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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC 12. LAUREL CREEK COVERED BRIDGE
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Secondary Route 23/4 at junction of
Secondary Route 219/11 crossing Laurel Creek
CITY, TOWN _____ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2
STATE West Virginia CODE 54 VICINITY OF Lillydale
COUNTY Monroe CODE 063

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
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME West Virginia Department of Highways
STREET & NUMBER 1900 Washington Street, East
CITY, TOWN Charleston VICINITY OF _____ STATE West Virginia 25305

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Nonroe County Court House
STREET & NUMBER _____
CITY, TOWN Union STATE West Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE None
DATE _____
____FEDERAL ____STATE ____COUNTY ____LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS _____
CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Laurel Creek Covered Bridge is 13 feet-2½ inches wide and has the smallest span of all West Virginia's covered bridges with a bottom chord length of 24.5 feet. The covering consists of wooden siding painted barn red and a galvanized metal roof, which replaced the original roof of chestnut shakes.

Having no verticals, the truss is comprised of two 5 x 9 ¾ inch diagonals extending from the ends of the dual membered bottom chord to a point six feet above the bottom chord, where the separation between the diagonals is approximately five feet. A metal tension rod is looped around the transverse floor beam (located below the bottom chord at midspan) and is bolted to the top ends of the diagonals. A single metal rod extends from the transverse floor beam to the center of the top chord and is bolted to the top chord and the transverse floor beam. Two diagonal braces extend from the top of the diagonals to the ends of the longitudinal roof beam. The deck, once supported on 3 x 12 inch wooden stringers, now rests on seven 6½ x 12 inch wide flange stringers.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On July 19, 1910, J. C. McClaugherty (the county road engineer), H. W. Peck and Robert Arnott were appointed commissioners to locate a site for and estimate the cost of building a bridge across Laurel Creek near Robert Arnott's residence. After the commissioners made a report of their findings to the court on August 26, 1910, the court ordered that a covered bridge with stone abutments be built at the site selected near Robert Arnott's (1).

Lewis Miller built the stone abutments and the superstructure was built by Robert Arnott. The oak timbers obtained for building the superstructure were seasoned approximately one year before they were used. Lon Wickline fashioned the chestnut shakes, which originally covered the roof and the iron work was done in Ronceverte(2). On August 22, 1911 the court ordered that Robert Arnott be paid out of the county treasury for the construction of the bridge (3). The total cost of construction was \$365.00 (2).

The Laurel Creek Covered Bridge is the smallest covered bridge in West Virginia and the use of metal tension rods in its construction is typical of the bridges found in the southern part of the state. It is one of the two remaining covered bridges in Monroe County.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Order Book #4, Monroe County, p. 49, 70, 154.
2. Interview with Lucille and Lee Arnott, August 20, 1979.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED
UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Not applicable

QUADRANGLE NAME Greenville

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 7 5, 3, 2, 9, 6, 5 4, 1, 5, 6, 9, 7, 5

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

E.L. Kemp, Professor History of Science & Technology and of Civil Engineering

ORGANIZATION

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Morgantown,

West Virginia 26506

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

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

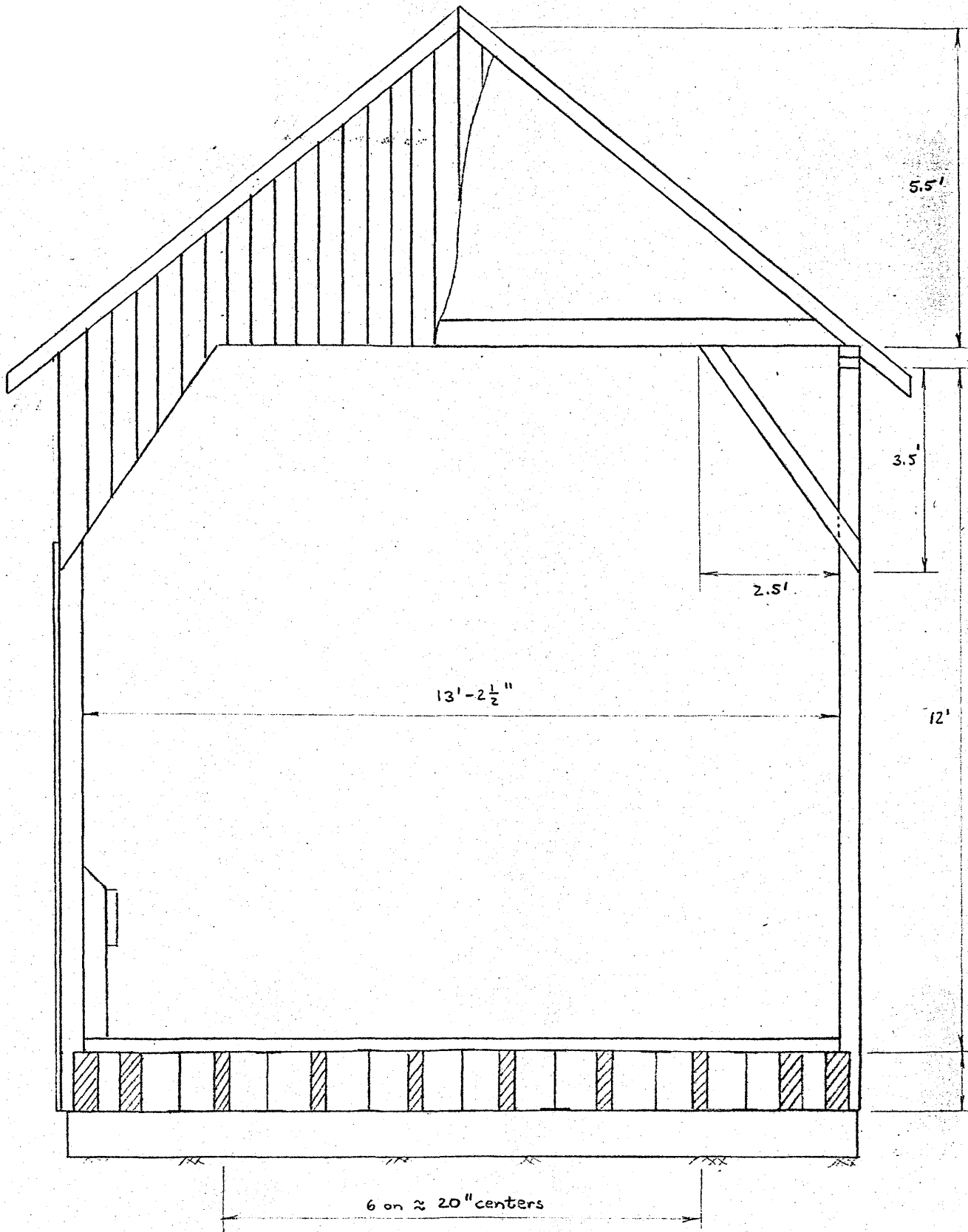
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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

