



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

The attached property, Currin Bridge in Lane County, OREGON, reference number 79002082, 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.

to Quinn for the Keeper / B.P.B. Lynn
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

2-02-2010

Date

THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION
OREGON COVERED BRIDGES

Bridge Name and Number Currin Bridge, Index No. 29

County Lane

Stream or River Row River

Location Lang Road, off Row River Road, ca. 4 miles E of Cottage Grove

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 36, T.20S., R.3W., W.M.

Zone 10 E500370 N4848720 Lowell Quadrangle

Acreage 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 7500 square feet.

Present Owner Lane County Board of Commissioners

Lane County Courthouse

Eugene, OR 97401

Date of Construction 1925

Description of Bridge

Length of span	105 feet
Truss type	Howe truss
Cladding	Board and batten, vertical side walls
Roofing	Gable roof clad ^{with} corrugated metal
Decking	Wood

Other salient features Semi-circular portal arches. Ribbon openings under eaves, either side elevation. Solid, decorative S-curve brackets "carry" eaves at either bridge end. Concrete piers. Roadway width: 16'. Load limit: 10 tons.

The predecessor covered span at this location was constructed by Nels Roney in 1883. The existing bridge was built by County forces and derives its name from local settlers. Its paint treatment is unorthodox. Ends are white, and side elevations are painted red.

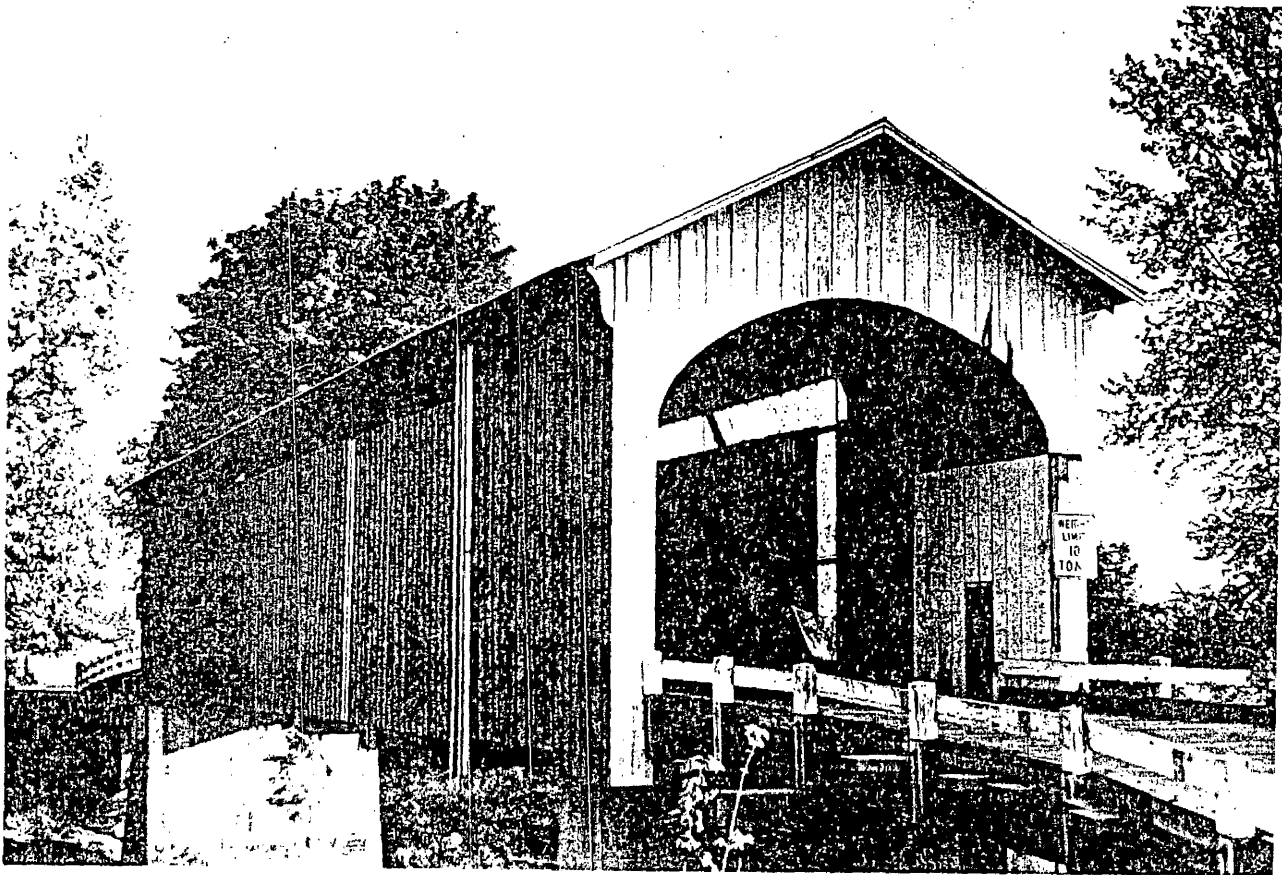
Truss and floor beams are split and weak. South approach rebuilt 1974; north approach rebuilt 1975. Scheduled to be bypassed by an intersection realignment and new concrete span upstream.

