

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Adamson Bridge

Name of Property

Section Removal Page 1

Cherry County, Nebraska

County and State

The Adamson Bridge was located 7.8 miles southwest of Valentine, Cherry County, over the Niobrara River. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places at the state level of significance on June 29, 1992 under Criterion C for its significance in engineering and is listed under the Highway Bridges in Nebraska, 1870-1942 Multiple Property Documentation (MPD). The NPS listing number for this property is: 92000749. The Bridge was built in 1916 by the Canton Bridge Company of Canton, Ohio. Canton Bridge replaced or repaired more than twenty bridges in Cherry County that were damaged by a melting winter ice pack on the Niobrara in February 1916. The Adamson Bridge was technologically significant as one of the few remaining examples in the state of early timber bridge construction.

The Adamson Bridge was removed by Cherry County in 1995. A new bridge was erected 1,700 east of the Adamson Bridge site on State Highway 97.

As documented in 36 CFR 60.15(a)(1), loss of integrity demonstrated by the alterations listed above supplies grounds for removing this property from the National Register.

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☐ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☐ locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official

Date

Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

☐ entered in the National Register.

☐ see continuation sheet.

☐ determined eligible for the National Register.

☐ see continuation sheet.

☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.

☒ removed from the National Register.

☐ other, (explain):

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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Cherry County, Nebraska

County and State



Image 1: Former site of the Adamson Bridge from north abutment; view south.



Image 2: Former site of the Adamson Bridge from south abutment; view north.





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Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Adamson Bridge
other name/site number Niobrara River Bridge; NEHBS Number CE00-227

2. Location

street & number State Highway 97 over the Niobrara River
city, town 7.8 miles southwest of Valentine
state NE county Cherry code 031 N/A not for publication
X vicinity
zip code 69201

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Nebraska Department of Roads	Number of Resources within Property	
Category of Property	structure	Contributing	Noncontributing
		0	0 buildings
		0	0 sites
		1	0 structures
		0	0 objects
		1	0 Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Highway Bridges in Nebraska, 1870-1942

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria.

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- X entered in the National Register
 see continuation sheet
 determined eligible for the National
Register see continuation sheet
 determined not eligible for the
National Register
 removed from the
National Register
 other (explain:)

Entered in the
National Register

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Function (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

Current Function (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

OTHER /timber stringer trestle

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Located 7.8 miles southwest of Valentine, the Adamson Bridge spans the Niobrara River in a rural Cherry County setting that has changed little since the structure's period of significance. Other than maintenance-related repairs, the bridge remains essentially unaltered as it continues to carry vehicular traffic. The Adamson Bridge today retains a high degree of integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. A description of the structure follows:

span number:	6	construction date:	1916
span length:	31.0'	construction cost:	unknown
total length:	188.0'	current condition:	good
roadway wdt.:	23.6'	alterations:	deck widened, timber piles added and guardrails replaced

superstructure: timber stringer trestle

substructure: timber pile back- and wingwalls with timber pile piers

floor/decking: timber deck over timber stringers

other features: Armco guardrail

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

	statewide
Applicable National Register Criteria	C
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	N/A
Areas of Significance	Engineering
Period of Significance	1916 (The period of significance is derived from the original construction date.)
Significant Dates	1916
Cultural Affiliation	N/A
Significant Person	N/A
Architect/Builder	Canton Bridge Company, Canton OH

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations and areas of significance noted above.

After the moving winter ice pack destroyed or damaged some 21 Niobrara River bridges in Cherry County in February 1916, the county commissioners declared an emergency and established a special fund to pay for the extensive repair and reconstruction. One of the bridges wrecked by the flood was the Adamson Bridge, a 100-foot steel truss erected in 1910-11 by the Canton Bridge Company. Located near the Tioga Post Office southwest of Valentine, this structure was the first visited by the commissioners on February 29th. After conferring with a representative from the Canton Bridge Company, they ordered the contractor to build a new timber structure approximately 200 feet downriver from the previous span here. The timber stringer structure that stands today is apparently the same bridge that Canton built that year. Although it seems improbable that the existing structure dates from 1916 (wood construction typically falls prey to deterioration from a variety of sources), neither county nor state records give any indication that a new bridge was ever built to replace the 1916 span. The roadway has been widened by adding steel piles and timber stringers on the west side, the guardrails have been replaced with Armco and the timber deck has been thinly coated with asphalt, but the Adamson Bridge remains otherwise intact, with a high degree of physical integrity.

Although Nebraska's counties used timber extensively for bridge construction in the early 1900s, nearly all of these simple pile bridges have since been replaced, due in large part to the impermanent nature of wood. The Adamson Bridge is a notable exception. Because of the relatively light traffic it carries, it has apparently survived with only minor structural alterations. The Adamson Bridge is technologically significant as one of the few remaining examples in the state of early timber bridge construction.

