United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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 ADAMS, CUMBERLAND AND PERRY COUNTIES

and/or common

2. Location

street & number

___ not for publication

city, town

___ vicinity of

congressional district

state Pennsylvania  code 42  county

Adams,

Cumberland & Perry  code 001/041/09

3. Classification

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4. Owner of Property

name  Multiple

street & number

city, town

___ vicinity of

state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.  Adams Co. Courthouse/Cumberland Co. Courthouse/ Perry Co.

street & number  Baltimore Street/South Hanover Street/Center Square

city, town  Gettysburg/Carlisle/New Bloomfield  state  Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

title

has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes ___ no

date  November 1979

federal  ___ state  X state  ___ county  ___ local

depository for survey records  Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

city, town  Harrisburg  state  Pennsylvania
7. Description

Condition

excellent
deteriorated
ruins
unaltered
altered
unexposed

Check one

original site
moved
date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Only 17 covered bridges remain in the counties of Adams, Cumberland and Perry. The earliest of these is the Sauk's Bridge (38-01-01) of Adams County, this is also the only Town truss bridge of the group.

No overall regional characteristics are evident with a variety of siding, flooring and portals present. Because this is only a small remnant of the original number of bridges (except Perry County) it is impossible to ascertain any patterns in style or design.

The Rice bridge of Perry County displays a unique combination of Queenposts and Burr arch. This is the only bridge of this type in Pa., however others may have existed but are now destroyed.

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| Cumberland County  |        |       |       |        |
| Thompson*          | 38-21-10 | 1853  | Burr  | 149'   |
| Ramp               | 38-21-11 | 1882  | Burr  | 136'   |
| Bowmansdale*       | 38-21-13 | (1973) | Burr  | 112'   |

| Perry County       |        |       |       |        |
| Bistline           | 38-50-03 | 1871  | Burr  | 96'    |
| Adairs             | 38-50-04 | 1864(1919) | Burr | 150' 2 spans |
| Red                | 38-50-06 | 1886  | MK-QP | 45'    |
| Saville            | 38-50-07 | 1903  | Burr  | 60'    |
| Kochendefer        | 38-50-09 | 1919  | MK-QP | 60'    |
| Rice               | 38-50-10 | 1869  | QP-Burr | 123'  |
| New Germantown     | 38-50-11 | 1891  | MK-QP | 74'    |
| Mt. Pleasant       | 38-50-12 | 1918  | MK-QP | 73'    |
| Book's             | 38-50-13 | 1884  | Burr  | 70'    |
| Waggoner           | 38-50-15 | 1889  | Burr  | 74'    |
| Dellville          | 38-50-16 | 1889  | Burr  | 174' 3 spans |
| Fleisher           | 38-50-17 | 1887  | Burr  | 113'   |
| Clays*             | 38-50-18 |       | Burr  | 74'    |

*Not nominated, included only for comparison
8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The counties of Adams, Cumberland and Perry were once rich in covered bridges, but floods, arson and progress have greatly diminished their numbers in recent years. In 1959, Adams County had 15 covered bridges, earlier records showed a total of 25. Today Adams County has 5 bridges, one of which sits on dry land and is used as a farm storage building. One other partial bridge, Kuhn's Fording, sits as a skeleton on the banks of its creek the results of the latest devastating flood.

Cumberland County was also rich with 14 bridges in 1959, today three remain, one of which has been moved and completely rebuilt in recent years, and one which has been altered and in very poor condition.

Perry County has been more fortunate, of its 16 bridges listed in 1959, 11 remain.

The area of Pennsylvania is noted for its large farms and agricultural production. From Adams County northward to Perry the land changes from board flat valley's to the narrow valley's of the Appalachian Mountains. Transportation to and from market was important to the economic status of each county. To cross small streams was part of this transportation challenge, the use of wood as a bridge building material was a feasible answer to this transportation need. The covered bridge was an important step in the technology of bridge building in Pennsylvania.

The 17 bridges nominated here present the only surviving examples of this technology in these counties which still possess their integrity and original location. The majority of these remaining bridges employ the Burr Arch trussing system, however, there are several combinations of multiple kingpost and Queenpost bridges and one Town truss. This last bridge also is important for its involvement in the Battle of Gettysburg.
Name: Conewago Chapel Covered Bridge
Location: R.R.01060 Mt. Pleasant & Conewago Townships
UTM: Zone 18 N440920 E325120
Owner: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Stream: S.Branch Conewago
Truss Type: Burr
Builder: J.F. Socks
Year: 1899

End Post to End Post Length: 98 ft
Clearance: 13 ft

Road Surface: Width: 13 ft 3 in
Load: closed to traffic

Distinguishing Features: This bridge if similar in style and construction to the Jack's Mountain bridge except the siding is vertical. Closed to traffic by barricades this bridge has suffered graffiti-type vandalism.