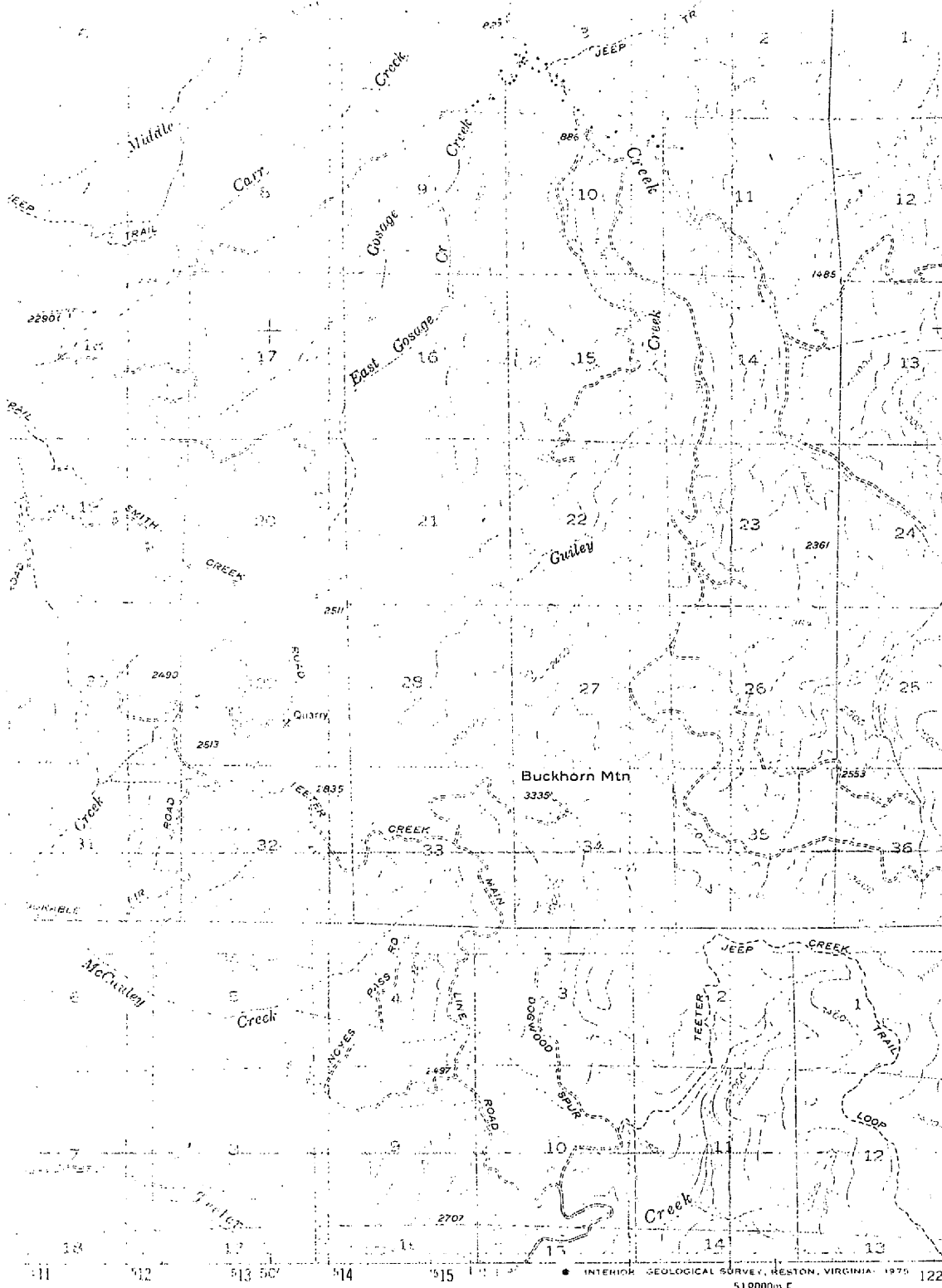
Legal description is included in the appropriate County Road Department right-of-way files and County Deed Records.

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. 29
Currin Covered Bridge
Vicinity of Cottage Grove
Lane County, Oregon
North West Elevation

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



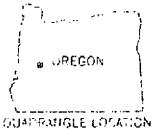


- PARVIN COVERED
BRIDGE # 28
10/514350/486053
- PENGRA COVERED
BRIDGE # 25
10/512500/486793
- UNITY COVERED
BRIDGE # 26
10/518140/486559
- LOWELL COVERED
BRIDGE # 27
10/517810/486160
- CURRIN COVERED
BRIDGE # 29
10/500370/48487
- STEWART COVERED
BRIDGE # 32
10/500565/48457
- BRUMBAUGH COVERED
BRIDGE # 30
10/500360/48440
(existing site)



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

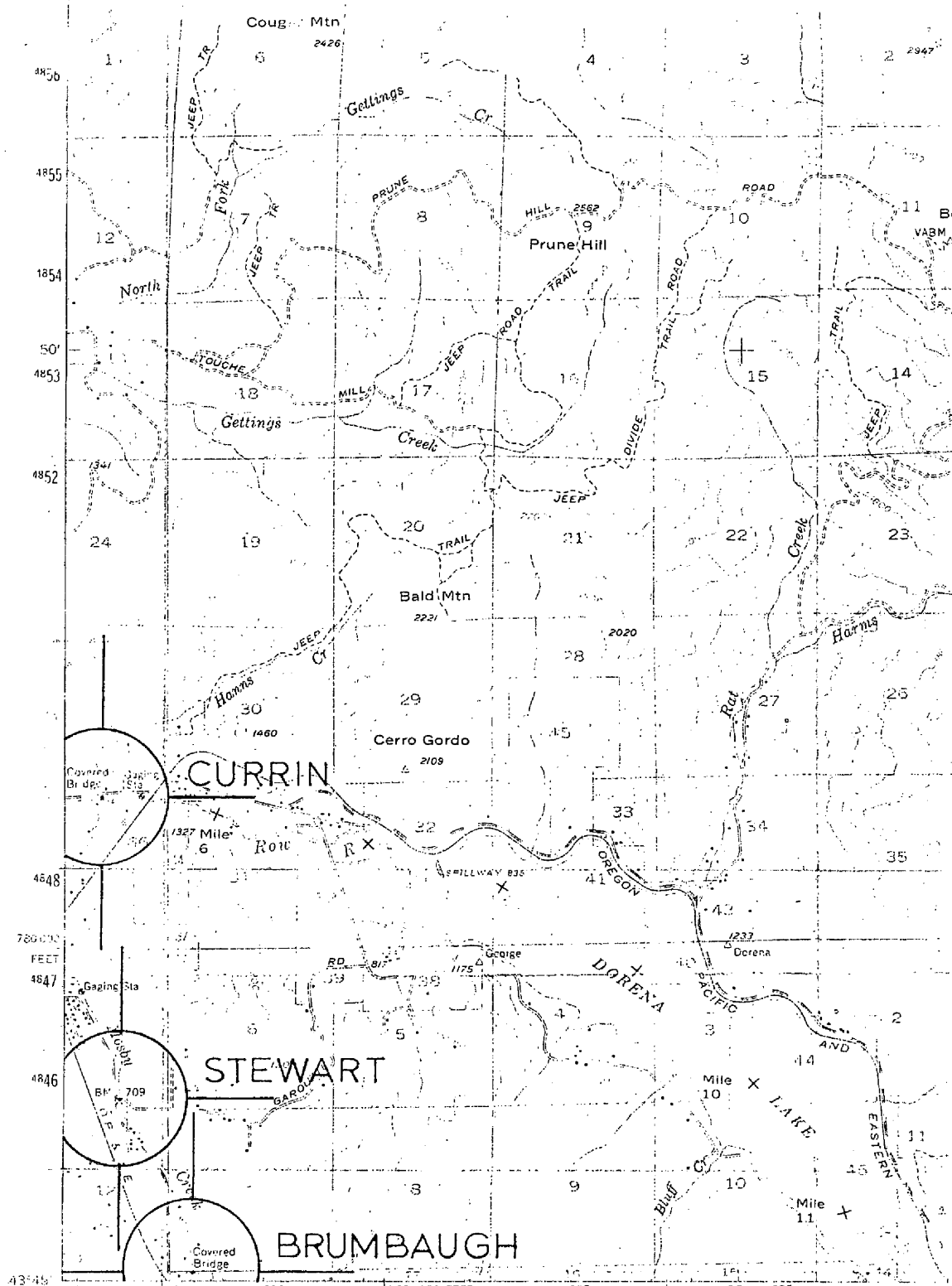


LOWELL, OREG.
N 4345 - W 12245 / 15

1955

AMS 1471 IV - SERIES V792

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20509
GPO : 1982



1:250,000
1:50,000

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
 Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
 Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
 Aerial photographs taken 1953. Field check 1955
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Oregon coordinate system, south zone
 Dashed land lines indicate approximate locations
 Unchecked elevations are shown in brown
 1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
 zone 10, shown in blue



100M GRID AND LINE MAGNETIC NORTH
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

THIS MAP IS
 FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
 A TOPOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION

Currin Bridge
Stream: Row River
Built: 1925
World Guide No.: 37-20-22

T20S R3W S36
Truss: Howe
Length: 105 feet

#29

Nels Roney constructed the first covered bridge at this site in 1883 for \$1,935. When it was to be replaced in 1925, the county again considered a contract for the bridge construction. The lowest bid for the structure was \$6,520.22, but the county felt it could save money by building the span ^{itself} directly. County employees constructed it for \$4,024.88, thus conserving \$2,495.34 ^{for} in the county coffer.

As with many Lane County landmarks, the Currin Bridge was named after an early pioneer family in the area. Architectural distinctions include single-piece hand hewn chords, cross-wise planking on the approaches and a corrugated metal roof. It is also the only Lane County covered span with white portals and red sides. Unfortunately, Lane County has plans to by-pass the Currin Bridge within the next year.

TO GET THERE:

Travel 4 miles east of Cottage Grove on Row River Road to the intersection of Lang Road. The bridge crosses Row River at this intersection. It is located 1 mile from Mosby Creek Bridge, also on Lang Road.