For further contextual information regarding bridge building in Nebraska, registration requirements, and property types, see related multiple property listing "Highway Bridges in Nebraska, 1870 - 1942."

9. Major Bibliographical References

Nebraska Department of Roads, Structure Inventory and Appraisal: Structure Number S097 13350; Cherry County Commissioners' Record, Book C: 26 March 1910 (page 490), 26 April 1910 (page 495), 3 January 1911 (page 540), 7 March 1911 (page 577), 23 February 1916 (page 209), 29 February 1916 (page 210), 3 March 1916 (page 211), 24 March 1916 (page 213), 25 March 1916 (page 213), 4 January 1917 (page 323), 10 September 1918 (page 404), located at Cherry County Courthouse, Valentine, Nebraska; field inspection by Clayton Fraser, 25 April 1990.

____ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ____ preliminary determination of individual listing
(36 CFR 67) has been requested
____ previously listed in the National Register
____ previously determined eligible by the National Register
____ designated a National Historic Landmark
____ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # ____
____ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # ____

Primary location of additional data:

- ____ ☒ State historic preservation office
____ Other State agency
____ Federal agency
____ Local government
____ University
____ Other (specify repository:)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre
Cadastral Reference S25, T33N, R29W
USGS Quadrangle Valentine Southwest (7.5 Minute Series, 1983)
UTM References zone 14 easting 363270 northing 4740560

____ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is a rectangular shaped parcel measuring 188 feet by 25.6 feet, which is centered on the UTM point listed above. Included within this rectangular parcel are the bridge's superstructure, substructure, floor system, and approach spans.

____ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The nominated structure includes the bridge's superstructure, substructure, floor system, any approach spans and the property on which they rest. These boundaries encompass, but do not exceed, all of the property that has been historically associated with this bridge.

____ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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organization	Fraserdesign and Hess, Roise and Company	telephone	303-669-7969
street & number	1269 Cleveland Avenue	state	Colorado
city or town	Loveland	zip code	80537

5/15/92

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Highway Bridges in Nebraska MPS
NEBRASKA

Date Listed

COVER	Substantive Section	6/29/92
92000749	Adamson Bridge	6/29/92
92000721	Ashland Bridge	6/29/92
92000744	Beal Slough Bridge	6/29/92
92000752	Bell Bridge	6/29/92
92000753	Berry State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000745	Big Blue River Bridge <i>FILLMORE CO</i>	6/29/92
92000708	Big Blue River Bridge <i>BUTLER CO</i>	6/29/92
92000760	Big Indian Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000728	Big Papillion Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000759	Bloody Run Bridge	6/29/92
92000751	Borman Bridge	6/29/92
92000754	Brewer Bridge	6/29/92
92000707	Bridge - <i>CASS COUNTY</i>	6/29/92
92000714	Bridge - <i>HITCHCOCK</i>	6/29/92
92000737	Bridge - <i>OTIE COUNTY</i>	6/29/92
92000725	Bridge - <i>ANTELOPE CO</i> Entered in the	6/29/92
92000733	Bridge - <i>OTIE COUNTY</i> National Regist.	6/29/92
92000761	Bridge - <i>GAGE</i>	6/29/92
92000747	Brownson Viaduct	6/29/92
92000715	Burwell Bridge	6/29/92
92000763	Cambridge State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000722	Carns State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000719	Cincinnati Bridge	6/29/92
92000734	Clear Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000729	Colclessor Bridge	6/29/92
92000735	Columbus Loup River Bridge	6/29/92
92000748	Deering Bridge	6/29/92
92000771	Elkhorn River Bridge	6/29/92
92000764	Franklin Bridge	6/29/92
92000773	Gross State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000732	Henry State Aid Bridges	6/29/92
92000758	Hoyt Street Bridge	6/29/92
92000731	Interstate Canal Bridge	6/29/92
92000710	Keim Stone Arch Bridge	6/29/92
92000768	Kilgore Bridge	6/29/92
92000756	Lewellen State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000774	Lewis Bridge	6/29/92
92000757	Lisco State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000723	Little Nemaha River Bridge <i>OTIE COUNTY</i> <i>OTIE CO</i>	6/29/92
92000720	Little Nemaha River Bridge <i>OTIE COUNTY</i> <i>OTIE CO</i>	6/29/92
92000730	Loosveldt Bridge	6/29/92



