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The attached property, the Gallon House Bridge in Marion County, OREGON, reference number 79002124, and part of the Oregon Covered Bridges Thematic Resource, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 11/29/1979, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST Vol. 45 number 54, notice of Tuesday, March 18, 1980, page 17475. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

For the Keeper: *Ruth Zink/B. B. [Signature]* 2-2-2000
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places Date

THE HISTORIC GROUP NOMINATION
OREGON COVERED BRIDGES

Bridge Name and Number Gallon House Bridge, Index No. 54

County Marion

Stream or River Abiqua Creek

Location County Road 647, ca. 1½ miles NW of Silverton

NE ¼ SW ¼ Sec. 22, T. 6 S., R. 1 W., W.M.

Zone 10 E516000 N4986340 Silverton Quadrangle

Acreeage and Boundary Description Full width of road right-of-way
for the distance between abutments and ten feet additional
at either end, containing in all approximately 6240 square feet.

Present Owner Marion County Board of Commissioners

Marion County Courthouse

Salem, OR 97301

Date of Construction 1916

Description of Bridge

Length of span	84 feet
Truss type	Howe truss
Cladding	Board and batten, slightly battered side walls
Roofing	Shingled gable roof
Decking	Wood

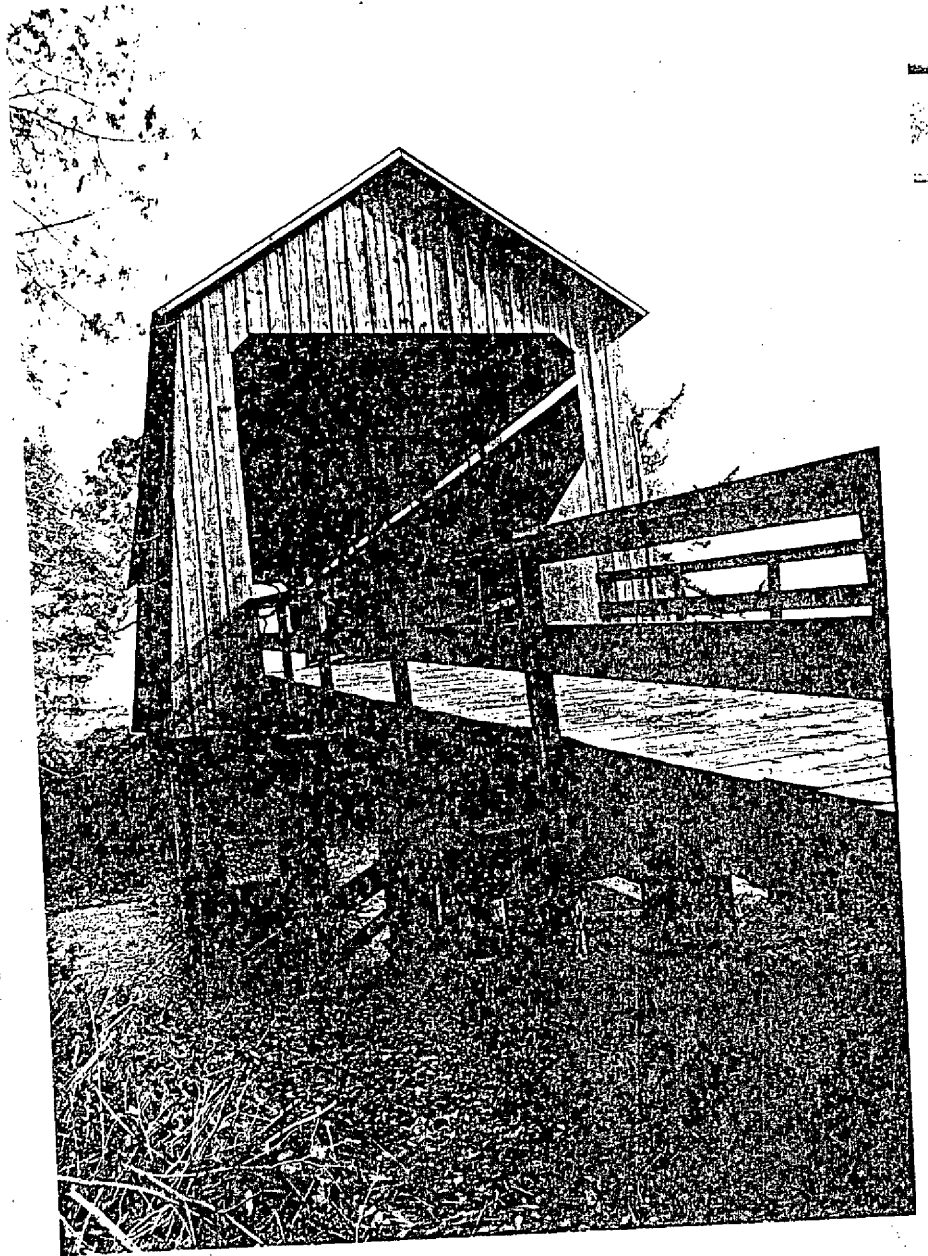
Other salient features Rectangular portal arches. Ribbon openings under
eaves, either side elevation. Wood piers.

