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The attached property, the Harris Bridge in Benton County, OREGON, reference number 79002040, 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 17474. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

For the Keeper: *Carla J. [Signature]* 2-2-2010  
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places Date

THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION  
ORIGIN COVERED BRIDGES

Bridge Name and Number Harris Bridge, Index No. 1

County Benton

Stream or River Marys River

Location Harris Road, 2½ miles west of Wren

SE¼ SE¼ Sec. 30, T.11S., R.6W., W.M.

Zone 10 E463550 N4936160 Corvallis 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 5700 square feet.

Present Owner Benton County Board of Commissioners

Benton County Courthouse

Corvallis, OR 97330

Date of Construction 1936

Description of Bridge

Length of span	75 feet
Truss type	Howe truss
Cladding	Board and batten, vertical side walls
Roofing	Shingled gable roof
Decking	Wood

Other salient features Semi-elliptical portal arches. Ribbon openings  
under side wall eaves. Beams exposed at gable ends. Wood piers.

The bridge replaced a predecessor covered bridge at this location which had been built in 1920 by H. W. Fiedler. It was named for the nearby community of Harris, established ca. 1890.

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. 1  
Harris Covered Bridge  
Vicinity of Wren  
Benton County, Oregon  
North Elevation

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



Harris Bridge  
Stream: Marys River  
Built: 1936  
World Guide No.: 37-02-04

T11S R6W S30  
Truss: Howe  
Length: 75 feet

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The Harris Bridge is located on gravel Harris Road just  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of Wren, spanning Marys River near the seldom used railroad.

The bridge, built in 1936, was a replacement of the previous covered bridge, built in 1920 by H. W. Fiedler. The Harris Bridge retains its rounded portal design, and its wooden plank flooring. Features include wooden piers and narrow slit windows just below the roof line to daylight the bridge interior. The siding is board and battens style, and the roof is shingled.

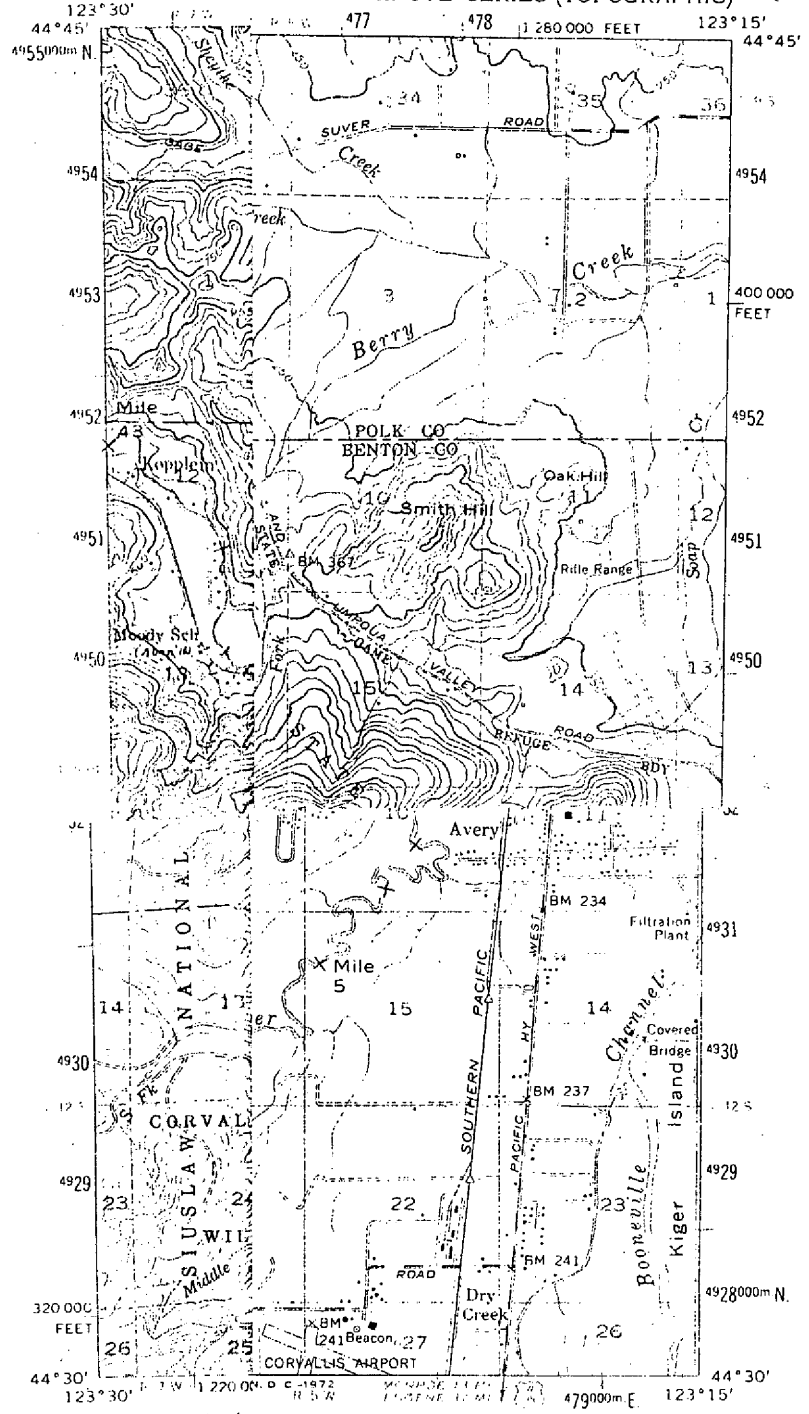
Harris has been a community since 1890, bearing the name of a pioneer land owner. When the post office was established, residents petitioned for the name of Harris, but postal authorities feared confusion might develop with near-by Harrisburg. The town was known as Elam, for Mrs. Gladys Elam, the community's first postmaster, and the name was later changed to Harris.

