

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Spring Creek Tributary Bridge *(Masonry Arch Bridge of Lincoln Co.)*

and/or common Spring Creek Tributary Bridge

2. Location

street & number Eight miles south and five miles west of Lincoln n/a not for publication

city, town Lincoln vicinity of

state Kansas code 20 county Lincoln code 105

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<u>n/a</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Lincoln County

street & number Lincoln County Courthouse

city, town Lincoln vicinity of state Kansas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Lincoln County Courthouse

city, town Lincoln state Kansas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Survey of Historic Bridges--
title Kansas Dept. of Transportation has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980-83 federal state county local

depository for survey records Kansas State Historical Society

city, town Topeka state Kansas

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Spring Creek Tributary bridge is 25 feet long and 24.9 feet wide curb to curb. The roadway lies seven feet above the bed of the stream.

The two stone arches spring from and are disposed between stone abutments and a pier. Stone spandrel walls project above the elliptical arch to form guard railings and curbing as well as retain the earthen fill which loads the arch. This fill allows for even distribution of the live loads and helps to strengthen the arch.

The voussoirs, spandrel walls, abutments, and pier are made from local post rock limestone. The curbing is extended upward over each arch to form the guard railing or balustrade. It is open at intervals along its length.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates [1930] **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Spring Creek Tributary bridge retains its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, feeling and association. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and method of construction no longer being used namely the construction of a roadway supported by a stone arch which is loaded by an earthen fill which, in turn, is retained by stone spandrel walls. This bridge may yield information important to the history of engineering.

The stone arch bridge was popular in Kansas because the stone and construction expertise was locally available. In this instance it was post rock limestone.

Research has failed to reveal any construction details about the bridge but its refined style reflects the design of the third decade of the 20th century. The decorative dado of the balustrades is unique in Kansas stone arch bridges.

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Charles S. Whitney, Bridges: Their Art, Science, and Evolution, New York: Greenwich House, 1983.

Henry G. Tyrrell, Artistic Bridge Design, Chicago: Myron C. Clark Publishing Co., N.D.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Westfall NW, Kansas

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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Zone		Easting				Northing							

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Verbal boundary description and justification

That property on and over which the bridge is built including bridge structure and abutments. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S20 - T13S - R8W

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	n/a	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Kansas State Historical Society date 2/20/85

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city or town Topeka state Kansas

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society date 3/4/85

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

Bill Groves date 1/2/85
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration