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The attached property, Crawfordsville Bridge in Linn County, OREGON, reference number 79002115 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.

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Bridge Name and Number <u>Crawfordsville Bridge, Index No.</u> 46
County Linn
Stream or RiverCalapooia River
Location Highway 228 at Crawfordsville
NW1/4 NW1/4 Sec. 18, T.14S., R.1.W.,W.M.
Zone 10 E511235 N4911400 Brownsville Quadrangle
Acreage 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 1932
Description of Bridge
Length of span 105 feet
Truss type Howe truss
Cladding Board and batten, vertical side walls
Roofing Shingled gable roof
/ Decking Wood
Other salient features Flat portal arches (originally semi-cir- cular). Ribbon openings above deck, either side wall. Exposed beams at

gable ends. Built by Linn County and later maintained as a feature of the State Highway System, the bridge was by-passed in 1963. It is now locally maintained*as an historical exhibit-in-place adjoining a park. Crawfordsville was named for Philemon Crawford,on whose land the community was established in the 1870's.

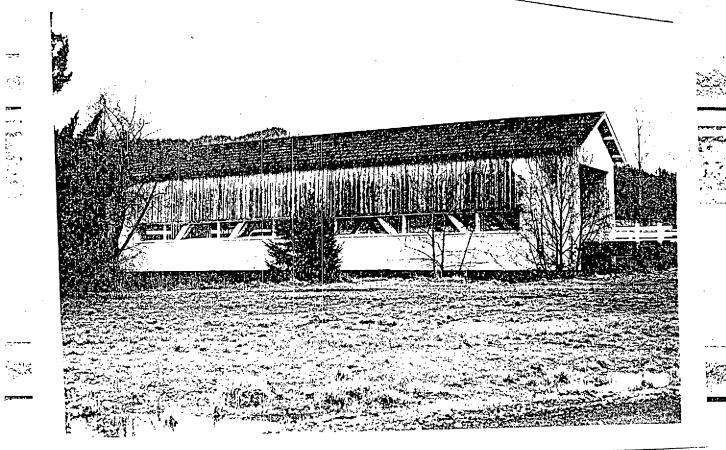
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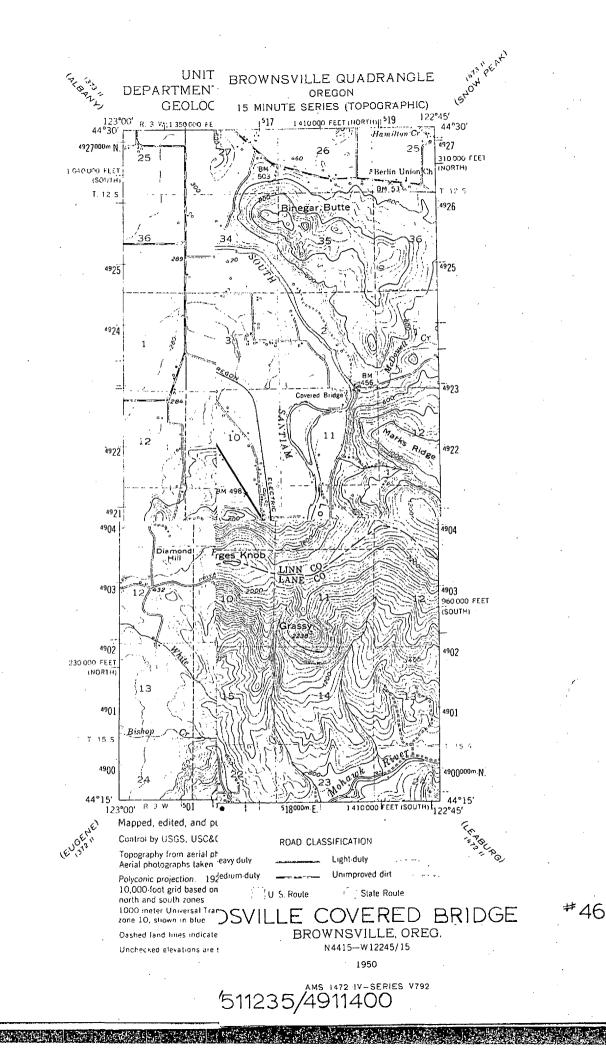
Legal description is included in the appropriate County Road Department right-of-way files and County Deed Records.

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. 46 Crawfordsville Covered Bridge Vicinity of Crawfordsville Linn County, Oregon South Elevation

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







Crawfordsville 7 d Stream: Calaped River Built: 1932 World Guide No.: 37-22-15

T14S .__ N __ B Truss: Howe Length: 105 feet

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The bridge at Crawfordsville displays another version of Linn County's open truss style. The roofed span, built in 1932, shows a narrow slit window on both sides of the structure. The Crawforsville span exhibited rounded portals until they were enlarged by State Highway employees to allow larger loads.

After completion of the bridge, Linn County turned the structure over to the state when the road was designated as in 1963, a state highway. When the bridge was by-passed, the state relinquished control, and returned the bridge back to the Road Department of the county. Title was then passed to the Parks Department when the bridge was left standing, and today a park commemorates the historical significance of the old wooden structure.

The bridge at Crawfordsville spans Calapooia River eight miles southeast of Brownsville on Jighway 228. The area was named in honor of Philemon Crawford who settled in the area, and on whose land the town was established in the 1870s. To get there: From Brownsville, take Mighway 228 southeast eight miles to Crawfordsville. The highway crosses Calapooia River just a few feet from the covered bridge.