According to local tradition, the bridge owes its name to the fact than an unauthorized liquor dispensary was operated at the north approach during the time that Silverton, to the south, was a "dry" town. Marion County authorized extensive repairs when the bridge was damaged in the Flood of 1964.

Roof was replaced in kind and deck refurbished in 1978.

Legal description is included in the appropriate County Road Department right-of-way files and County Deed Records.

Information based on following sources: Statewide Inventory Form prepared by Stephen Dow Beckham, 1976. Typescript on Oregon Covered Bridges by Nick and Bill Cockrell, 1977.

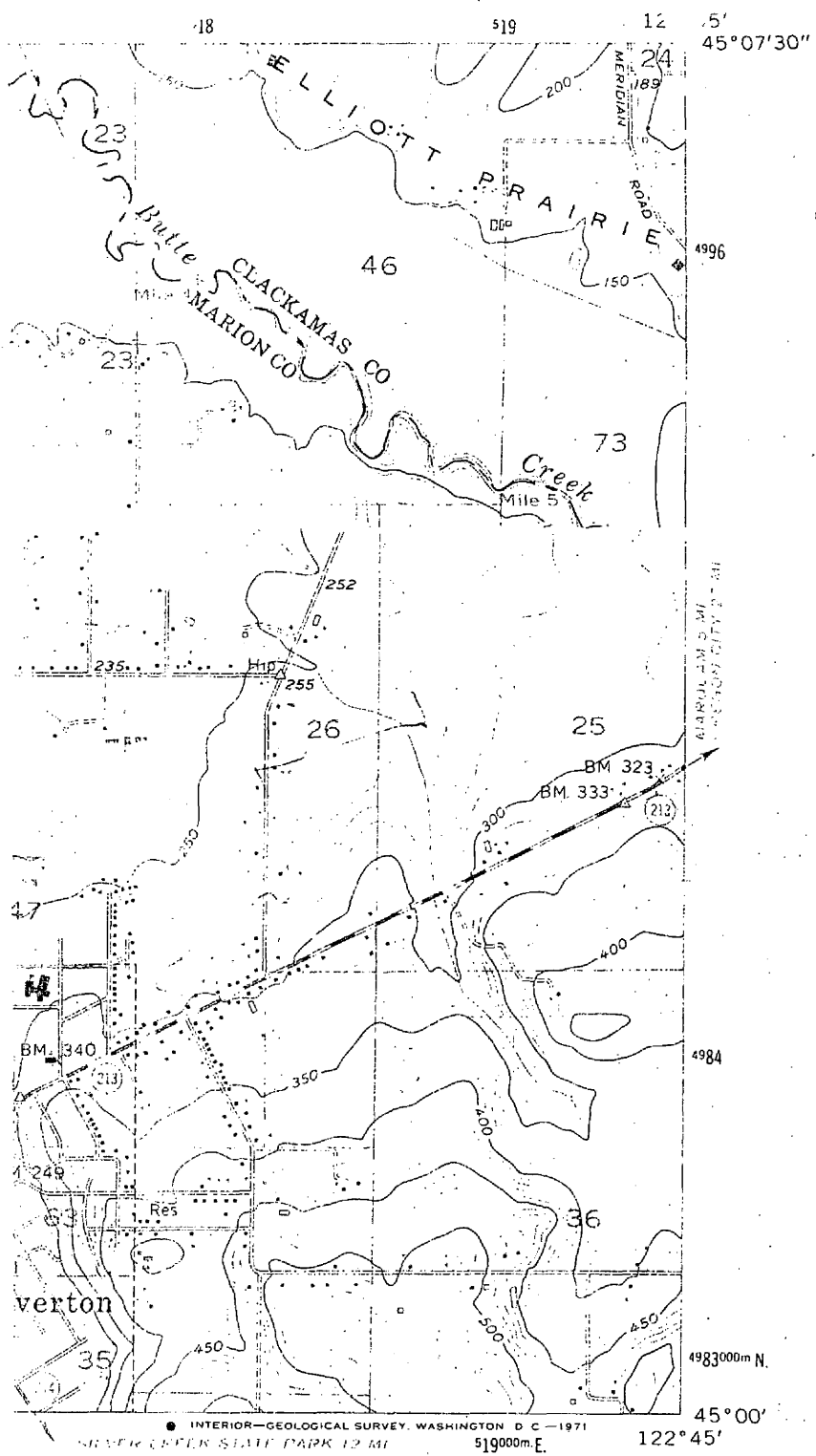


Bridge Index No. 54
Gallon House Covered Bridge
Vicinity of Silverton
Marion County, Oregon
North Elevation

Nick and Bill Cockrell Photo, 1976
751 Piedmont NW
Salem, OR 97304

OREGON
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1474 (MODE)



INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON D C—1971
SILVERTON STATE PARK 12 MI 519000m.E 122°45' 4983000m N. 45°00'

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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- Medium-duty Unimproved dirt
- U. S. Route State Route

