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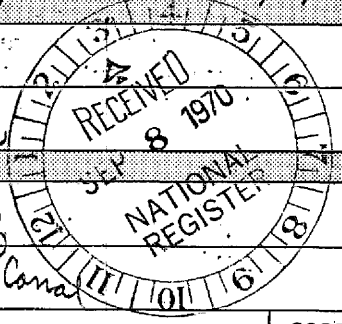
Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	California	
COUNTY:	Nevada	
FOR NPS USE ONLY		
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
717, No. 0037	7/14/71	



1. NAME

COMMON: Bridgeport Covered Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC: Bridgeport Covered Bridge

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: across Yuba R. SW of French Corral

CITY OR TOWN: 3 miles west from French Corral

STATE: California 95977 CODE: 06 COUNTY: Nevada CODE: 057

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Nevada County Division of Highways

STREET AND NUMBER: County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Nevada City 95959 STATE: California CODE: 061

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Nevada County Courthouse County Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Nevada City 95959 STATE: California CODE: 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: California Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Department of Parks and Recreation

STREET AND NUMBER: 1416 "G" Street

CITY OR TOWN: Sacramento STATE: California CODE: 06

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STATE: California

COUNTY: Nevada

ENTRY NUMBER: 717,06,0037

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

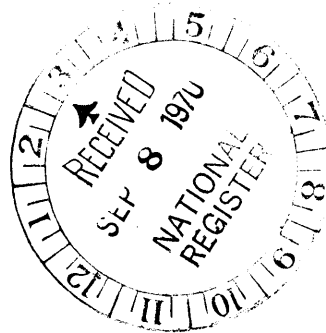
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Wooden bridge, utilizes a combination truss and arch construction. The longest covered bridge in the west - longest single span covered bridge in the U.S.A. - 233 feet long. Needs repair, but is still in use and structurally strong.

Bridgeport Covered Bridge is a unique wooden structure. The clear span is approximately 235 feet; travelled way is approximately 16 feet wide with wood plank decking. Built in 1862 by David Ingerfield Wood, with local Douglas fir lumber. The abutments are laid up of massive granite blocks. The main span is supported by a Howe Truss with auxiliary arch and counter struts. The arch, visible from within and without, consists of 2 5"xl4" timbers bolted together squeezing between them the members of a Howe Truss on each side of the roadway. Iron was used for vertical tension rods, bearing shoes and bolts. The exterior sides and roof are covered with shakes. A plaque, placed by the California Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee in cooperation with Nevada County Historical Society and the E. Clampus Vitus, is located near the bridge.

Beginning at a point in the hamlet of Bridgeport about 500' south of the South Fork of the Yuba River and 200' west of the road to French Corral, north and crossing the South Fork of the Yuba River about 1000', thence east about 750', thence south about 1000', thence west about 750' to the point of beginning.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1862**

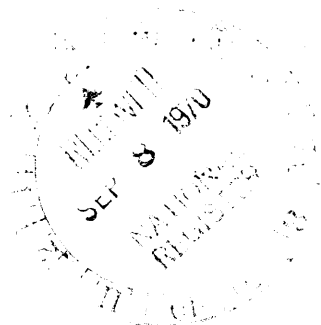
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built 1862, the Bridgeport Covered Bridge was part of the old turnpike which served Nevada City, North San Juan, and the Malakoff Mines. It was built by David L. Wood and is the only structure left reminiscent of Old Bridgeport - long since torn down.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rensch - Historic Spots in California
 Adams - Covered Bridges of the West
 Wells - History of Nevada County

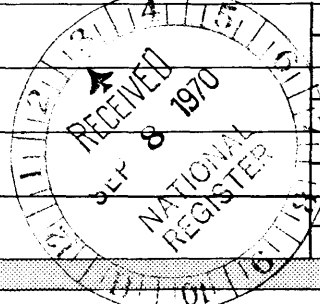
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	39° 17' 40"	121° 11' 40"	28' 28'			
NE	39° 17' 40"	121° 11' 25"				
SE	39° 17' 20"	121° 11' 25"				
SW	39° 17' 20"	121° 11' 40"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 20+-

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Allen W. Welts, State Park Historian III**

ORGANIZATION: **Department of Parks and Recreation** DATE: **2/30/70**
Resource Management and Protection Division

STREET AND NUMBER: **1416 "9" Street, Resources Agency Building**

CITY OR TOWN: **Sacramento** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: [Signature]
 Title: State Liaison Officer
 Date: August 3, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUL 14 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: **APR 23 1971**

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 NE 10/655850/4349750
 SE 10/655850/4349450
 SW 10/655630/4349450
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