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Lawrence County Covered Bridges TR

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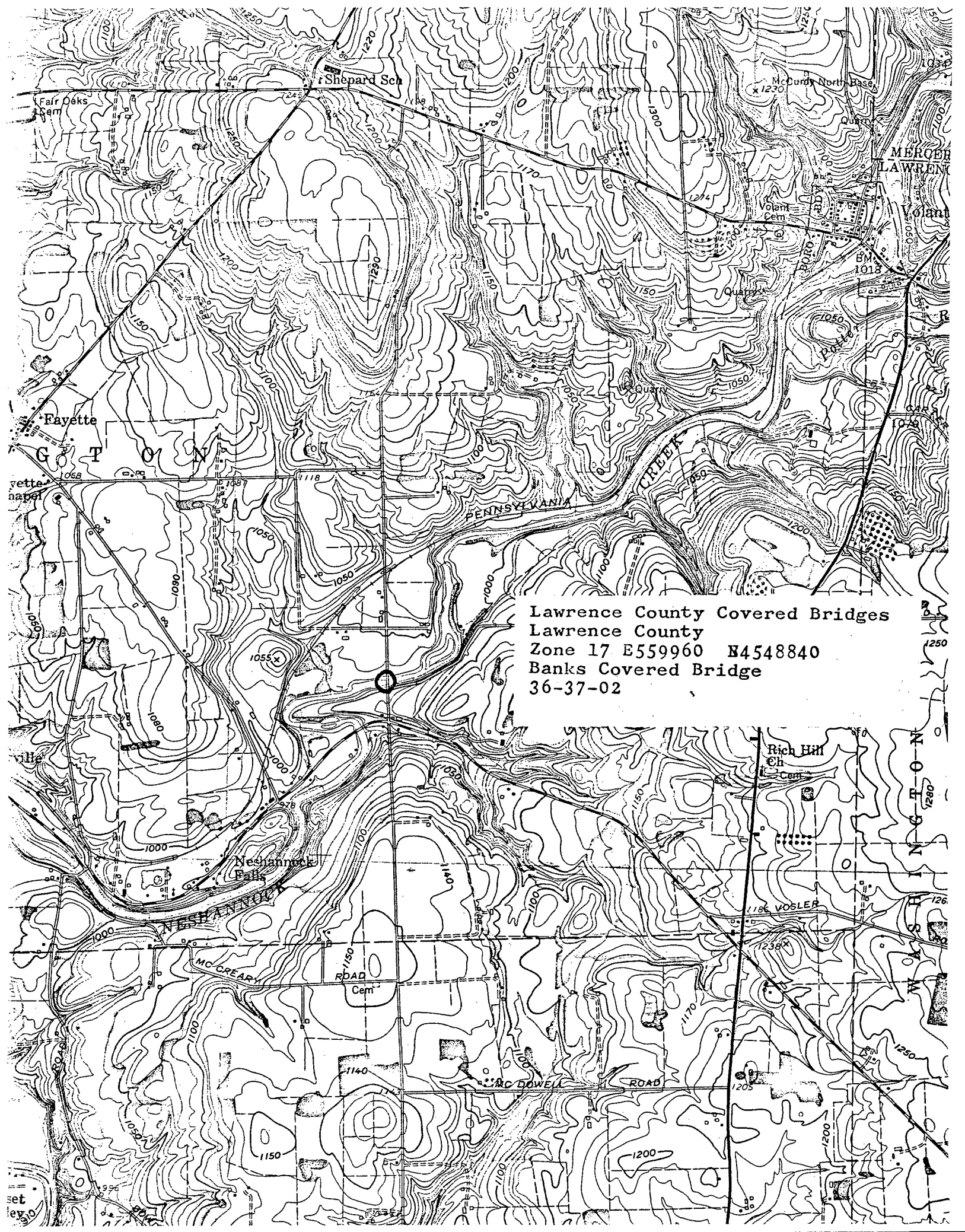
#36-37-02      **Name:** Banks Covered Bridge  
**Location:** T476 Wilmington Township  
**UTM: Zone** 17    **N** 4548840      **E** 559960    **Acrcage:**  
**Owner:** Lawrence County

**Stream:** Meshannock Creek  
**Truss Type:** Burr  
**Builder:**  
**Year:** 1889

<b>End Post to</b>		<b>Road Surface</b>
<b>End Post Length:</b>	121 ft	<b>Width:</b> 15 ft
<b>Clearance:</b>	9 ft	<b>Load:</b> 10 tons

**Distinguishing Features:** The Banks Bridge was built in 1889 and uses the Burr arch trussing system. It has a gable roof, cut stone abutments and vertical plank siding. Its portals are similar to those common in Bucks County with the interior vertical plank siding. Its walls only come to the top of the truss leaving a window area under the eaves.

