

Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia
 COUNTY: Upson
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: APR 1 1975

1. NAME

COMMON: *X* Auchumpkee Creek Covered Bridge
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Hootenville Covered Bridge

2. LOCATION

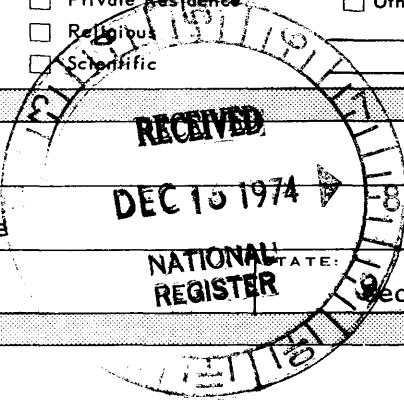
STREET AND NUMBER: *10 mi SE of Thomaston on Allen Rd*
 On Allen Road one mile west of intersection with Highway US 19
 CITY OR TOWN: Thomaston *vic.* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 3rd - Jack Brinkley
 STATE: Georgia CODE: 13 COUNTY: Upson CODE: 293

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied In <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied use <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Upson County
 STREET AND NUMBER: Upson County Court House
 CITY OR TOWN: Thomaston STATE: Georgia CODE: 13



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Upson County
 STREET AND NUMBER: Upson County Court House
 CITY OR TOWN: Thomaston STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None
 DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated			
	(Check One)			(Check One)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Auchumpkee Creek Covered Bridge spans Auchumpkee Creek in the Hootenville Militia District of Upson County, Georgia. The bridge is completely covered and extends 120 feet 9 inches in length resting on two native stone piers held together with cement. The bridge is 18 feet high from the deck to the center of the roof at the ridge line, and 17 feet 8 inches wide, overall. Construction is of the Town Lattice design and all wood is rough sawn heart pine. The diagonals are 3 x 10 inches in size and there are two pins at each intersection. Unlike most Town Lattice bridges in Georgia which have two lower chords, this bridge has only one. It is made of 3 x 10 inch timbers as is the single upper chord. Both chords are made of doubled timbers. The floor sills are made of 6 x 8 inch timbers with joists of 3 x 10 inch timbers laid on top. The floor is made of 3 x 12 inch timbers and there are longitudinal runners made of 2 x 12's to provide a smoother surface for traffic. The sides of this bridge are covered with boards and batten of pine. Each pier is set back twelve feet on center from the end of the truss.

Originally, this bridge had a roof of split oak shingles. Today it has a metal roof. This is the only alteration that has been made in its appearance.

The east end of this bridge has a 29 foot approach made of wood resting on a stone abutment. The west end approach is 25 feet long, also built of timbers, and resting on a stone abutment. The overall length of bridge and approaches is 174 feet 9 inches.

The Auchumpkee Creek Covered Bridge is listed as No. 10-145-02 in the "World Guide to Covered Bridges," published by the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, Inc., 1965 edition.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1898

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Auchumpkee Creek Covered Bridge was constructed in 1898 by Dr. J. W. Herring (1823-1911), a practicing physician and also a member of the Commission of Roads and Revenue of Upson County. He also had some engineering ability for he constructed several bridges and other structures in the county.

The Hootenville Militia District carries the name of the Hootenville Community, a once thriving section of Upson County, where in 1848 Martin Van Buren made an overnight stop in his campaign for the presidency of the United States.

This is the only covered bridge remaining on a public road in the area referred to locally as Middle Georgia.

The Auchumpkee Creek Covered Bridge is one of 22 covered bridges remaining in Georgia and one of only 14 still in use. Thirteen of Georgia's remaining covered bridges are built of the Town Lattice design and the Auchumpkee Creek Covered Bridge is one of these. The Town Truss was designed and patented in 1820 by Ithiel Town, an architect of New Haven, Connecticut. Town realized the need for a covered bridge truss which could be quickly built by a carpenter and his was the first truly American design. The design consists of a web of light planks crisscrossed at an angle of 45 to 60 degrees, like a lattice, and fastened together with wooden pins or trunnels at each intersection. It is the most popular design for covered bridges.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

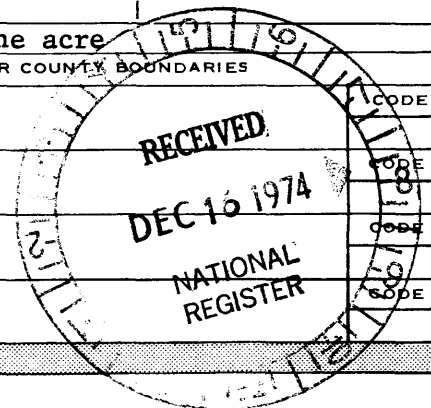
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"Protect Last Covered Bridge As Attraction," Thomaston Times, Apr. 16, 1964.
 James G. Bogle, "The Vanishing Breed," Georgia Magazine, March 1972, p. 16.
Minutes of the Commission of Roads and Revenues, Upson County, 1896-1902.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	32°	45'	20"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	84°	13'	55"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

NO
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than one acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Colonel James G. Bogle, USA ret., consultant to the Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION: **Section, Department of Natural Resources, State of Georgia,** DATE: **Nov 12, 1974.**

STREET AND NUMBER:
270 Washington Street, S. W.

CITY OR TOWN: **Atlanta** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *Jackson O'Neal Lamb*
JACKSON O'NEAL LAMB
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date: December 12, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

AR Mortensen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/1/75

ATTEST:
W. Huntz
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 4/1/75