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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Bridge
other name/site number NEHBS Number OT00-85

2. Location

street & number county road over unnamed stream N/A not for publication
city, town 1.5 miles southwest of Nebraska City X vicinity
state NE county Otoe code 131 zip code 68410

3. Classification

Ownership of Property Otoe County Number of Resources within Property
Category of Property structure Contributing Noncontributing
0 0 buildings
0 0 sites
1 0 structures
0 0 objects
1 0 Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Highway Bridges in Nebraska, 1870-1942

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as-amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria.

Bob Bushenkov DSHPO 5/6/92
Signature of certifying official Date
Nebraska State Historical Society
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register see continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the National Register see continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

Entered in the
National Register

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Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Function (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

Current Function (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

OTHER /concrete filled spandrel arch

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation	N/A
walls	N/A
roof	N/A
other	N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Located 1.5 miles southwest of Nebraska City, this modest span crosses an unnamed stream in a rural Otoe County setting that has changed little since the structure's period of significance. Other than maintenance-related repairs, the bridge remains essentially unaltered as it continues to carry vehicular traffic. This bridge today retains a high degree of integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. A description of the structure follows:

span number:	1	construction date:	1912
span length:	24.0'	construction cost:	unknown
total length:	28.0'	current condition:	good
roadway wdt.:	13.8'	alterations:	none

superstructure: concrete filled spandrel arch

substructure: concrete abutments and wingwalls

floor/decking: gravel over earth fill

other features: ornamental concrete guardrail, consisting of corbeled bulkheads and cast concrete balusters; incised panels on spandrel walls.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

	statewide
Applicable National Register Criteria	C
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	N/A
Areas of Significance	Architecture
Period of Significance	1912 (The period of significance is derived from the original construction date.)
Significant Dates	1912
Cultural Affiliation	N/A
Significant Person	N/A
Architect/Builder (Designer)	unknown
(Builder)	Kimballton Construction Company, Kimballton, Iowa

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations and areas of significance noted above.

On February 6, 1912, the Otoe County Commissioners awarded a contract to erect this 24-foot reinforced concrete arch to the Kimballton Construction Company of Kimballton, Iowa. The contract specified that the concrete arch be complete with wingwalls, have 8-inch wide 3-foot high guardrails, and a 16-foot roadway width. Subsequently, in May of 1912, Kimballton received payment in the amount of \$974.00 for work on the bridge. Although this was the only payment noted in the commissioner's minutes, it plausibly represents only a portion of the bridge's total cost. Today this small span is one of a handful of concrete arches remaining in Otoe County. With its 24-foot span, this modestly scaled bridge is technologically undistinguished. However, the structure's cast concrete balusters, paneled bulkheads and handsome proportions distinguish it as one of the few architecturally accomplished bridges in Nebraska.

For further contextual information regarding bridge building in Nebraska, registration requirements, and property types, see related multiple property listing "Highway Bridges in Nebraska, 1870 - 1942."

9. Major Bibliographical References

Nebraska Department of Roads, Structure Inventory and Appraisal: Structure Number C006601805P; Otoe County Commissioners' Minutes: Book 8, page 306, 6 February 1912; Book 8, page 318, May 1912; field inspection by Clayton Fraser and Sheila Bricher-Wade, 14 November 1990.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing
(36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # ___
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # ___

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other (specify repository):

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre
Cadastral Reference S18, T8N, R14E
USGS Quadrangle Nebraska City Northwest, Nebraska - Iowa (7.5 Minute Series, 1966)
UTM References zone 15 easting 256690 northing 4504880

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is a rectangular shaped parcel measuring 28 feet by 15.8 feet, which is centered on the UTM point listed above. Included within this rectangular parcel are the bridge's superstructure, substructure, floor system, and approach spans.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated structure includes the bridge's superstructure, substructure, floor system, any approach spans and the property on which they rest. These boundaries encompass, but do not exceed, all of the property that has been historically associated with this bridge.

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