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The attached property, the Sandy Creek Bridge in Coos County, OREGON, reference number 79002051, 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.

*Carole J. ... for the Keeper*  
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

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THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION  
OR. IN COVERED BRIDGES

Bridge Name and Number Sandy Creek Bridge, Index No. 4

County Coos

Stream or River Sandy Creek

Location Sandy Creek Road, off Highway 42 at Remote, 31 miles west of Roseburg

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec.33, T.29S., R.10W., W.M.

Zone 10, E427460 N4761740 Sitkum Quadrangle

Acreeage 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 4800 square feet.

Present Owner Coos County Board of Commissioners

Coos County Courthouse

Coquille, OR 97423

Date of Construction 1921

Description of Bridge

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Length of span | 60 feet   |
| Truss type     | Howe truss  |
| Cladding       | Board and batten; partially open side walls with flared, boxed bases. |
| Roofing        | Shingled gable roof   |
| Decking        | Wood  |

Other salient features Segmental portal arches. Truss elements revealed in ribbon openings above deck, either side elevation. Housed buttresses flank portals at either end. False beams exposed at gable ends.

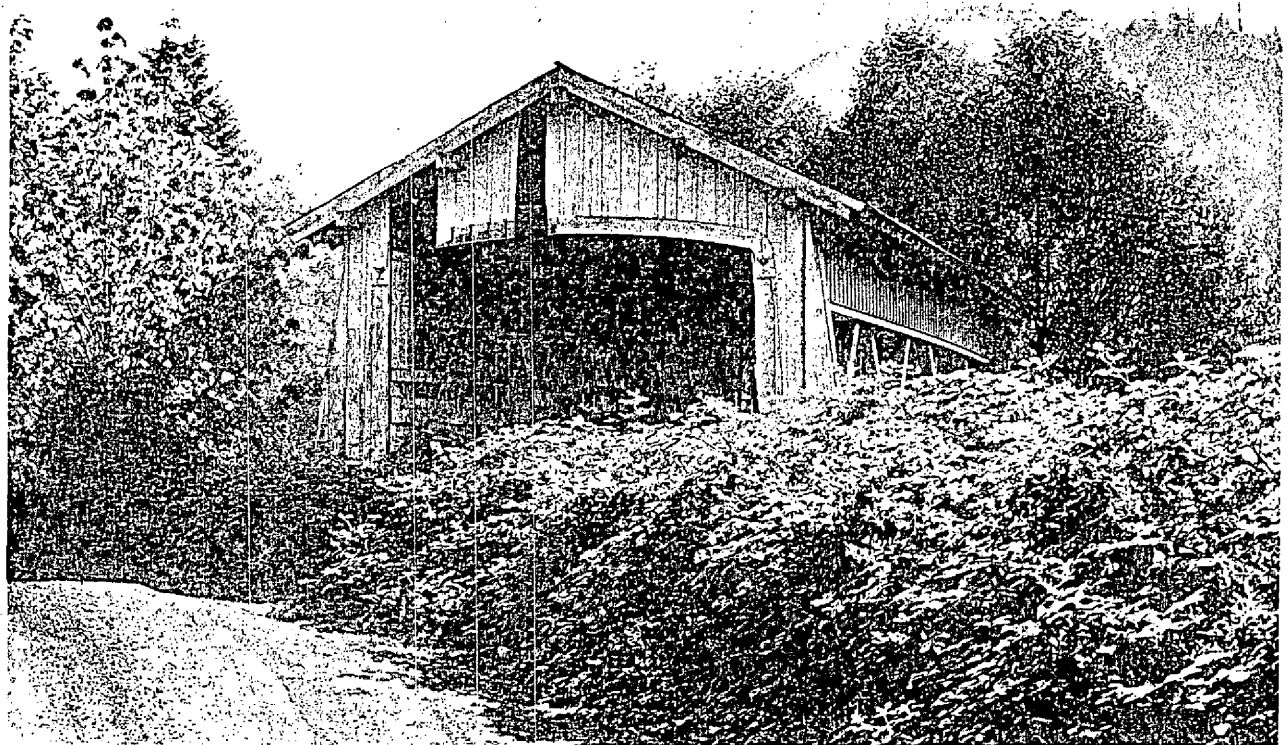
Once the main crossing for State Highway 42 at Remote, the bridge was by-passed in 1949. Today it is closed to traffic. Both approaches have been removed. Present use: foot bridge to private residence.

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. 4  
Sandy Creek Covered Bridge  
Vicinity of Remote  
Coos County, Oregon  
South West Elevation

Stephen Dow Beckham Photo, 1976  
History Department  
Lewis and Clark College  
615 SW Palantine Hill Road  
Portland, OR 97219

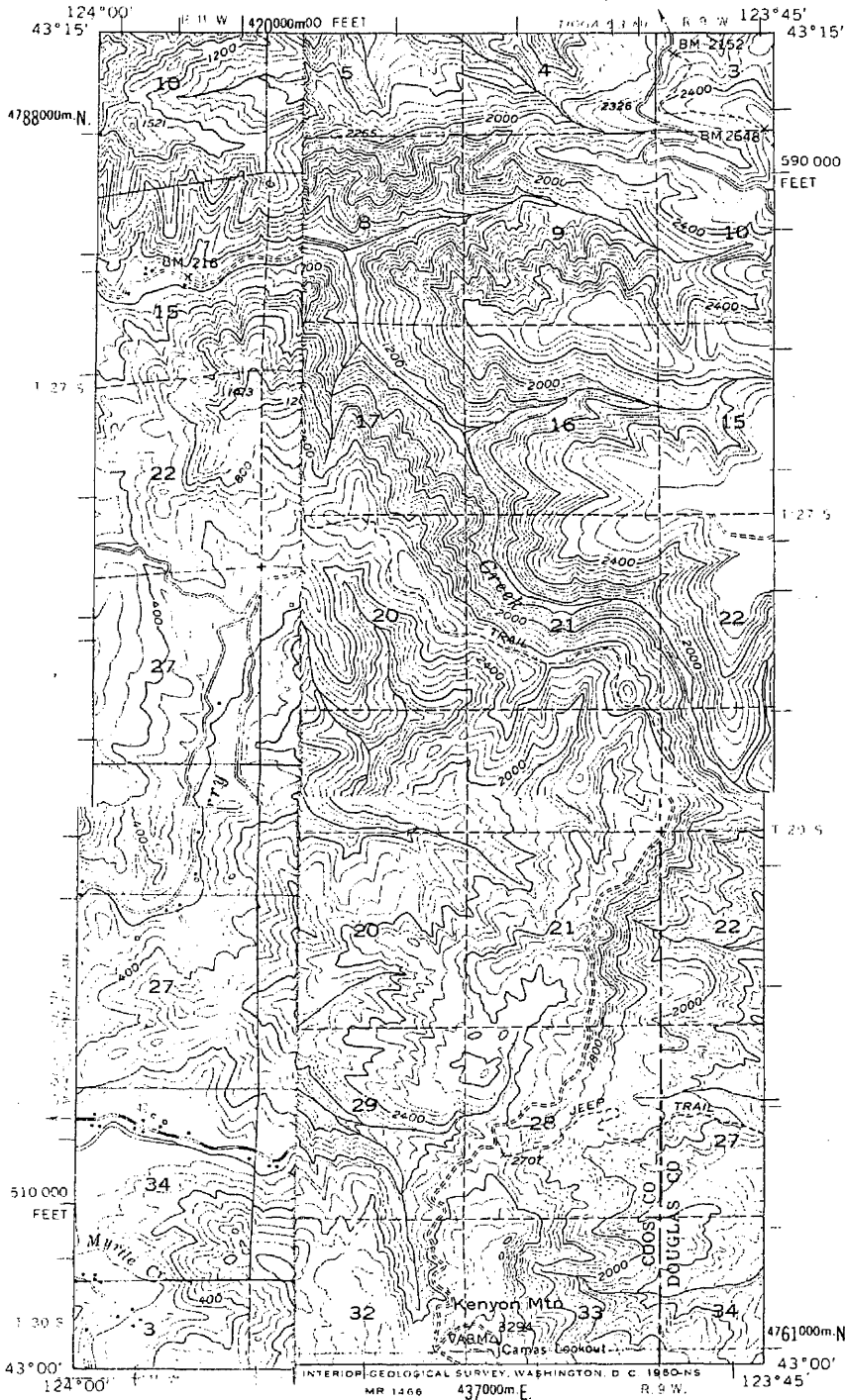


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Control by USGS and USC&T  
Topography from aerial photographs taken 1951  
Aerial photographs taken 1951  
Polyconic projection, 1927  
10,000-foot grid based on Oregon  
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Unchecked elevations are shown  
1000-meter Universal Transverse  
zone 10, shown in blue

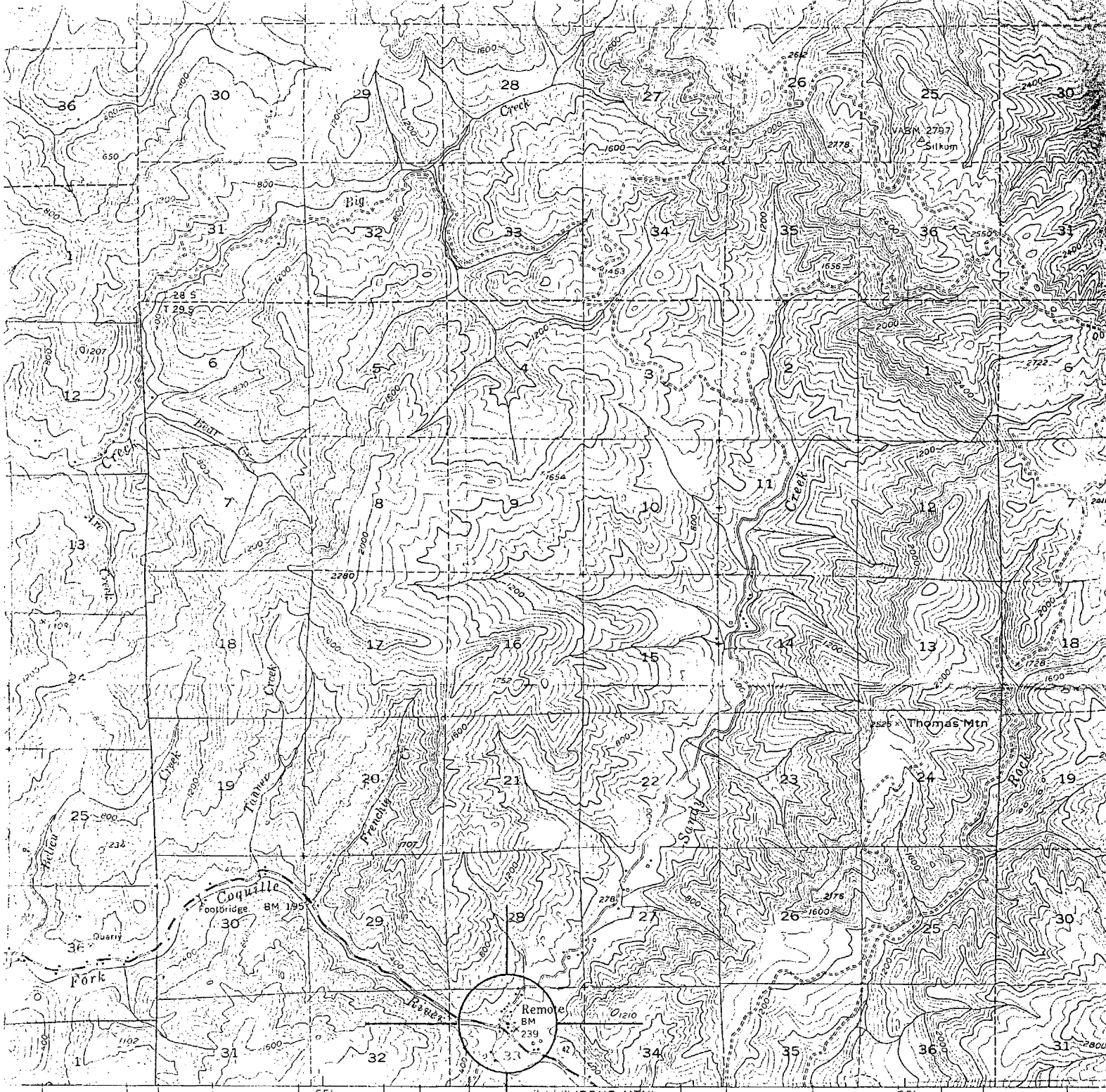
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Unimproved dirt - - - - -  
State Route

SANDY CREEK COVERED BRIDGE #4

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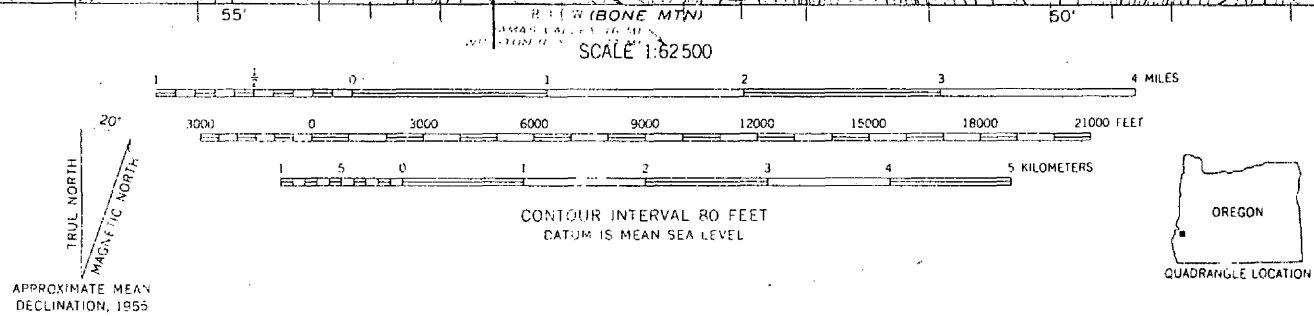
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1000 County  
#4

Sandy Creek (Remote) Bridge  
Stream: Sandy Creek  
Built: 1921  
World Guide No.: 37-06-09

T29S R10W S33  
Length: 60 feet  
Truss: Howe

The Sandy Creek covered bridge carried traffic on Oregon Highway 42 until it was by-passed in 1949. The Sandy Creek Bridge is considered short in comparison with other covered bridge on Oregon highways. The 60-foot span is strengthened by two crossed Howe truss members on each chord, a rarity in short covered trusses. An additional interesting aspect of the bridge is the use of large-framed windows on both sides of the structure, maximizing the illumination of the bridge interior.

The bridge is in relatively poor condition. Both approaches have been removed, and <sup>virtually</sup> no maintenance has been performed since the span was by-passed. Portal boarding is missing, roof supports are cracked and the roof is in need of repair.

The community of Remote received its name, it is believed, because of its isolation.

TO GET THERE:

Travel ~~east~~ <sup>west</sup> of Roseburg, 31 miles on Highway 42 to Remote. The Sandy Creek covered bridge is located a stone's throw north of the concrete bridge which replaced it.

Covered Bridge  
Inventory

Name: Sandy Creek Covered Bridge

Location: Coos County

Nearest Town: Remote

Ownership: Coos County

Road and Stream:

Sandy Creek Road just off Highway 42

Sandy Creek

Dimensions:

Approximately 24' wide, 24' high, 60' long

Type Howe Truss

Year Built and Builder:

1921

## Existing Setting:

Brush and vegetation along banks - hills in background. No access from Sandy Creek Road, but footbridge to residence beyond. 15' above stream

## Description of Bridge:

Rounded portal - flared side frames - false doors  
Three-dimensional, decorative squares on portal frame  
in three locations (see pictures)  
wooden batten siding - open sides between trusses  
False beams at top in front under roof



### Condition:

Good except for missing boards over portal  
Trusses, chords and stringers sound  
Flooring good

### Status:

Not in use except for access from residence  
on far side. No longer on highway or road.