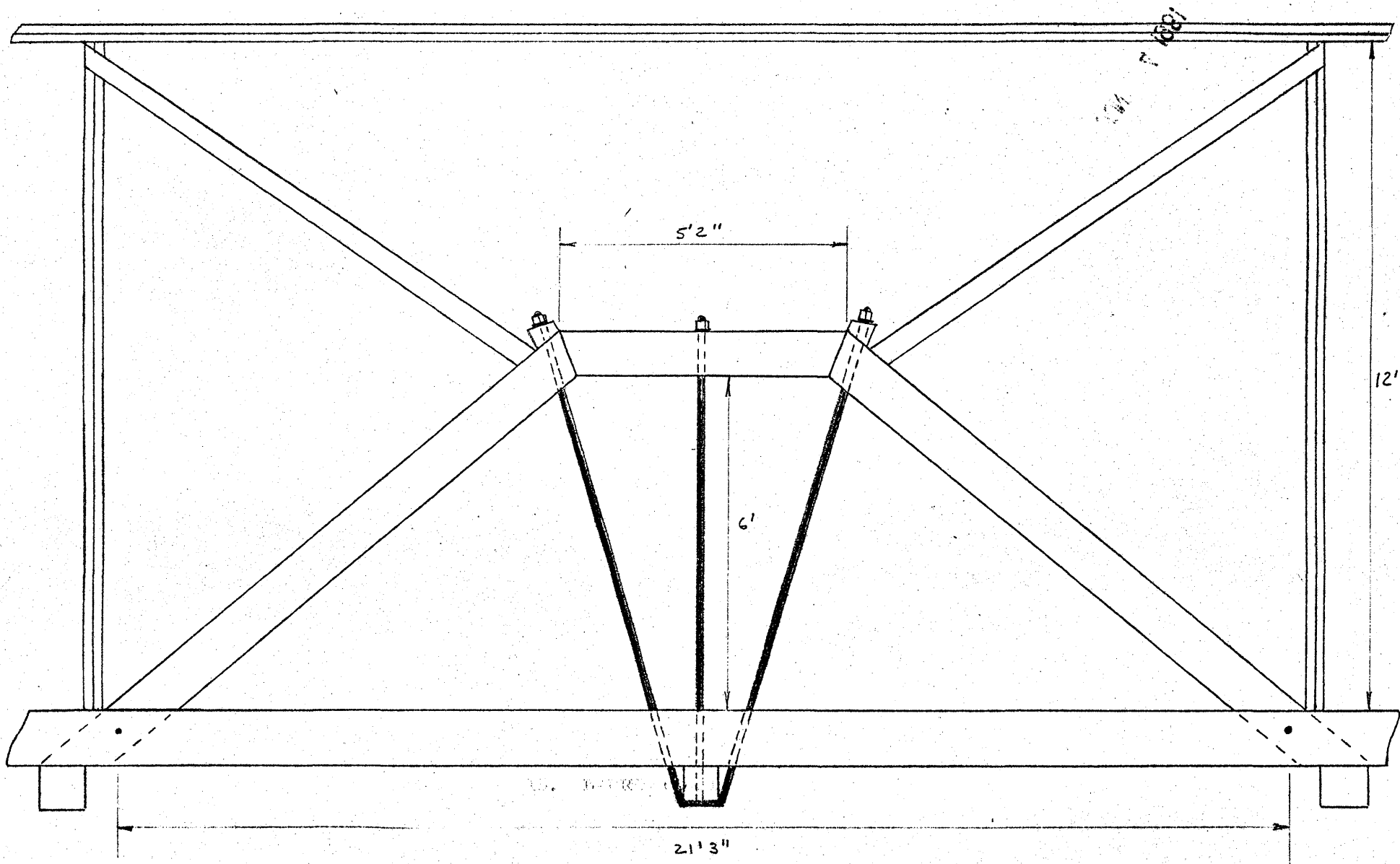
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CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



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