Condition: fair
# 38-01-14  Name: Hanley Covered Bridge
Location: T58S  Township & Huntington Townships
UTM: Zone 18  N 4427320  E 316720  Acreage:
Owner:  D. Harold Grove
          Rt. 2
          York Springs, Pa. 17372  (717-528-4169)
Stream:  Bermudian Creek
Truss Type: Burr
Builder:
Year: 1892

End Post to
End Post Length: 67 ft
Clearance: 11 ft 9 in

Road Surface
Width: 14 ft
Load: closed to traffic

Distinguishing Features:  The condition of this bridge is fair to good. Located just off the township route 585, this bridge is no longer used for transportation purposes and is part of a private farm.

Condition:  1964
# 38-21-11  Name: Ramp Covered Bridge
Location: T374 Hopewell Township
UTM: Zone 18 N4445720 E 284980 Acreage:
Owner: Cumberland County
Stream: Conodoquinet Creek
Truss Type: Burr
Builder:
Year: 1870

End Post to
End Post Length: 130 ft
Clearance:

Distinguishing Features:

Condition: Good

still in use
# 38-01-01  Name: Sauck's (Sachs) Covered Bridge  
Location: T326 Water Works Road Cumberland & Freedom Townships  
UTM: Zone 18 N 4407560 E305100 Acreage: Located in Gettysburg National Military Park  
Owner: Adams County Historical Society  

Stream: Marsh Creek  
Truss Type: Town  
Builder: c.1854  
Year:  
End Post to End Post Length: 100 ft  
Clearance:  
Road Surface Width: 15 ft. 4 in.  
Load: closed to traffic  

Distinguishing Features: Sauck's Bridge is unusual in that it is one of Pennsylvania's few Town truss covered bridges and the only one is this area of the state. Its unusual open sides are also unique to the state. During the Civil War this bridge played an important part in the battle of Gettysburg.  

Condition:  
"At the time of the battle of Gettysburg this span was known as Sauches bridge. On the night of July 3, 1863, General Robert E Lee took the major portion of his army over this bridge when he retreated from the battlefield after the defeat of Pickett's Charge."  
(From the Gettysburg Times, January 28, 1938)  

The covered bridge was also used by Union troops during the Gettysburg Campaign. It was on the route by which Rowley's Division of the Union 1st Corps reached the field of battle. The brigades of Biddle & Stone, and Cooper's Battery crossed the bridge over Marsh Creek on the morning of July 1, 1863 as they traveled along Nunemaker's Mill Road, to Eiker's Mill Road, and proceeded to the Emmitsburg Road. (Official Records, vol. 27, part 1, p. 326; Bacheifer's draft troop movement maps, first day's battle, CNMP archives; Chapman Biddle, The First Day of the Battle of Gettysburg, Philadelphia, 1880, p. 23) Humphreys' Division of the U. S. Third Corps also crossed the bridge the late evening of July 1, while en route to the Black Horse Tavern area. (Official Records, vol. 27, part 1, p. 531.)  

The John Sochs area was behind the Confederate lines during the last two days of the Battle of Gettysburg and until the retreat of the Southern army July 4-5, 1863. This whole area along Marsh Creek was used as an encampment area, a hospital and burial area, a pasturage of the immense herds of cattle and horses accompanying the army; the bridge was therefore used by these men and animals of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia during the retreat from their position to get to the Hagerstown Road via the Black Horse Tavern Road.
9. Major Bibliographical References

- County Bridge Records
- PHMC Covered Bridge Survey 1979

10. Geographical Data

- Acreage of nominated property: 1.01
- Quadrangle name: 
- Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000
- UTM References: See continuation sheets

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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

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11. Form Prepared By

- name/title: Susan M. Zacher
- organization: PHMC
- street & number: Box 1026
- city or town: Harrisburg
- state: Pennsylvania
- telephone: 717-787-4363
- date: 

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 89–655), 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
Office of Historic Preservation

date

For HCRS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: 

Chief of Registration

[Signature]

date
# 38-01-08  Name: Jack's Mountain Covered Bridge
Location: L.R.01053  Hamiltonban Township
UTM: Zone 18 N 4404420  E 295540  Acreage:
Owner: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Stream: Tom's Creek
Truss Type: Burr
Builder: Joseph Smith
Year: 1890
End Post to End Post Length: 75 ft
Clearance: 13 ft 11 in
Distinguishing Features: Jacks Mountain Bridge has horizontal narrow siding, stone abutments and wide, longitudinally laid plank flooring. Its gable roof is tin covered and its burr trusses reach almost to eave level. This bridge appears to be in excellent condition.
Condition: In use