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The attached property, the "Parvin Bridge" in Lane County, OREGON, part of the Oregon Covered Bridges Thematic Resources, reference number 79003767, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 11/29/1979. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

2/4/2010 Date

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Bridge Name and Number <u>Parvin Bridge, Index No. 28</u>		
County Lane		
Stream or River Lost Creek		
Location Parvin Road, off Lost Creek Ro-	ad, ca. 1 mile S of Dexter	
NW¼ SW¼ Sec. 21, T.19S., R.1W.	, W.M	
Zone 10 E514350 N4860535	Lowell Quadrangle	
Acreage and Boundary Description Full wid	th of road right-of-way	
for the distance between abutmen		
at either end, containing in all	approximately 5700 square feet	
Present Owner Lane County Board of Com	missioners	
Lane County Courthouse		
Eugene, OR 97401		
Date of Construction 1921		
Description of Bridge		
Length of span 75 feet		
Truss type Howe tr	uss	
	sections at portal ends housing buttresses	
Decking Wood		
Other salient features Trunca	ted rectangular portal arches. Ribbon open-	

Parvin Bridge replaced a predecessor of as yet unknown date at this location. The contractor was George W. Breeding. The road and bridge were named for local settlers. The bridge was closed to traffic in 1974 following realignment of Rattlesnake Road, but it is still used as a foot bridge by local residents.

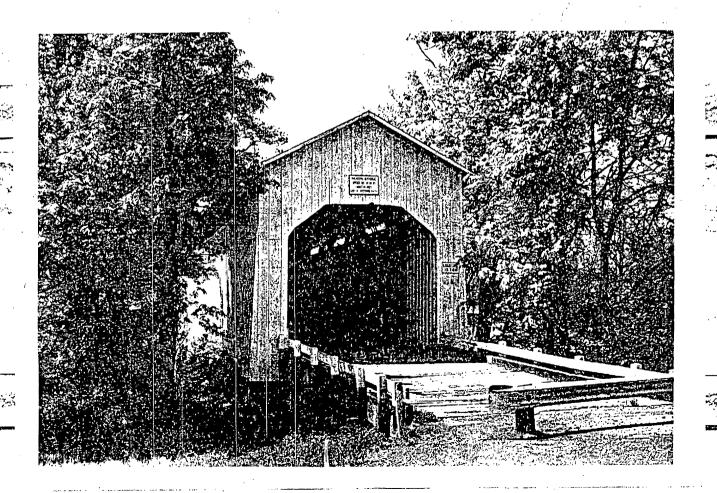
Rotten approaches and main span. Rated load limit: 15 tons.

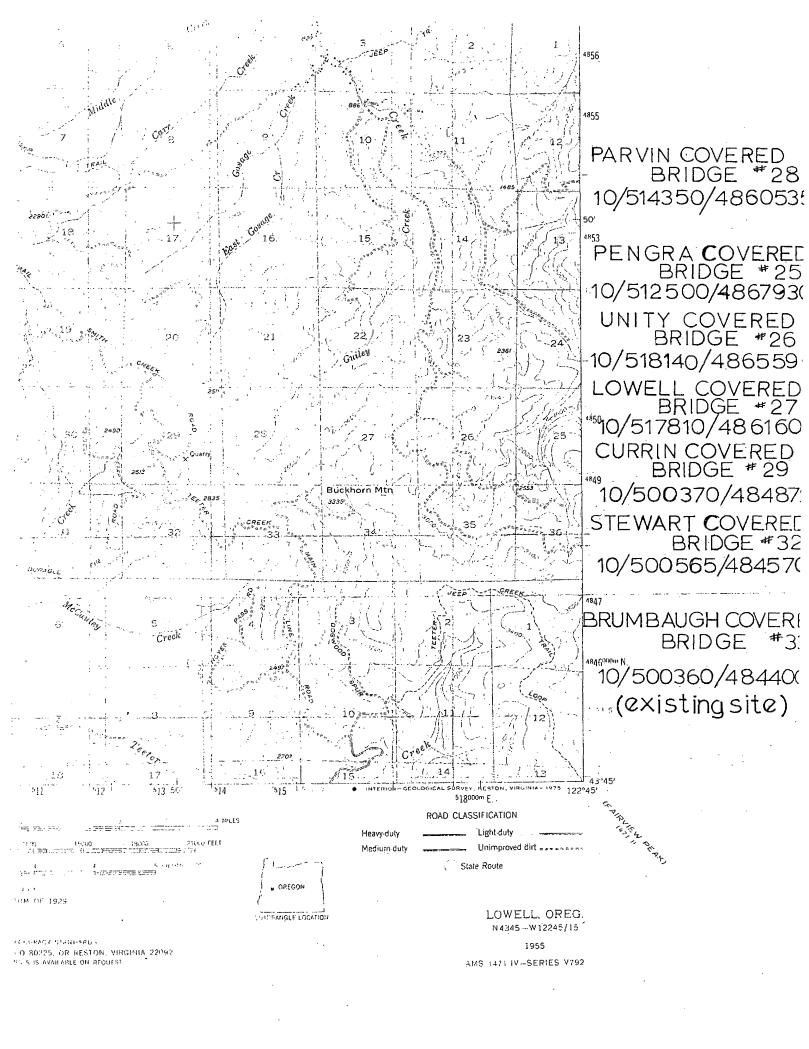
Legal description is included in the appropriate County Road Department right-of-way files and County Deed Records.

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

Bridge Index No. 28
Parvin Covered Bridge
Viciniy of Dexter
Lane County, Oregon
East Elevation

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





Parvin Bridge Stream: Lost Creek

Built: 1921

World Guide No.: 37-20-19

T19S R1W S21 Truss: Howe Length: 75 feet

The original bridge at this site was a 66-foot Howe truss span. In an inspection report in 1917 on the structure, bridge inspector J. W. McArthur noted,

"An old bridge. Chords badly worm eaten. Downstream chord has been reinforced in middle by a timber bolted on. Wood is but little better than a powder from worm action. All signs indicate a new bridge in from 2 to 4 years."

Four years later, George W. Breeding erected the present 75-foot Howe span at this location. The cost of the structure was \$3,617.82 and included a 62-foot east approach and a 17-foot west approach.

Lost Creek was once referred to as Lost Valley, perhaps because of its remoteness in the 1850's when the first settlers came through the area. The post office at Dexter was established in the early 1870's and was called Butte Disappointment in reference to a local landmark named by pioneers who became lost in the vicinity about 1853. In 1875, the name of the settlement was changed to Dexter because the old name was inconvenient, but no one knows why the name Dexter was selected.

The Parvin Bridge, located on Parvin Road, was named after a pioneer family in the area. The bridge was bypassed when Road was realigned.