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1849 C Street, N.W.  
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The attached property, Short Bridge in Linn County, OREGON, reference number 79002113, 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*   
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

2-2-2010  
Date

THE HISTORIC GROUP NOMINATION  
OREGON COVERED BRIDGES

Bridge Name and Number Short Bridge, Index No. 44

County Linn

Stream or River South Santiam River

Location High Deck Road, off Highway 20, at Cascadia, ca.13 miles East of Sweet Home  
NW¼ SE¼ Sec. 36, T.13S., R.2E., W.M.

Zone 10 E539145 N4915270 Sweet Home 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 7500 square feet.

Present Owner Linn County Board of Commissioners  
Linn County Courthouse  
Albany, OR 97321

Date of Construction 1945

Description of Bridge

Length of span 105 feet

Truss type Howe truss

Cladding Board and batten, central sections of side walls open, rafters to deck, with flared skirting at base.

Roofing Shingled gable roof

Decking Wood

Other salient features Segmental portal arches. Central sections of side walls are unenclosed. Beams exposed at gable ends. Railings and approaches recently renovated. Concrete piers. Road width: 19'.

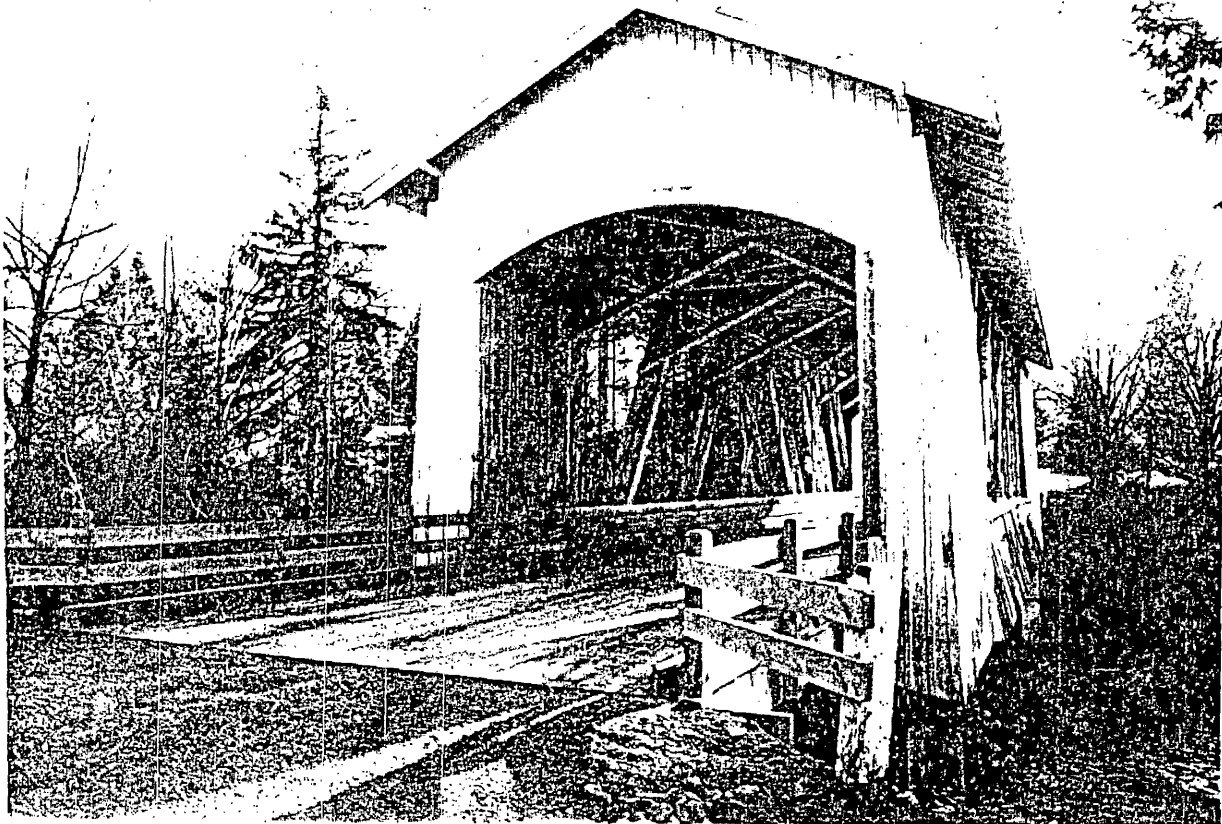
Originally named for the nearby topographic feature, Whisky Butte, the bridge was later renamed for long-time area resident Gordon Short.

