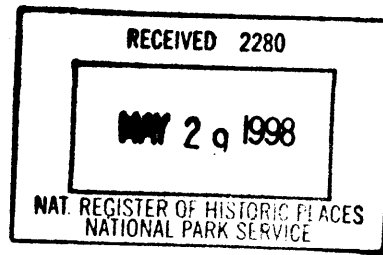


**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**



740

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name State Street Bridge

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number East State Street over Willow Creek not for publication

city or town Mason City vicinity

state Iowa code IA county Cerro Gordo code 033 zip code 50401

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Patricia Chenking DSHPD 5-6-98
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register
 - See continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the National Register
 - See continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other, (explain):

Elson A. Beall 6-25-98

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	0	buildings
0	0	sites
1	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

Highway Bridges of Iowa

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

other: concrete filled spandrel arch

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
 walls _____
 roof _____
 other Concrete

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

Located in Mason City, the State Street Bridge spans Willow Creek in a setting that has changed little since the structure's period of significance. A description of the structure follows:

span number: 1 construction date: 1903
 span length: 62.0' construction cost: unknown
 total length: 62.0' current condition: fair
 roadway wdt.: unknown alterations: railing replaced

superstructure: concrete filled spandrel arch
 substructure: concrete abutments and wingwalls
 floor/decking: asphalt over earth fill
 other features: aluminum pipe guardrails; concrete sidewalks

Other than maintenance-related repairs and alterations noted above, the bridge remains essentially unaltered as it continues to carry vehicular traffic. The State Street Bridge today retains a high degree of integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ENGINEERING

Period of Significance

1903

(The period of significance is derived from the original construction date.)

Significant Dates

1903 (construction date)

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

designer: unknown

fabricator: none

builder: N.M. Stark and Company, Des Moines IA

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
other
name of repository:

10. Geographical DataAcreage of Property less than one acre**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1	<u>15</u>	<u>484440</u>	<u>4777490</u>	2			
	zone	easting	northing		zone	easting	northing

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property)

The nominated property is a rectangular-shaped parcel of an unknown width by 62 feet, which is centered on the UTM point(s) listed above. Included within this rectangular parcel are the bridge's superstructure, substructure, approach spans and floor system.

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected)

The nominated structure includes the bridge's superstructure, substructure, floor system, any approach spans and the property on which they rest. These boundaries encompass, but do not exceed, all of the property that has been historically associated with the bridge.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert Hybben, Charlene Roise and Clayton Fraser
 organization Fraserdesign date 31 August 1994
 street & number 1269 Cleveland Avenue telephone 303-669-7969
 city or town Loveland state Colorado zip code 80537

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets**Maps**A **USGS map** (7½ or 15 minute series) indicating the property's locationA **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources**Photographs**Representative **black and white photographs** of the property**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)

name/title City of Mason City
 street & number 19 South Delaware Avenue telephone 515-421-3605
 city or town Mason City state Iowa zip code 50401

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

Section Number 8 Page 1 State Street Bridge Cerro Gordo County; Iowa

Located on East State Street, this medium-span concrete arch spans Willow Creek in a residential district east of downtown Mason City. This is a historically significant crossing; an 1875 plan of Mason City appears to show a bridge at this site. State Street, which edged the "Public Square" and "College Square" downtown to the west, was the only major route into the city from the east at that time. The bridge stood beyond the boundary of the original town. It is uncertain what bridge, or bridges, served this crossing in the 19th century. On January 15, 1903, the Cerro Gordo Board of Supervisors "appointed A.A. Crossley a committee to procure plans and specifications for a concrete arch bridge" on East State Street. The contract to build the bridge was awarded to N.M. Stark of Des Moines in June. Stark erected a number of bridges in Cerro Gordo County in the early 20th century, including another concrete arch in Mason City, the Stewart Avenue Bridge [CERR28], built in 1914. The concrete arch style was popular in Cerro Gordo County during this period. This style appears on three additional bridges near Mason City that were included the Iowa Historic Bridge Inventory: the Winnebago River Bridge [CERR11], the Spring Creek Bridge [CERR21], and the Rock Falls Bridge [CERR29]. The latter is an open-spandrel, rib-arch design; the others, like the State Street Bridge, all have barrel arches with filled spandrels. This structure continues to carry traffic with the replacement of the guardrails the only major alteration of note. The State Street Bridge is the oldest remaining roadway arch in Cerro Gordo County, and, indeed, it is one of the oldest such arches in Iowa, exceeded in age only by the Melan Arch in Lyon County and by a few railroad grade separations. For this reason the bridge is technologically significant as a very early example of its type, constructed by Iowa's most prolific arch builder, N.M. Stark.

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

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

Section Number 9 Page 2 State Street Bridge Cerro Gordo County; Iowa

Iowa Department of Transportation, Structure Inventory and Appraisal: Structure Number 007990.

Cerro Gordo County Supervisors' Minutes, Book E: page 260 (15 January 1903), page 283 (5 June 1903).

"1875 Plat of Mason City, Iowa," in A.T. Andreas, **Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Iowa, 1875**, reprinted in Arthur M. Fischbeck, R. Duane Umbarger, and James Chimbidis, eds.

Remember When... Mason City: A Historical Album (Mason City: Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan, 1985), n.p.

Field inspection by Danielle Johnson, 17 July 1991.