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Covered Bridges of Juniata and Snyder
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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

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> thematic	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<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

Pennsylvania

7 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

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.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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QUADRANGLE NAME _____ QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
 (See Continuation Sheet)

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
 Susan M. Zacher / Tobi Casner

ORGANIZATION
 Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

STREET & NUMBER
 Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN
 Harrisburg

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 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

JUNIATA COUNTY

38-34-01 Name: Academia Pomeroy Covered Bridge
Location: T349 Beale & Spruce Hill Townships
UTM: Zone 18 N4485270 E 290460 Acreage:
Owner: Juniata County Historical Society

Stream: Tuscarora Creek
Truss Type: Burr
Builder: James M. Groninger
Year: 1902

End Post to	Two spans of 135'	Road Surface
End Post Length:	each or total of 270'	Width: 15'6"
Clearance:	11'7"	Load:

**Distinguishing
Features:**

This large covered bridge has vertical siding, open windows at the
3ave level, a gable roof and stone abutments.

Condition:

Excellent

Covered Bridges of Juniata County

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

38-34-01