**Condition:** Good



Lawrence County Covered Bridges  
Lawrence County  
Zone 17 E559960 N4548840  
Banks Covered Bridge  
36-37-02

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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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 LAWRENCE COUNTY COVERED BRIDGES THEMATIC RESOURCE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district \_\_\_\_\_

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Lawrence code 073

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 type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Lawrence County, Lawrence County Commissioners

street & number Court Street, Lawrence County Courthouse

city, town New Castle \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Pennsylvania 16101

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lawrence County Courthouse

street & number Court Street

city, town New Castle \_\_\_\_\_ state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pennsylvania Inventory Of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local \_\_\_\_\_

depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

city, town Harrisburg \_\_\_\_\_ state Pennsylvania

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

County Bridge Records, Lawrence County Courthouse.

Allen, Richard Sanders. Covered Bridges of the Middle Atlantic States. Brattleboro, VT: Stephen Greene Press, 1959, p. 73-79.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .14

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UMT References

McConnell's Mill, Portersville, Pa. Bank's, New Castle North, Pa. Quad

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17	569820	4533640
Zone	Easting	Northing

B 

17	559960	4548840
Zone	Easting	Northing

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** Acreage is calculated by adding 20' to each length and 10' to each width to include abutments.

$$A: (96.5' + 20') \times (15' + 10') = 116.5' \times 25' = 2912.5 \div 43,560 = .06$$

$$B: (121' + 20') \times (15' + 10') = 141' \times 25' = 3525 \div 43,560 = .08$$

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

ED WEINTRAUB, Director

title Office of Historic Preservation

date 3/10/80

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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

CURSORY BRIDGE INSPECTION

Date 10/28/77 Inspector Frank B. Taylor Engineering

Bridge # 21 Banks covered bridge over the Neshannock Creek

Year Built 1839 Location T-476 - Wilmington Township

Span 121' Skew 90°

Type Covered Bridge

SUBSTRUCTURE

Abutments Stone - good condition

Wing Walls Stone - good condition, minor repairs were done on southwest wing walls.

Piers N/A

Bearing/Foundation Good condition

SUPERSTRUCTURE

Stringers Steel stringers with wood cap. Good with minor rusting.

Girders or Beams Steel Good condtion, minor rusting.

Deck Timber Plank of various sizes. Planks are not dowled together. General condition good.

Sidewalk N/A

~~TRUSS~~ Covered

Floors Beams Steel. Good condtion - minor rusting.  
bolts

Pins or ~~bolts~~ Good condition.

~~Timber~~  
~~XXXXXX~~ Chords Top cords good with minor splitting; bottom cord in good condition; arch ring in \*1

~~Timber~~  
~~XXXXXX~~ Webs or Diagonals Good condition

~~Timber~~  
Counters Good condition - minor splitting.

Sway Bracing Timber siding in good condition - minor repairs evident with portions still needing repair.

Portals Good condition - roof in fair to good condition.

Bearings \_\_\_\_\_

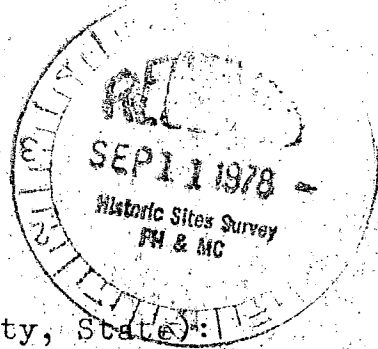
Parapet N/A

COVERED BRIDGE SURVEY

E 559960  
N 4548840

1. Name of Bridge: **Banks**
2. Location (Route number, Township or Borough):  
**T-476 - wilmington Township, Lawrence County**

3. Creek located on:  
**Neshannock**



4. Ownership (Borough/Township, County, State):  
**County of Lawrence**

5. Construction date (circa) and builder, if known:  
**Built 1889  
Builder unknown**

6. Specifics: **Cursory Inspection Attached**

Trussing system:  
Number of spans:  
length:  
width:  
load capacity:  
height:  
type of deck:  
condition:

7. Bridge number if corresponds with World Guide to Covered Bridges:  
**Not known**

P.S. If photo is available, please send also.

CURSORY BRIDGE INSPECTION

Railing/Wheel Guard Timber - good condition.

Superstructure Drainage water drains through joints in timber planks.

GENERAL

Approaches Fair - approach railing poor.

Waterway Opening Adequate

Roadway Clear 15'

Posting 10 ton - vertical clearance sign (none)

Scour None evident.

Miscellaneous Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Graffiti and debris present inside the bridge. Exterior paint starting to peel.

Vertical clearance should be posted, at 9 foot clearance. 10 ton posting sign missing at south end. Should be replaced.

\*1. Good condition although there is some damage at various points as well as some splitting.

On the underside of the Northeast attachment to the abutment, there is some rotting with proper bearing questioned.

RECOMMENDATION

If repairs are desired, a request to Historical Society could aid in funding.