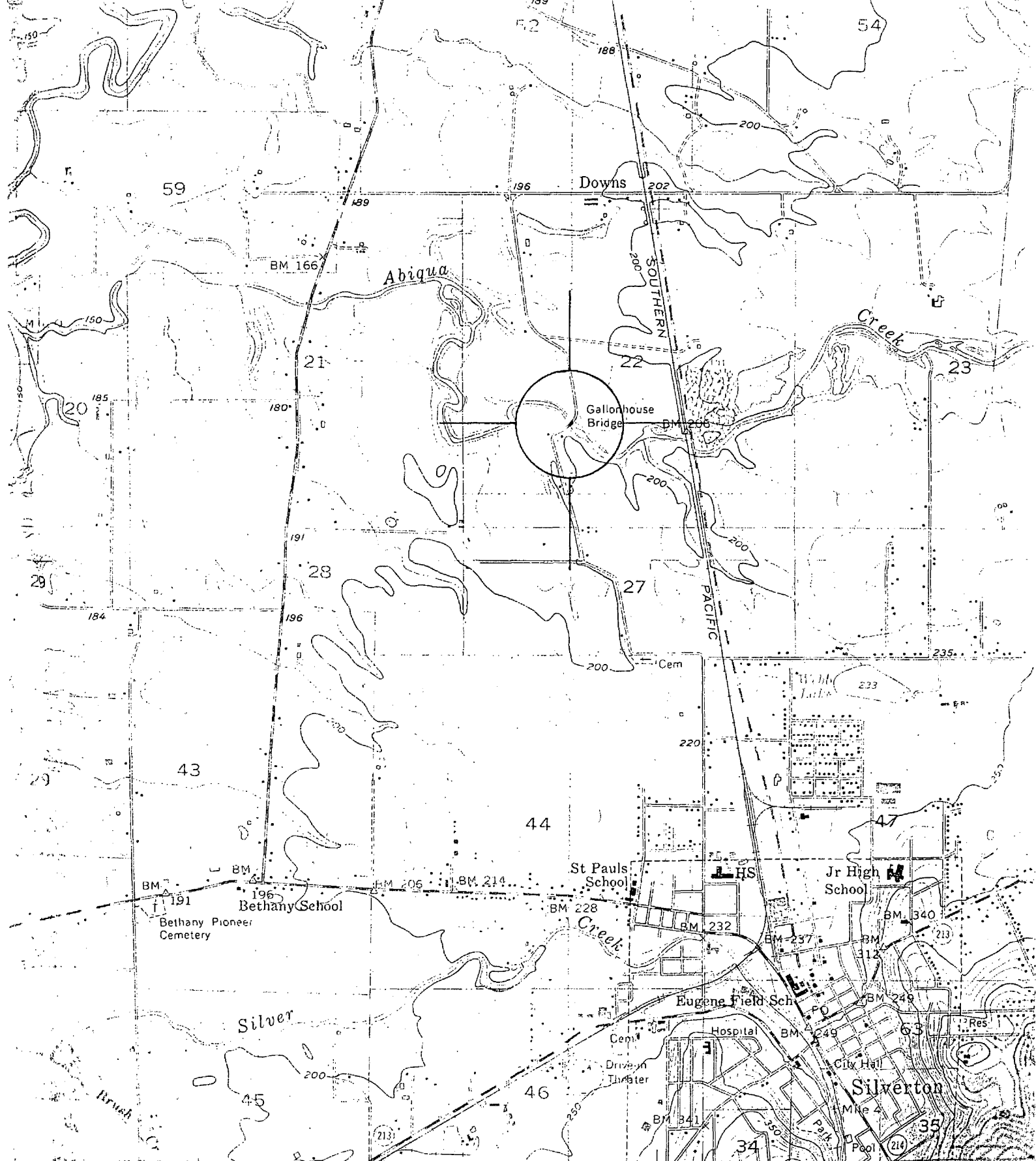
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SILVERTON, OREG.

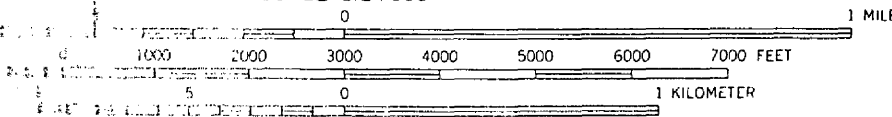
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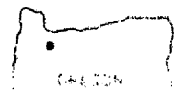
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 1473 IV NE SALEM 13 N
 SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



Gallon House Bridge
Stream: Abiqua Creek
Built: 1916-17
World Guide No.: 37-24-01

T6S R1W S22
Truss: Howe
Length: 84 feet

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Gallon House Bridge, the last of the Marion County covered bridges, is located on County Road No. 647 about 1.4 miles northwest of Silverton, over Abiqua Creek. The name, Gallon House, was due to the fact that the bridge was used as a "pigeon drop". An old liquor dispensary opened up at the north entrance of the bridge and the operators used to sell "white lightning" whiskey there because during that time, Silverton was "dry" and Mt. Angel was "wet". The Gallon House was located in Mt. Angel territory.

The old roofed bridge is supported by wooden pilings. Wooden approaches, plank flooring, and a shingle roof are features of the covered structure. A narrow daylighting strip just below the roof line helps to illuminate the bridge interior.

During the 1964-65 flood, the bridge suffered considerable damage. The County Board of Commissioners, however, decided that the bridge should be repaired and kept as a historical landmark, as it is the only covered bridge in Marion County.

To get there: