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The attached property, Mosby Creek Bridge in Lane County, OREGON, reference number 79002083 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 17475. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

David for the Keeper B.P.H.
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

2-3-2010
Date

THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION
OREGON COVERED BRIDGES

Bridge Name and Number Mosby Creek Bridge, Index No. 31

County Lane

Stream or River Mosby Creek

Location Lang Road, off Mosby Creek Road, ca. 2 miles E of Cottage Grove

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1, T.21S., R.3W., W.M.

Zone 10 E499720 N4847020 Cottage Grove 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 6600 square feet.

Present Owner Lane County Board of Commissioners

Lane County Courthouse

Eugene, OR 97401

Date of Construction 1920

Description of Bridge

Length of span	90 feet
Truss type	Howe truss
Cladding	Board and batten, vertical side walls
Roofing	Gabled roof clad with corrugated metal
Decking	Wood

Other salient features Semi-circular portal arches. Ribbon openings under eaves, either side elevation. Wood piers and cribs. Road width: 16'.

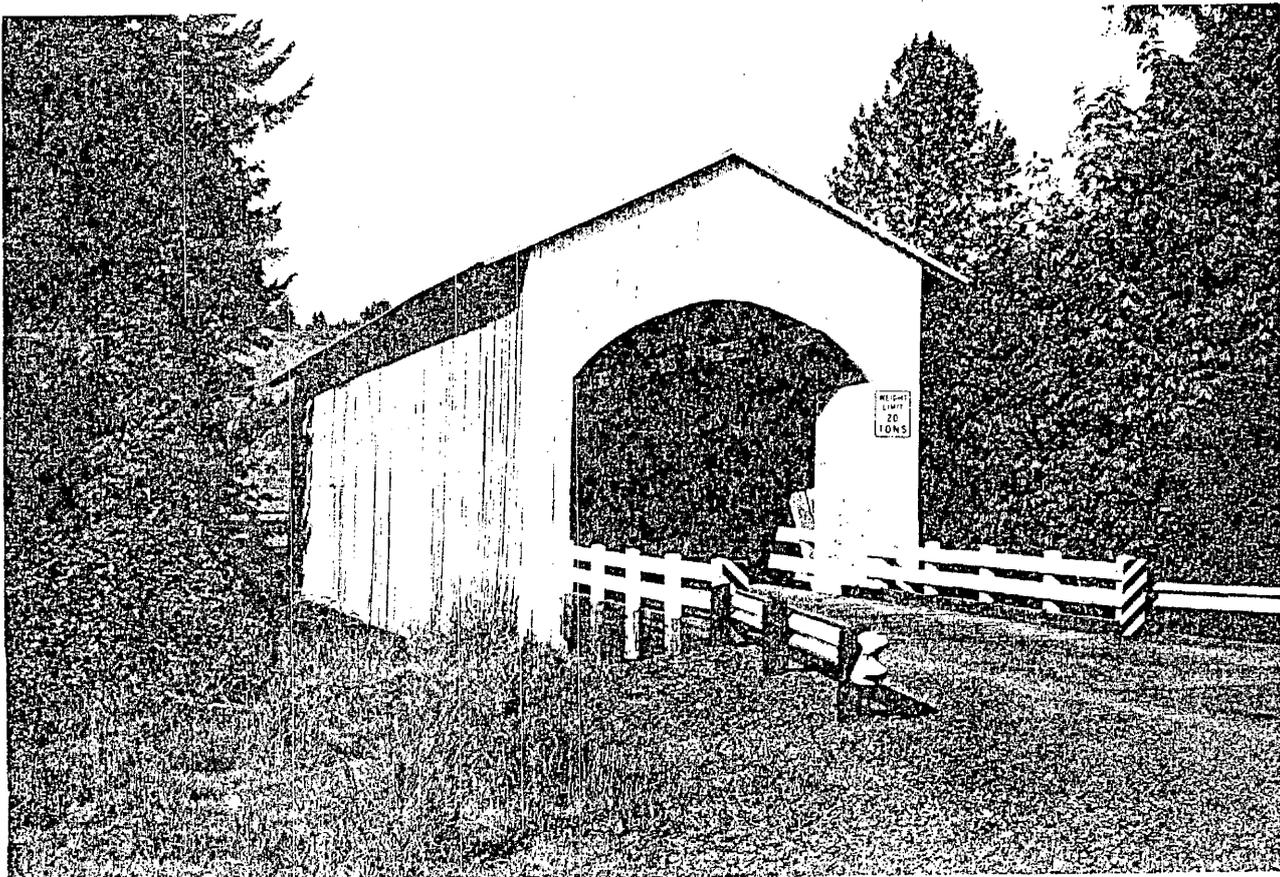
The bridge spans Mosby Creek slightly upstream from the latter's junction with the Row River. The creek and bridge are named for the Mosby family, whose progenitor, David Mosby, settled a Donation Land Claim in the area in 1853. This is the oldest covered span remaining in Lane County, wherein the greatest number of covered bridges were erected. There are 21 such structures standing in Lane County today. Considered in poor condition, Mosby Creek bridge serves mostly local traffic. Some pier timbers were replaced in 1975. Housing needs repair to siding and paint. Rot in stringers. Rated

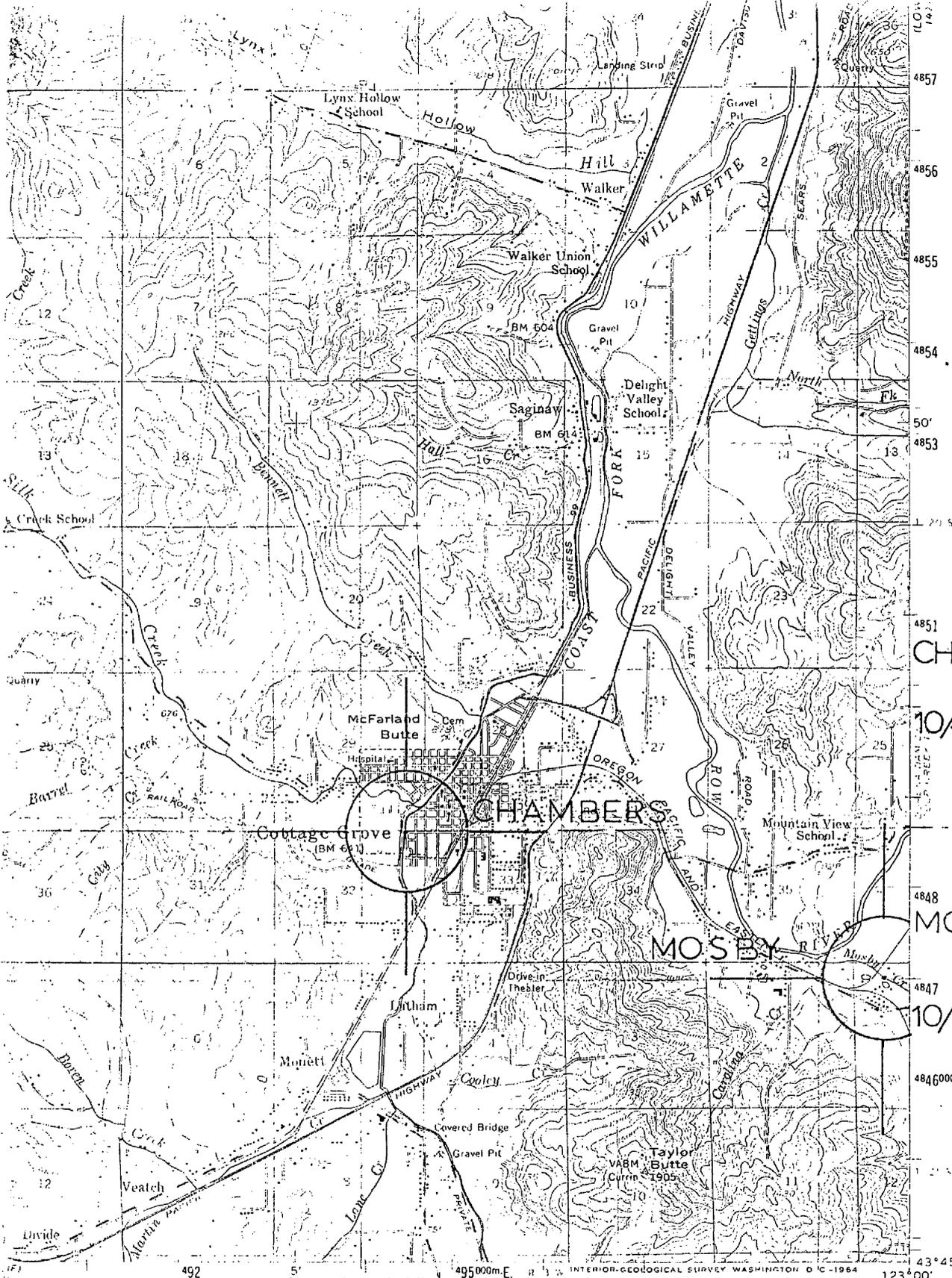
Legal description is included in the appropriate County Road Department right-of-way files and County Deed Records. load limit:
20 tons.

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. Lane County Department of Public Works Covered Bridge Data Sheet, October 1976.

Bridge Index No. 31
Mosby Covered Bridge
Vicinity Of Cottage Grove
Lane County, Oregon
South Elevation

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





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 CHAMBERS COVERED
 BRIDGE
 10/494480/484863

#31
 MOSBY COVERED
 BRIDGE
 10/499720/484702

492 495000m.E. 43°45' 123°00'

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty	—————
Medium-duty	—————	Unimproved dirt	—————

U.S. Route State Route

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

OREGON

COTTAGE GROVE, OREG.
 N4345—W12300/15

1957

AMS 1371 I-SERIES V703

U.S. COLORADO OR WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
 ALL SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Mosby Creek Bridge
Stream: Mosby Creek
Built: 1920
World Guide No.: 37-20-19

T21S R3W S1
Truss: Howe
Length: 90 feet

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The Mosby Creek Bridge is Lane County's oldest bridge, built in 1920, at a cost of \$4,125. It is one of the few Lane County bridges supported by wooden pilings instead of concrete abutments.

Spliced chords and steel rod cross braces on the upper chords of the bridge are modifications of the basic Howe truss design. Instead of cedar shingles, the housed span utilizes a corrugated metal roof.

As with most of the covered bridges in the Cottage Grove area, vandals have left their mark on the bridge with cans of spray paint.

The Mosby Creek Bridge is one of three bridges which can be seen from the Oregon, Pacific and Eastern steam excursion train.

The stream was named for David Mosby, a pioneer of 1853 who staked claim to 1,600 acres of land east of the present city of Cottage Grove.

TO GET THERE:

Leaving Interstate 5 at Cottage Grove, travel southeast on Row River Road approximately 2 miles to the Row River Connection Road. Turn left, cross the railroad, and follow Mosby Creek Road southeast 2 miles to Lang Road. Mosby Creek Bridge is located on Lang Road two-tenths of a mile from the junction.

Covered Bridge
Inventory

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Name: Mosby

Location: Southeast of Cottage Grove, Laying Rd.
off Mosby Crk. Rd.

Nearest Town: Cottage Grove

Ownership: Lane County

Road and Stream: Mosby Creek, Laying Road.

Dimensions: 46' long

Type

Year Built and Builder: 1920

Existing Setting:

West view railroad yards

East - winding rural rd - some farms - distant hills

Some evergreens + vegetation + maples

15' above creek

clear stream

near old r. r. span

large fir bridge bridge

Description of Bridge:

Roundel portal, opening under eaves - no windows,

tin roof - gap at top needs repair - also needs paint

slightly flared skirt

false doors - smaller beams

Condition:

Fairly good - wooden piers but look fairly sound
Small gap in roof - siding okay except for paint

Status:

Historical Significance:

Other covered Bridges in the County:

State Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310

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County Lane

Theme 3-A

Name
(Common) Mosby Covered Bridge

(Historic) (same)

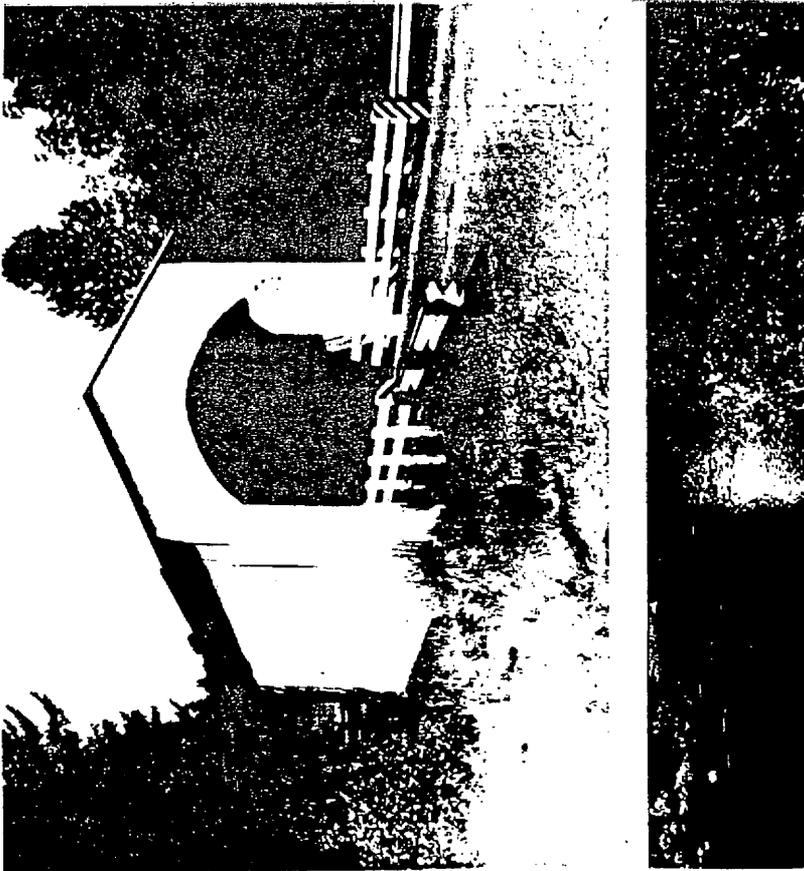
Address Lang Road, e. of Mosby Creek
Road
Walden, Oregon

Present Owner Lane County

(Address) Eugene, Oregon

Original Use Bridge

Date of Construction 1920



Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Mosby Covered Bridge is the oldest remaining in Lane County. Erected in 1920 this bridge has a span of ninety feet and crosses Mosby Creek upstream from its junction with the Row River. The bridge has a vertical board and batten exterior and a gable roof. Openings at the eaves on the east and west elevations provide lighting. The bridge is set on wooden piers. Its truss construction is as follows:

This bridge is named for the Mosby family. David Mosby took a Donation Land Claim in this area. Born in 1822 in Mercer County, Kentucky, Mosby arrived in Oregon in 1850. He stated that he settled his claim on November 16, 1853. His descendants yet occupy the Mosby lands. (see file sheet for Mosby house).

Continue back if necessary

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 27 May 1976 Sources Consulted:

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

Please enclose map Township 21 ^N(S) Range 3 ^E(W) Section 1

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