Covered Bridge
Inventory

#129

Name: Guttin Covered Bridge

Location: on Layne Rd. just off Row River rd to
Havena Farm

Nearest Town: Cottage Grove

Ownership: Lane County

Road and Stream: Layne Rd. Row River

Dimensions: 185' long

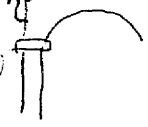
Type Howe

Year Built and Builder: 1955

Existing Setting:

Farm lands to the west - distant hills - Diveria Run Rd to east
& hills beyond - mostly oak + maple - very few evergreens
15' above stream - wider + somewhat shallow with rocks
Downstream to northwest - river runs straight for some distance
pleasant view of banks, distant evergreens + farm lands
to southeast - possibly bypass in distance - hill in distance
Farms to north across Row R. Rd. - looks into farms

Description of Bridge:

flat roof (loosening at top), rounded portals - straight skirts

white ends - red sides
concrete pier
new coating or approach

Condition:

decking in good shape - new approaches on east side
few boards missing on sides - slight portal damage

Status:

to be bypassed

recommend bypass to east further upstream - min.
of ~~5~~ 10' - pref. more no houses - corner of field
required possibly

Historical Significance:

Other covered Bridges in the County:

State Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310

#29

County Lane

Theme

Name
(Common) Currin Covered Bridge

(Historic) (same)

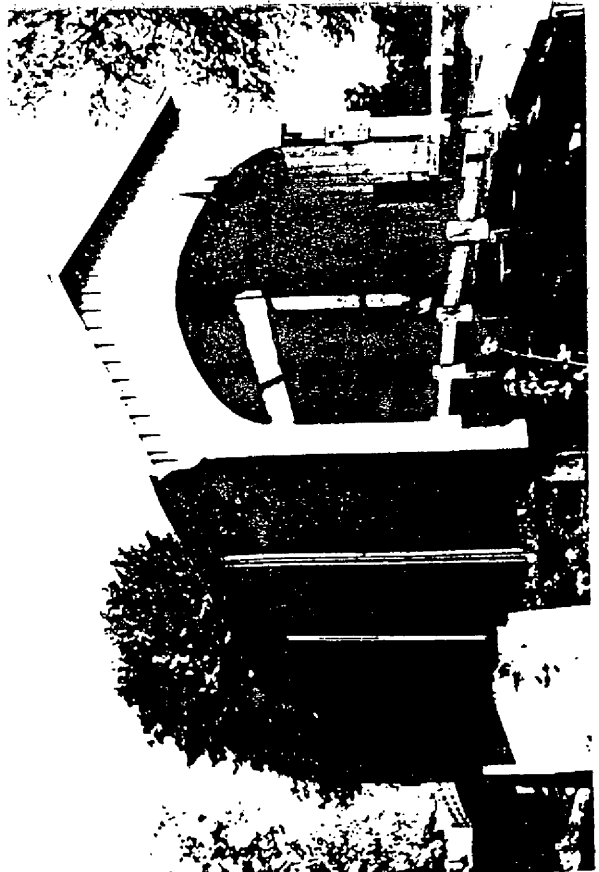
Address Row River Rd. and Lang Rd.
 Junction near Cottage Grove, Ore.

Present Owner Lane County

(Address) Eugene, Oregon

Original Use Bridge

Date of Construction 1925



Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Currin Covered Bridge is a span of 105 feet across the Row River at the junction of Lang Road and Row River Road. The bridge has an exterior of vertical board and battens and is open at the eaves to provide lighting. The gable roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal. The bridge is set on concrete piers. This bridge is painted red on its east and west elevations. It has an arch entry. The truss construction is as follows:

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 20 ^N_S Range 3 ^E_W Section 36

(over)

Sources:

Hulin, Gil. "Covered Bridge Total Declines." Cottage Grove, Oregon: Golden Was The Past, 1850-1970. Cottage Grove, Oregon: The Sentinel Print Shop, 1970, pp. 155-156.

Madsen, Lillie L. "Covered Bridges Hold Nostalgic Appeal." Statesman, Oct. 17, 1971, sec. 4, p. 37, photo.