONAL REGISTER)
#38-55-03

Stream: Middlecreek
Truss Type: Burr
Year: 1871 or 1878
End Post Length: 100'
Road Surface Width: 16' 4"
Condition: Good
Load: 3 Tons

Distinguishing Features: This bridge has vertical siding, open windows at eave level, a gable roof and large stone abutments.

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Name: Aline or Meiserville Covered Bridge

#38-55-04

Stream: North Branch of Mahantango Creek

Truss Type: Burr

Year: 1884

End Post Length: 60'

Road Surface Width: 18'

Load: 2 Tons

Condition: Good

Distinguishing Features: The Aline or Meiserville Covered Bridge has vertical siding, open windows at eave level, a gable roof and large stone abutments.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

PREHISTORIC
 1400-1499
 1500-1599
 1600-1699
 1700-1799
 1800-1899
 1900-

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
 AGRICULTURE
 ARCHITECTURE
 ART
 COMMERCE
 COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

COMMUNITY PLANNING
 CONSERVATION
 ECONOMICS
 EDUCATION
 ENGINEERING
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
 INDUSTRY
 INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
 LAW
 LITERATURE
 MILITARY
 MUSIC
 PHILOSOPHY
 POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION
 SCIENCE
 SCULPTURE
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
 THEATER
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The covered bridge is an important element in the development of transportation in the United States. Pennsylvania at one time had covered bridges in 64 of its 67 counties. The rural counties of Juniata and Snyder were two of the 64 counties with covered bridges.

Located in the Susquehanna River Watershed area, the majority of the covered bridges in this area are of the Burr arch truss type. The longest bridge remaining is the two-span, Academia, Pomeroy Bridge in Juniata County, it is also the newest being built in 1902. The shortest of the bridges is the Aline or Meiserville Bridge in Snyder County with a length of only 60 feet. The oldest remaining bridge, for which dates are known is Dreese's or Beavertown in Snyder County.

The eight bridges nominated here are the only remaining covered bridges in Juniata and Snyder Counties.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allen, R.S. Covered Bridges of the Middle Atlantic States. Battleboro, VT, 1959, p. 61-72.
Dunkelburger, George The Story of Snyder County, Snyder County Historical Society, Selinsgrove, 1948, p. 942-48.
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Snyder County Bridge Engineer Records.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .43
QUADRANGLE NAME _____ QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000
UTM REFERENCES
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(See Continuation Sheet)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
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DATE

TELEPHONE
717-787-4363
STATE
Pennsylvania 17120

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE X 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

TITLE ED WEINTRAUB, Director DATE
Office of Historic Preservation

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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

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(MEXICO)

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HARRISBURG 40 MI.

0.6 MI. TO U.S. 22 & 322

32°30'

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