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. 44  
Short Covered Bridge  
Vicinity of Cascadia  
Linn County, Oregon  
South Elevation

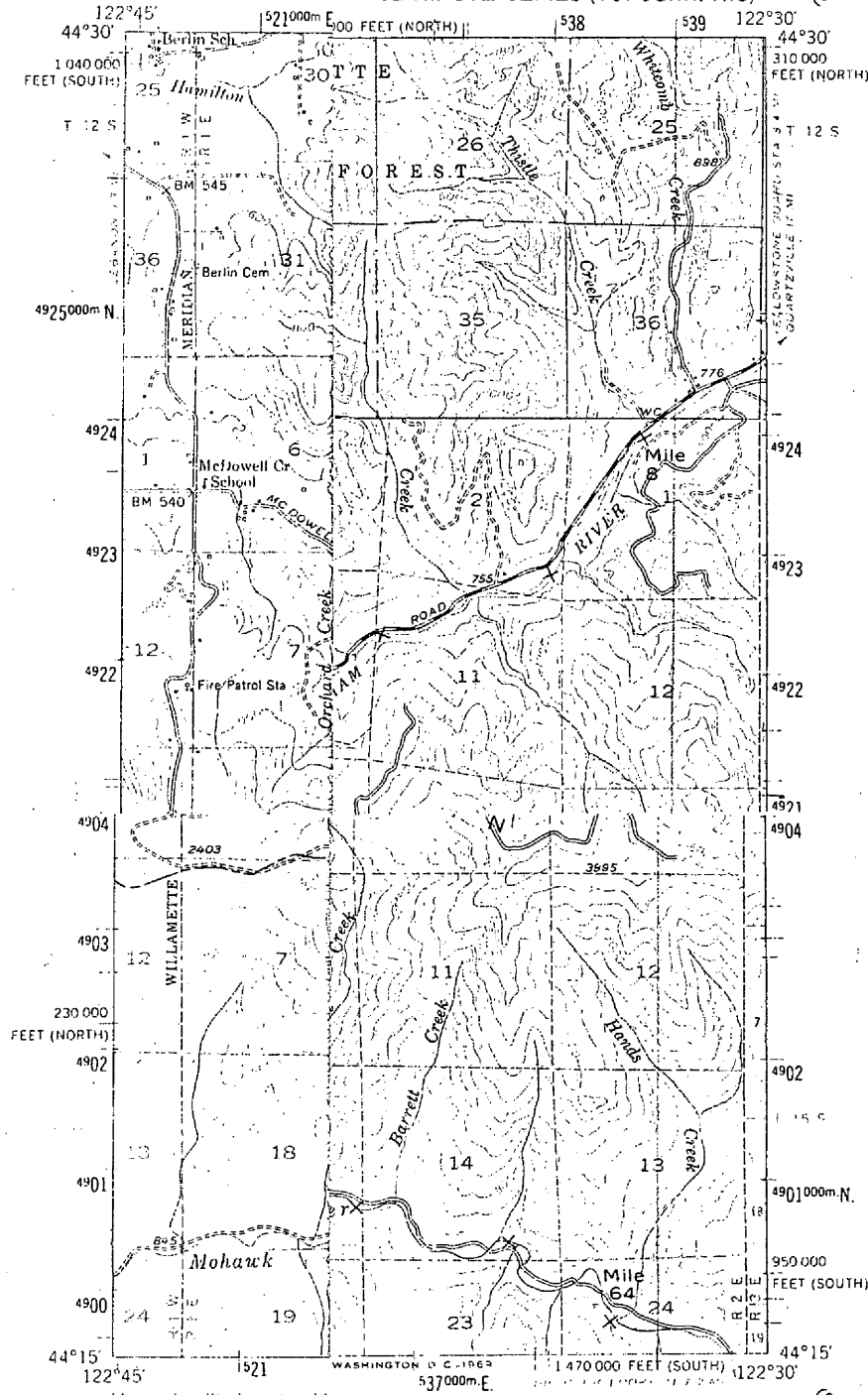
Nick and Bill Cockrell Photo, 1976  
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Salem, OR 97304



1472 III  
(LEBANON)

UNITED STATES GEOLOGIC SURVEY  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
SWEET HOME QUAD, ORIGLE  
OREGON  
15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1573 III  
(QUARTZVILLE)



1472 III  
(MARCOLA)

1572 III  
(BLUE RIVER)

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Topography from aerial photography  
Aerial photographs taken 1954

