

**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 COVERED BRIDGES OF UNION COUNTY

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4 Covered Bridges not for publication

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 17

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Union code 119

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	Public Acquisition	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 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 Union County c/o County Commissioners

street & number Union County Courthouse, Second and St. Louis Streets

city, town Lewisburg vicinity of _____ state Pennsylvania

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Union County Courthouse

street & number Second and St. Louis Streets

city, town Lewisburg state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pennsylvania Inventory
of Historic Places

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1977 federal state county local

depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

city, town Harrisburg state Pennsylvania

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The five remaining covered bridges in Union County are described in the enclosed individual forms. As a whole they show a range of period, trussing systems and style. They do not appear to have any significant regional characteristics, however the Millmont Red Bridge is unusual in its styling.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u># Spans</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Truss</u>
Millmont Red	1855	1	131'	Burr
Hayes	1882	1	63"	Kingpost
Hassenplug	1825	1	80"	Burr
Factory	1880	1	60"	M. Kingpost, Queenpost
*Lewisburg Penitentiary	?	1	33"	M. Kingpost, Queenpost

*This covered bridge is located on federally-owned penitentiary land and cannot be nominated here, however it is eligible for nomination also.

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 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 (in one paragraph)

Union County is located in the upper Susquehanna River watershed. Its numerous streams feed into the West Branch of the Susquehanna just before it meets the main river at Northumberland. The North Branch counties were once noted for their lumbering industries and had numerous covered bridges crossing the North Branch and smaller streams. Today only one bridge crosses the West Branch itself at McGee's Mills, Clearfield County. In the North Branch counties of Clearfield, Centre, Clinton, Lycoming and Union have a total of only ten remaining, five of which are in Union County. These five remaining bridges offer a fine range in wooden bridge building styles and period with local adaptations in portal design. Once an important part of the transportation system of the county, these five covered bridges are the only remainders of a type once common in the West Branch watershed area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See enclosed individual forms

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .21

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References

See individual forms

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification Acreage and verbal boundary description formulated by adding 20 feet to each length and 10 feet to each width 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 Charles M. Snyder

organization Union County Historical County date _____

street & number South Second Street telephone _____

city or town Lewisburg state Pennsylvania

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 _____

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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