

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Landers Creek Bridge *Masonry in Railroad crossing*

and/or common Goodrich Bridge

2. Location

street & number South edge of Goodrich n/a not for publication

city, town Goodrich  vicinity of

state Kansas code 20 county Linn code 107

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Linn County

street & number Linn County Courthouse

city, town LaCygne \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state Kansas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Linn County Courthouse

city, town LaCygne \_\_\_\_\_ state Kansas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Survey of Historic Bridges--  
title Kansas Dept. of Transportation has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1980-83 \_\_\_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Kansas State Historical Society

city, town Topeka \_\_\_\_\_ state Kansas

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Goodrich bridge is 82 feet long and 14 feet wide curb to curb. The roadway lies 14 feet above the water level of Landers Creek.

The five stone arches spring from and are disposed between concrete abutments and piers. Concrete spandrel walls project above the roadway to form guard rails over the center three arches. The wall at each approach span terminates just above the roadway to form curbing. These spandrel walls retain the earthen fill which loads the arch and allows for even distribution of the live loads as well as strengthening the arch.

Small limestone wing walls have been added to each approach of the structure in order to control erosion.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** [1917] **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Goodrich bridge retains its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, feeling and association. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and method of construction no longer being used and may yield information important to the history of engineering.

The stone arch bridge was popular in Kansas because of the readily available stone and local expertise. The Goodrich bridge is a transitional design. As the use of concrete became more popular in the second decade of the 20th century some bridge builders felt more comfortable utilizing both forms. In this instance limestone voussoirs with visible ring stones are combined with concrete piers and spandrel walls.

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

"Asks for Two Bridges," Parker Message, January 7, 1916, p. 1

"Goodrich," Parker Message, September 20, 1917, p. 3.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Parker, Kansas

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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1	5	3	2	5	8	0	0	4	2	3	8	6	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Verbal boundary description and justification

That property over which the bridge is built including bridge structure and abutments. SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  S29 - T20S - R22E

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	n/a	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Topeka

state Kansas

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society

date 3/4/85

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

See continuation sheet for  
Keeper of the National Register

date

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration