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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

15

LOCUST CREEK COVERED BRIDGE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Secondary Route 31, crossing Locust Creek

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

X VICINITY OF Hillsboro

2

STATE
West Virginia

CODE
54

COUNTY
Pocahontas

CODE
075

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED in service	<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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

Unknown

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Locust Creek Covered Bridge is 113 feet-9 inches in length, and the center to center distance between the top chords is 13 feet-6 inches. It has board-and-batten siding and a standing seam metal roof.

Except for a few minor modifications, which include the center vertical, the small end panel-diagonals, and the discontinuity of the distinct "W" pattern at midspan, the truss is a double Warren system consisting of a series of two-5' x 7 inch double diagonals and 7 inch square single member counter diagonals, which fit between and are bolted to the double diagonals. The single diagonal ends extend through the top and bottom chords, both consisting of four-5 x 9 inch members, while the double diagonal ends butt into the single diagonals. Cross bracing at each panel functions as the only significant lateral bracing, since there are no transverse roof beams except at the ends of the bridge. The bridge is undergirded with three steel bents on the west side and two timber ones on the east side and does not appear to have any other major modifications.

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
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<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 checked="" 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 c 1870 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Very little information is known about the history of the Locust Creek Covered Bridge. A search of the court records supplied no further information than that given in July, 1979 publication of The Pocahontas Times, of Marlinton, entitled "Pioneer Days." That information referred to George B. Cochran, who in 1879, was paid \$20.00 by the Pocahontas County Court for work done on the bridge. The article also mentioned that extensive repairs were made to the bridge in 1904, but no court records could be found to verify the making of repairs in 1904 or in the few years preceding or following 1904. The date of construction of the bridge is thought to have been in the 1870s, following a petition which was made to the county court to locate a road at or near the Josiah Beard mill, which was located near the bridge.

The Locust Creek Bridge is the only covered bridge remaining in Pocahontas County, and exhibits a truly unique example of a modified Warren truss system. The late notable two span bridge at Renick, W. Va. used the same Warren framing system. Very few Warren trusses were used for covered bridges in North America. It is significant that there were at least two in West Virginia at one time.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bears, M. Katherine, "Locust Creek Covered Bridge," Pocahontas Times, 5 July 1979, p.5.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Not Applicable

QUADRANGLE NAME Droop

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,7 56,5 7,6,0 4,2 1,4 6,9,0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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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

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

ORGANIZATION

DATE

West Virginia University

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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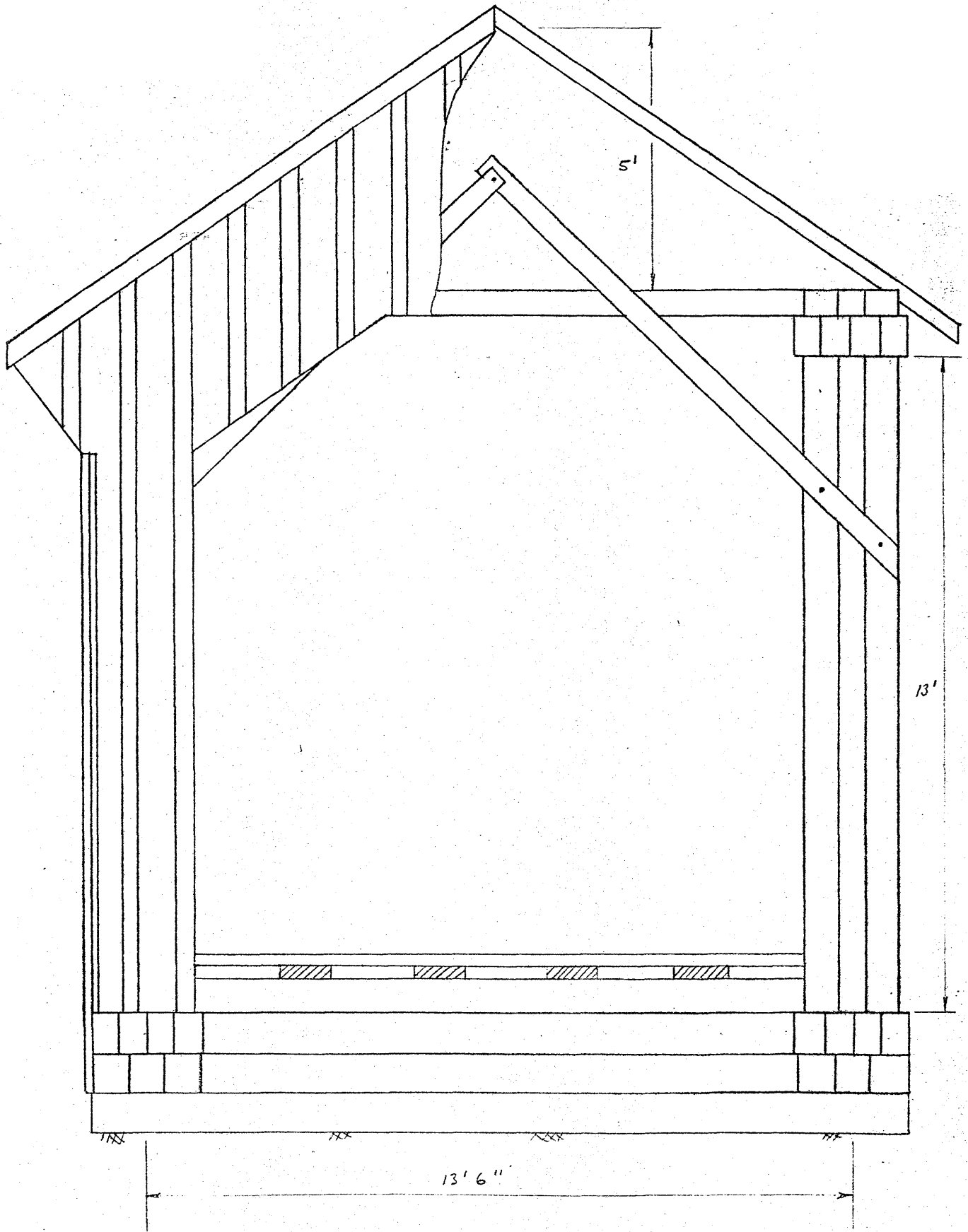
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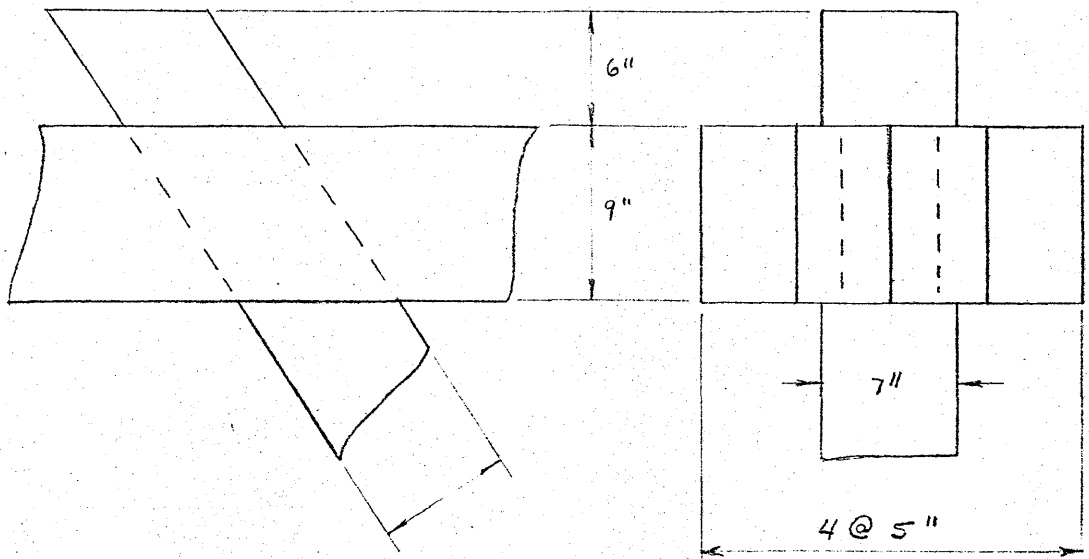
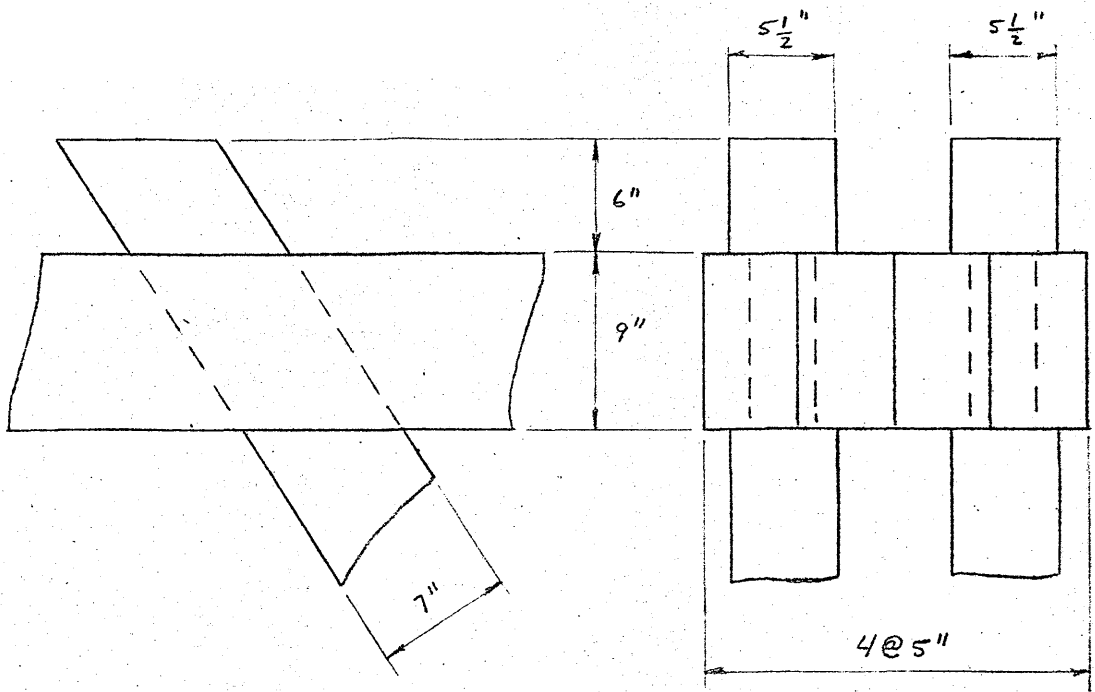
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DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

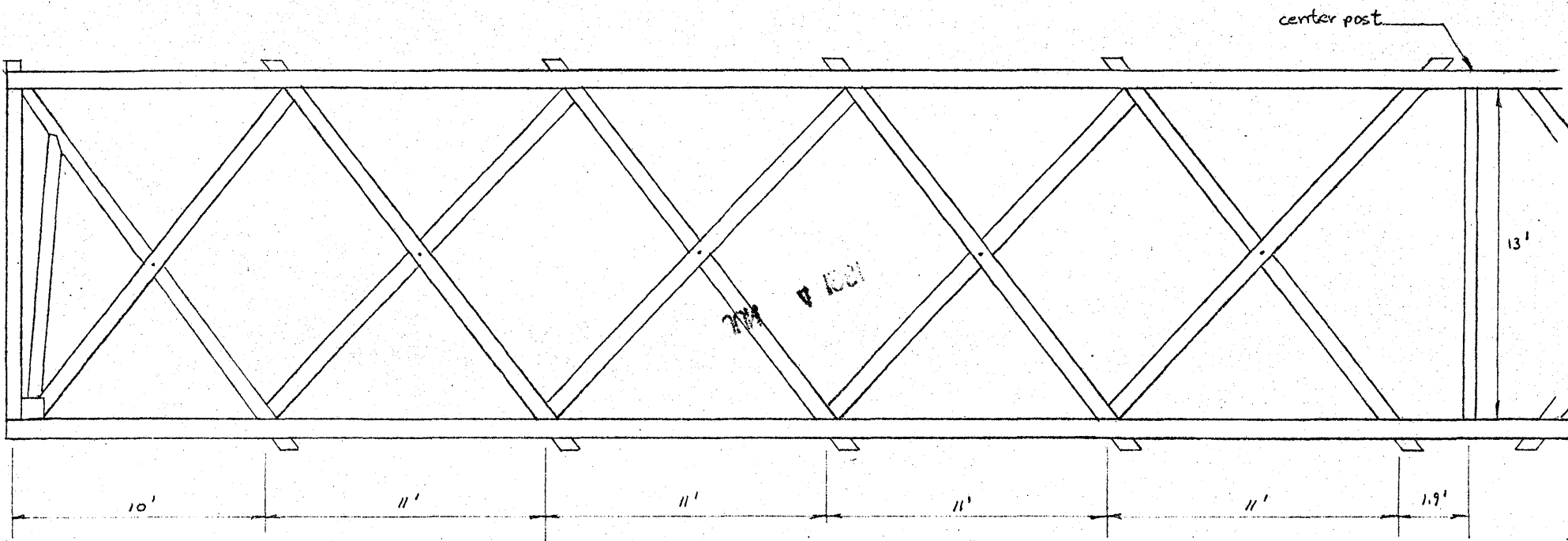


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