Polyconic projection. 1927  
10,000-foot grid based on 0° north and south zones

Red tint indicates area in which landmark buildings are shown

Dashed land lines indicate agricultural zone 10, shown in blue

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

PORT COVERED BRIDGE

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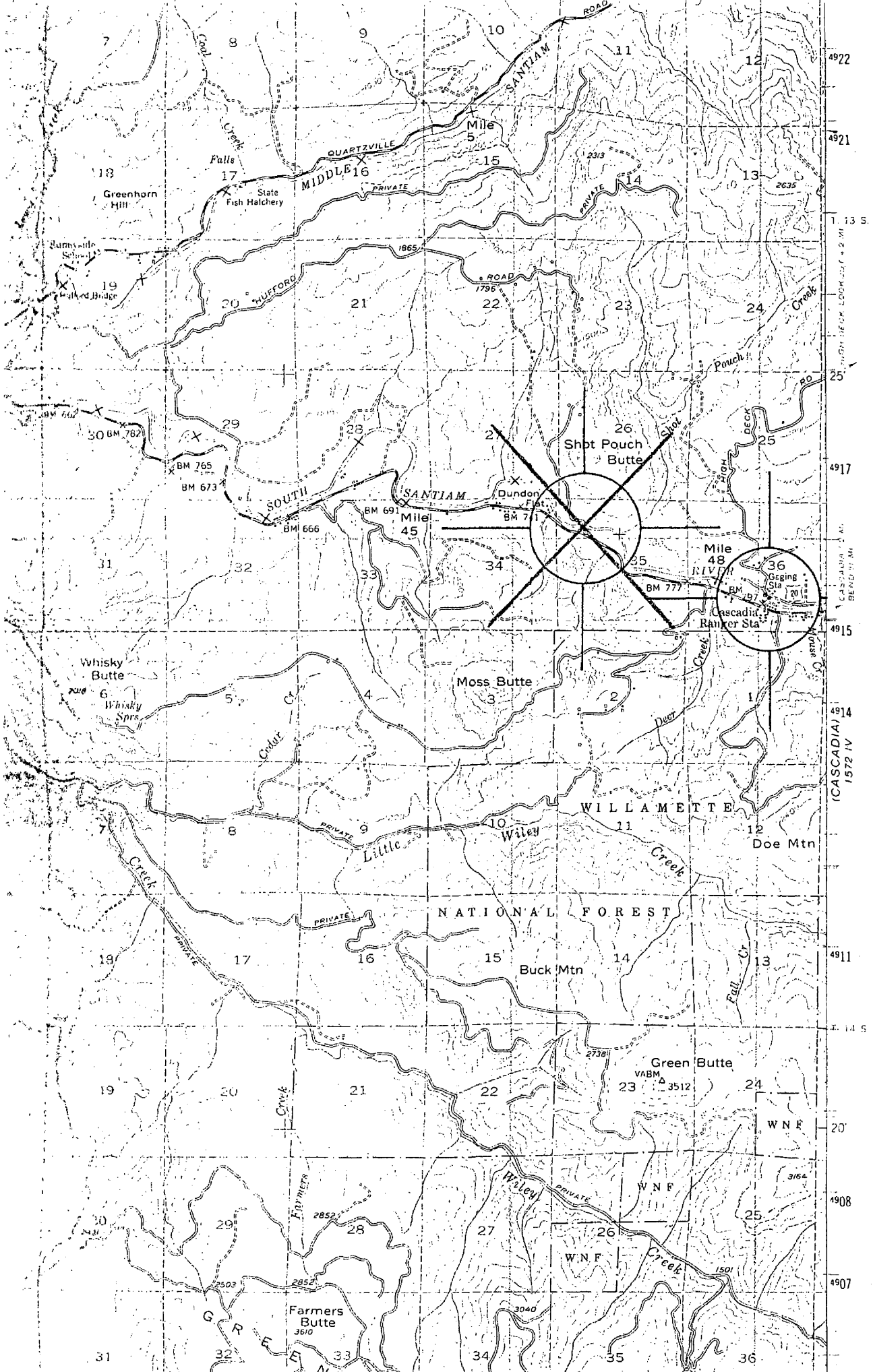
SWEET HOME, OREG.

N4415-W12230/15

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(CASCADIA)  
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Short Bridge  
Stream: South Fork of the Santiam River T S E S36  
Built: 1945 Truss: Howe  
World Guide No.: 37-22-09 Length: 105 feet

#47

The Short Bridge is the sole survivor of the South Fork of the Santiam River covered bridges, and is one of the few remaining to have a wooden shingle roof, and not a metal one. Although the peeling paint makes the bridge appear older than its age, the railings and approaches were recently renovated.

When the wooden housed structure was built, the bridge was known more commonly as the Whiskey Butte Bridge, but was renamed for a long-time area resident, Gordon Short. The bridge is not planned to be replaced and will serve the logging interests in the area.

The drive along the South Santiam River from Sweet Home to Cascadia truly makes the trip to Short Bridge an enjoyable one. Foster Reservoir, Green Peter Dam, and the ghost town of Quartzville surround the bridge site. To get there: Take Highway # 20 to Sweethome and continue east past Foster Dam toward Cascadia. Near the city limits of Cascadia, turn off of Highway 20 at High Deck Road. The bridge is just off the highway on High Deck Road.