

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

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

NRIS Reference Number: 76000787

Date Listed: 10/8/76

Property Name: Cutler-Donahoe Covered Bridge

County: Madison State: Iowa

none  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

  
Signature of the Keeper

July 21, 1994  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 1. Historic Name

The name by which the above-named property was nominated and listed in the National Register in 1976 (Cutler-Donahoe Covered Bridge) is hereby corrected to be "Cutler-Donahoe Covered Bridge." The need for this correction was brought to the attention of the Keeper of the National Register by a letter dated 27 June 1994 from David Crosson, the Iowa State Preservation Officer.

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Beth Foster of the Iowa State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment on July 21, 1994.

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- National Register property file
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061 1976

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

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Cutler-Donahue Covered Bridge

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Winterset City Park

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Winterset

VICINITY OF

Fifth

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY

Madison

CODE

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Winterset

STREET & NUMBER

Winterset City Park

CITY, TOWN

Winterset

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Courthouse--Engineer's Office

STREET & NUMBER

City Square

CITY, TOWN

Winterset

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1970</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cutler-Donahue Covered Bridge, built by Eli Cox in 1871, covers a span of 76 feet and has a pitched roof. Town lattice type of construction was used, a criss-cross web of planks, fashioned to form a solid, durable truss, held together by trunnell pins (trenails). The skeleton structure is of native lumber, hewn and shaped to fit the purpose. The outside is of regular pine boards, the roof of wood shingles.

This bridge was originally built to span North River in Crawford Township, Sect. 11. During the summer of 1970, the structure was moved to the Winter-set City Park and placed on steel abutments spanning a natural ravine just inside the park entrance. The structure was repaired, and repainted in red with white trim. Its use is now restricted to pedestrian traffic.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 1871

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cutler-Donahue Bridge is one of the oldest bridges in Madison County. Its pitched roof is in the traditional mode of bridge design, inherited from eastern artisans who worked in the early decades of the 19th century. The majority of covered bridges have disappeared over the years, both in Iowa and in the U.S. as a whole. Weather, flood, indifference, new styles and methods of construction have all contributed to the loss of these structures. The Cutler-Donahue Covered Bridge, as one of the few remaining covered bridges in Iowa, is an invaluable example of early techniques in bridge construction, now abandoned in favor of more modern designs.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Swanson, Leslie C. Covered Bridges in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. Moline, Ill 1970.  
 Cheever, L.O. "Covered Bridges of Iowa," The Palimpsest. Iowa City, Ia.: The Iowa State Historical Society, 1970.  
 Allen, R.S. Covered Bridges of the Middle West. New York: Bonanza Books, 1972.  
Madison County Engineer's Office, Winterset, Iowa

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

5600			5800		
A	15	410560	4570560	B	
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE
C				D	

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Henry C. Miller, Madison County Liaison Officer, Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Madison County Historical Society, Inc.

April 10, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

515 W. Fremont St.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Winterset

Iowa

## 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

*Adrian D. Anderson*

TITLE

*Director, Division of Historic Preservation*

DATE

*4/24/76*

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

AC DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*Carol L. [Signature]*

DATE

*10/8/96*

DATE

*10/7/76*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER