United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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The Silver Creek Bridge (ca. 1908-1909) is a rectangular, limestone veneer, double arch, earth loaded structure which spans the Silver Creek six miles east, three miles south, and two miles east of Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas (pop. 10,736). The bridge stands in a rural area with a southwest to northeast orientation. The bridge measures 140 feet long, 18 feet wide, 17 feet from its base to the road grade, and 19.5 feet from its base to the top of the pipe rail.

The bridge's double arches are of unequal size with the southern arch being almost round and the northern arch being almost oval. The rectangular cement pier bases were added in the 1920s. The iron pipe railing dates from the 1908-1909 construction. The road grade's highest point is the bridge's center, allowing for better drainage and thereby decreasing the chances that the earth loading will erode. The earth loading allows for even distribution of live loads and helps to strengthen the arches. The Silver Creek Bridge maintains a moderate degree of integrity.

8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Silver Creek Bridge (ca. 1908-1909) is being nominated to the National Register under criterion C for its architectural significance as a limestone, double arch bridge and is to be included in the "Masonry Arch Bridges of Kansas" thematic resources nomination (ca. 1985). The bridge's native limestone veneer and earth loaded construction and arched form is typical of masonry arch bridge construction in Kansas. In the 1920s, cement pier bases were added by Walter Sharp, a prolific bridge contractor responsible for many of the early cement bridges built in southern Kansas.

When constructed, the Silver Creek Bridge abutted the property of James Jordan (1851-1926), an Irish immigrant who had purchased the five hundred and sixty acres through which the Silver Creek flows in 1902. A Liberty Township labor crew constructed the bridge with limestone quarried from Jordan's land, Cowley County financed the construction. The bridge incorporated the Cowley County (est. 1870) George F. Honnold Road (est. 1899).

If listed on the National Register, the Silver Creek Bridge will join two other Cowley County masonry arch bridges that are included in the thematic nomination, the limestone, triple arch Esch's Spur Bridge (ca. 1910-1920) and the concrete, single arch Bucher Bridge (ca. 1905). The Silver Creek Bridge is representative of a quickly vanishing vernacular bridge type and maintains a moderate degree of integrity.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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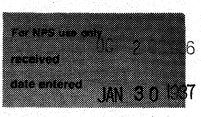
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