To get there: Take Highway 20 from Corvallis to Wren; then take Harris Road west approximately  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles to the bridge.

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OREGON  
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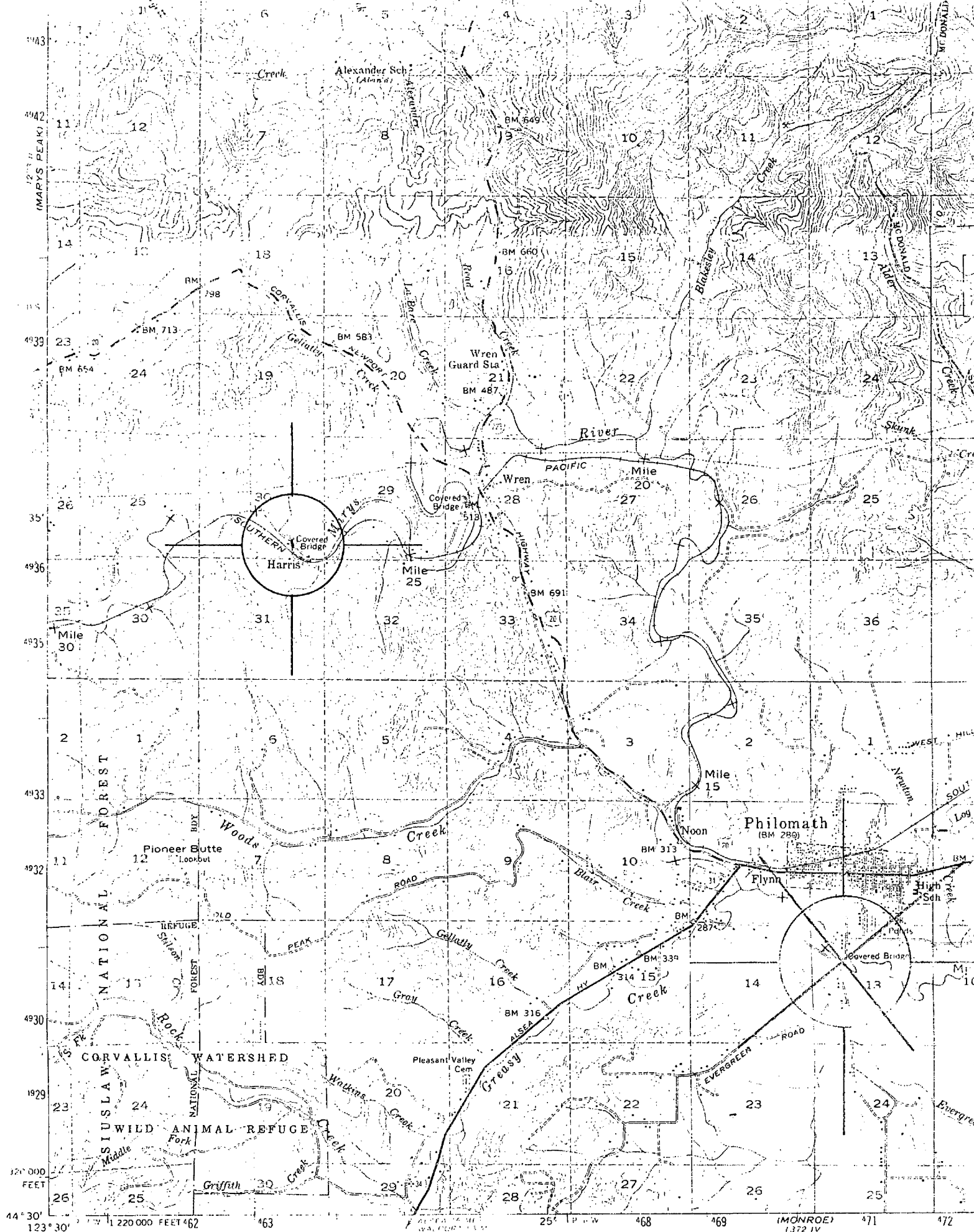
HARRIS COVERED BRIDGE # 1

CORVALLIS, OREG.  
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