## Historical Significance:

Coos County's only covered highway bridge

Only four in Oregon are older and one other as old

## Other covered Bridges in the County:

Salmon Creek Covered Bridge

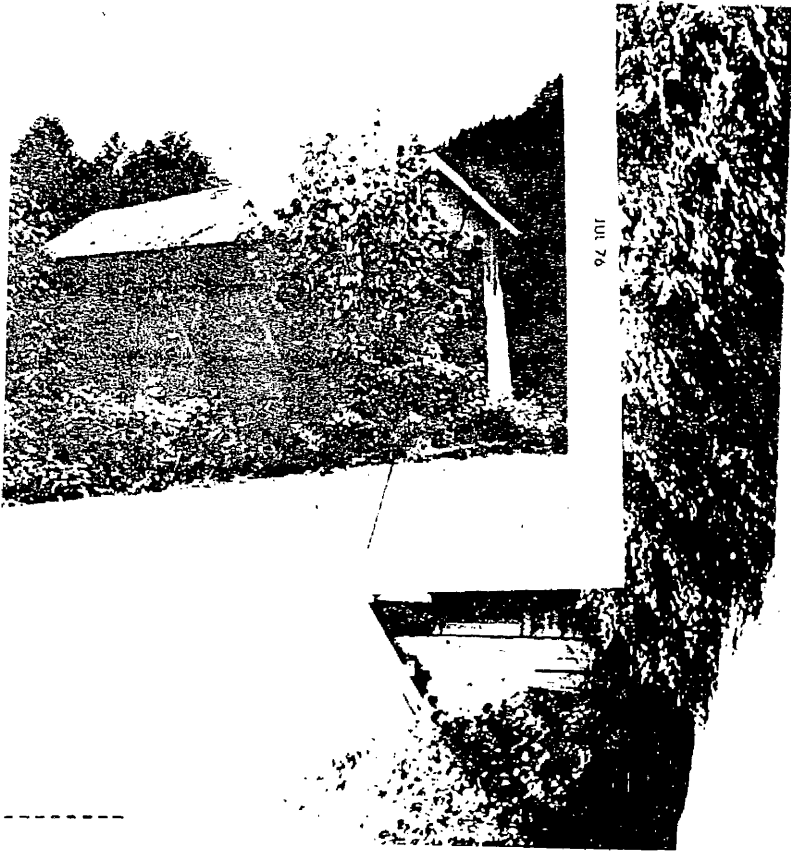
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# Bibliography

## Contacts

Files: Remote Section, Highway 42 Project

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County Coos

Theme \_\_\_\_\_

Name  
(Common) Sandy Creek Covered Bridge

(Historic) (same)

Address Remote, Oregon  
(near Highway 42)

Present Owner Coos County

(Address) Coquille, Oregon

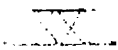
Original Use Bridge

Date of Construction 1921

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Sandy Creek Covered Bridge is a span of sixty feet which was once the main bridge for Highway 42 over Sandy Creek at Remote, Oregon. The bridge has a shingled, gable roof and a vertical board and batten exterior which is flared at the base. The north and south elevations are open for lighting. The approaches on the east and west ends have been removed and the roof is in poor condition.

The truss arrangement is as follows:



Continue back if necessary

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 21 July 1976 Sources Consulted:

For Oregon State Historic Preservation Office "Oregon Covered Bridges," MS Typescript, Oregon State Highway Division, April, 1973.

Please enclose map Township N Range E Section \_\_\_\_\_  
(over)

Sources:

Matthews, Courtland. "Our Vanishing Covered Bridges," Oregon Journal,  
Jan. 3, 1954, pp. 10-11M, photo.