Adams Bridge ~ NEHBS No. CE00-227

Valentine vicinity, CHERRY CO., NEBR

Clayton B. FAASER

25 April 1990

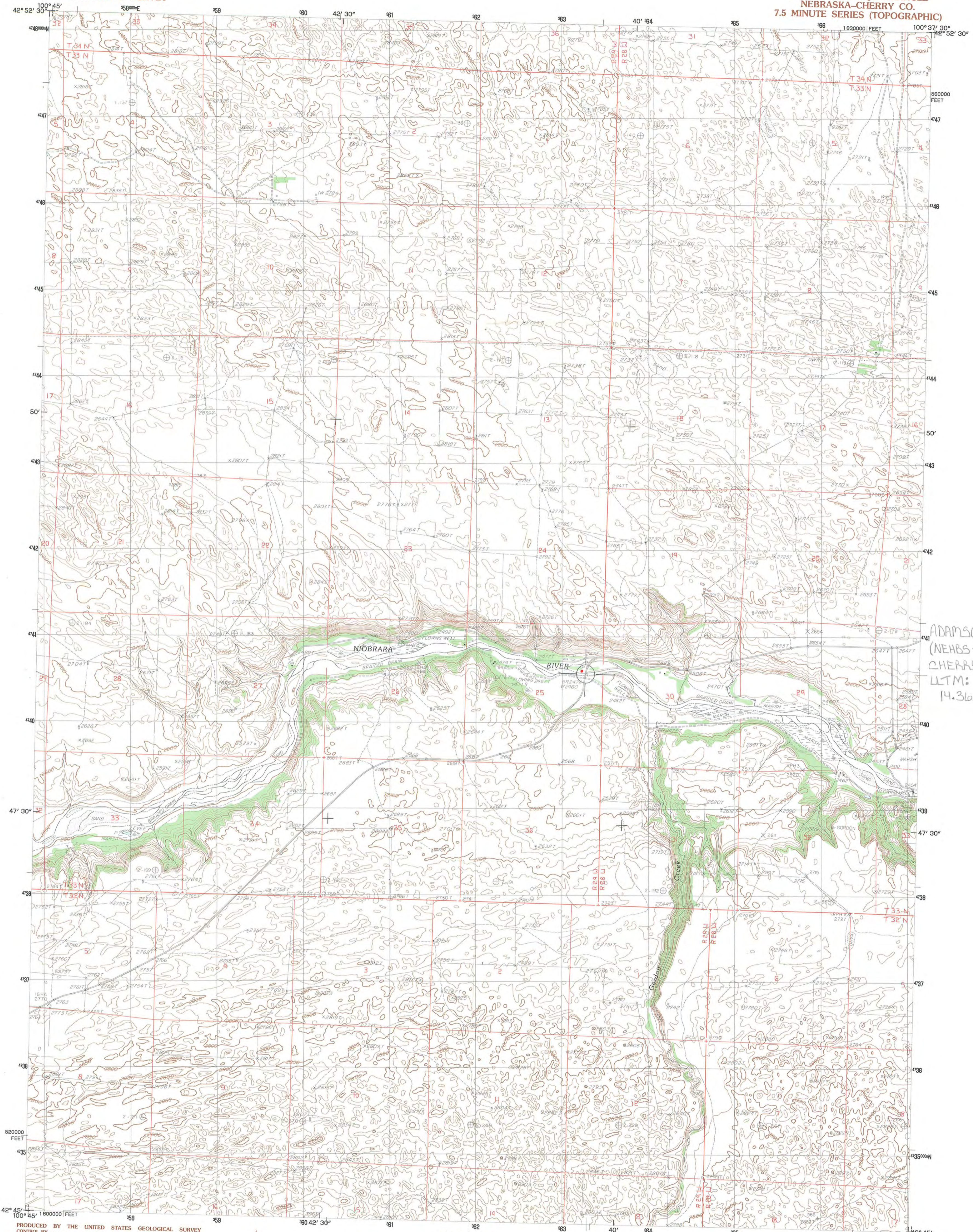
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view: Looking Northwest

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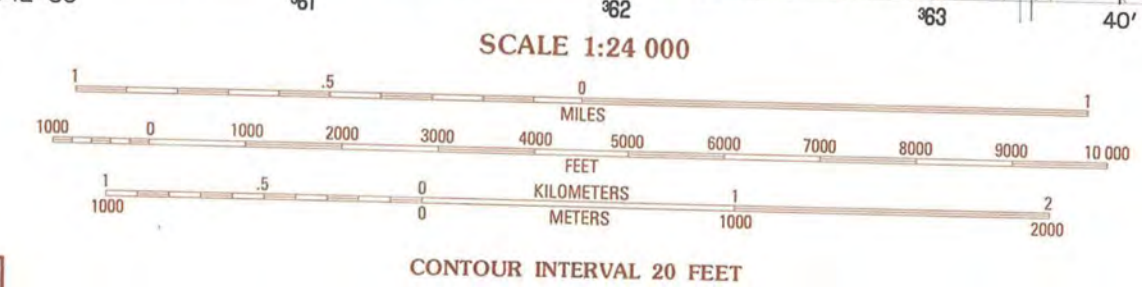
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

VALENTINE SW QUADRANGLE
NEBRASKA-CHERRY CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



PRODUCED BY THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
CONTROL BY U.S.G.S. AND NOS/NOAA
COMPILED FROM AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN 1977
FIELD CHECKED 1980. MAP EDITED 1983
PROJECTION LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC
GRID: 1000-METER UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR ZONE 14
UTM GRID DECLINATION NEBRASKA, NORTH ZONE
1983 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION 1°09' WEST
VERTICAL DATUM NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
To place on the predicted North American Datum of 1983,
move the projection lines as shown by dashed corner ticks
(6 meters north and 36 meters east)
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of any
Federal and State reservations shown on this map

PROVISIONAL MAP
Produced from original
manuscript drawings. Infor-
mation shown as of date of
field check.



1	2	3	1 Crookston West
4	5	2 Crookston East	3 Valentine North
6	7	4 Kilgore SE	5 Valentine South
		6 Snake River Falls	7 Hudson Lake
		8 Ell Lake	

ROAD LEGEND
Improved Road
Unimproved Road
Trail
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route

VALENTINE SW, NEBRASKA
PROVISIONAL EDITION 1983

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Adamson Bridge
NAME:

MULTIPLE Highway Bridges in Nebraska MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEBRASKA, Cherry

DATE RECEIVED: 5/15/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/26/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/11/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/29/92
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000749

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 6/29/92 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ applicable criteria
☐ justification of areas checked
☐ relating significance to the resource
☐ context
☐ relationship of integrity to significance
☐ justification of exception
☐ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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May 8, 1992

Ms. Carol Shull
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
1100 'L' Street, NW
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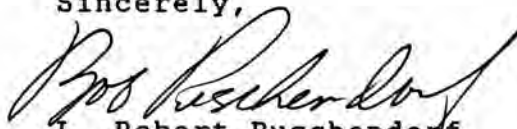
Re: Adamson Bridge
NEHBS # CE00-227
7.8 miles SW of Valentine
rural Cherry County, Nebraska

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find enclosed the National Register of Historic Places nomination form for the above property. The property is being nominated under the Multiple Documentation Form, Highway Bridges in Nebraska 1870-1942, which is enclosed under separate cover. This nomination has met all notification and other requirements as established in 36 CFR Part 60.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination, please let me know.

Sincerely,


L. Robert Puschendorf
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

Enclosure



Preserving the past. Building the future.

January 30, 2019

Jim Gabbert
NPS-National Register of Historic Places
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FEB 14 2019

Re: Removal of Ten Properties from the National Register of Historic Places, Multiple Counties, NE

Dear Mr. Gabbert,

Enclosed is appropriate documentation to remove ten properties located within the state of Nebraska from the National Register of Historic Places. The enclosed contents are as follows:

- The signed Continuation Sheet documenting the current condition of each of the National Register-listed properties for which removal is requested;
- One (1) archival disc with the true and correct copy of the Continuation Sheets requesting the removal of ten properties from the National Register of Historic Places in PDF format; and
- Two (2) archival discs with photographs depicting the current conditions ten National Register-listed properties in Nebraska to be removed from the National Register of Historic Places.

The properties being requested to be removed from the National Register of Historic Places are:

- Bridge, Antelope County, NPS #92000725
- Ponca Creek Bridge, Boyd County, NPS #92000769
- Adamson Bridge, Cherry County, NPS #92000749
- Algernon S. Paddock House, Gage County, NPS #73001062
- Burwell Bridge, Garfield County, NPS #92000715
- Keim Stone Arch Bridge, Johnson County, NPS #92000710
- Pospeshil Theatre, Knox County, NPS #88000935
- Beal Slough Bridge, Lancaster County, NPS #92000744
- McCartney School, Otoe County, NPS #00001379
- North Omaha Creek Bridge, Thurston County, NPS #92000727

If you have any questions regarding the submitted materials, feel free to contact me at the phone number or email address below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan L. Calcutt'.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Removal

Property Name: Adamson Bridge

Multiple Name: Highway Bridges in Nebraska MPS

State & County: NEBRASKA, Cherry

Date Received:
2/14/2019

Date of Pending List:
3/7/2019

Date of 16th Day:
3/22/2019

Date of 45th Day:
4/1/2019

Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: OT92000749

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

☒ Accept

☐ Return

☐ Reject

3/25/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary
Comments:

demolished

Recommendation/
Criteria

Accept recommendation / Remove

Reviewer Jim Gabbert

Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275

Date _____

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.