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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 93000170

Date Listed: 3/29/93

Lincoln Highway--Little Beaver Creek Bridge, Greene Co.	IA
Property Name	County State

Lincoln Highway in Greene County MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Pete Boland
Signature of the Keeper

3/29/93
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

A typographical error has the period of significance starting in 1955. The correct period of significance is 1915--1922.

This information was confirmed by Lisa Linhart of the IA SHPO.

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National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name The Lincoln Highway: Little Beaver Creek Bridge

other names/site number none

2. Location

street & number Section 36, T83N, R29W
2.5 miles east and 1 mile north of Grand Junction not for publication

city or town Grand Junction vicinity

state Iowa code IA county Greene code 073 zip code 50107

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]
Signature of certifying official/Title

1/25/93
Date

State Historical Society of Iowa
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Pete Boland

3/29/93

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check any boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
1	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	_____	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

The Lincoln Highway in Greene County, Iowa

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation/road bridge

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation/road bridge

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Other/concrete slab bridge

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation n/a

walls n/a

roof n/a

other reinforced concrete

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

3. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation

Period of Significance

1955-1922

Significant Dates

1915

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Name of repository:

Greene County Lincoln Highway Preservation Group, Inc.

Little Beaver Creek Bridge
Name of Property

Greene Co., Iowa
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	115	402600	4655690
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2			

3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Rebecca Conard

organization PHR Associates date July 13, 1992

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Greene County

street & number Greene County Courthouse telephone 515/386-2516

city or town Jefferson state Iowa zip code 50129

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The Little Beaver Creek Bridge is a reinforced concrete slab bridge measuring 18' wide x 17' long. It is almost identical in design to the concrete slab bridge with ballustered guardrails that Iowa Bridge Co. built over West Beaver Creek. The only difference is that the letter "L" is stamped into the wing walls of the guardrails. Drain tiles are imbedded in the deck and the wing walls of the bridge abutments. It is unaltered and in good physical condition.

The date of construction is speculative. Bridge inspection records are sketchy and board of supervisors' minutes appear to be inaccurate. On the same date that the Greene County supervisors approved the 18'x24' reinforced concrete slab bridge over West Beaver Creek, 15 February 1915, they also approved a 20'x10' bridge (dimensions as recorded) in Section 36 of Junction Township. This entry would be the location of the Little Beaver Creek Bridge, but the dimensions are different, suggesting that the supervisors' ordered a large box culvert. No other entry for a bridge at this location appears in the minutes through 1924. It is possible that once construction got underway, decisions to alter the structure were made in the field and never recorded in the minutes. In any case, a 1915 date is consistent with physical evidence and a contemporary account noting that most of the new bridges on the Lincoln Highway were constructed as of 1915.¹

The bridge is located on a graveled rural road. It is one of two distinctive bridges associated with the Lincoln Highway route between Grand Junction and Ogden. The other is a Marsh rainbow arch bridge located approximately 1.5 miles east of the Greene-Boone county line in Boone County. It was constructed in 1916. These two bridges and several miles of graveled road were part of the official Lincoln Highway route between 1914 and 1922. The setting is farmsteads and fields, much the same as it would have been during the eight years this segment was on the route. While the entire graveled segment and its appurtenant structures should be evaluated for National Register significance, such evaluation should be done within a statewide survey context since the graveled road crosses county lines. For this reason the nomination is restricted to the Little Beaver Creek bridge.

1 *Literary Digest*, 27 November 1915.

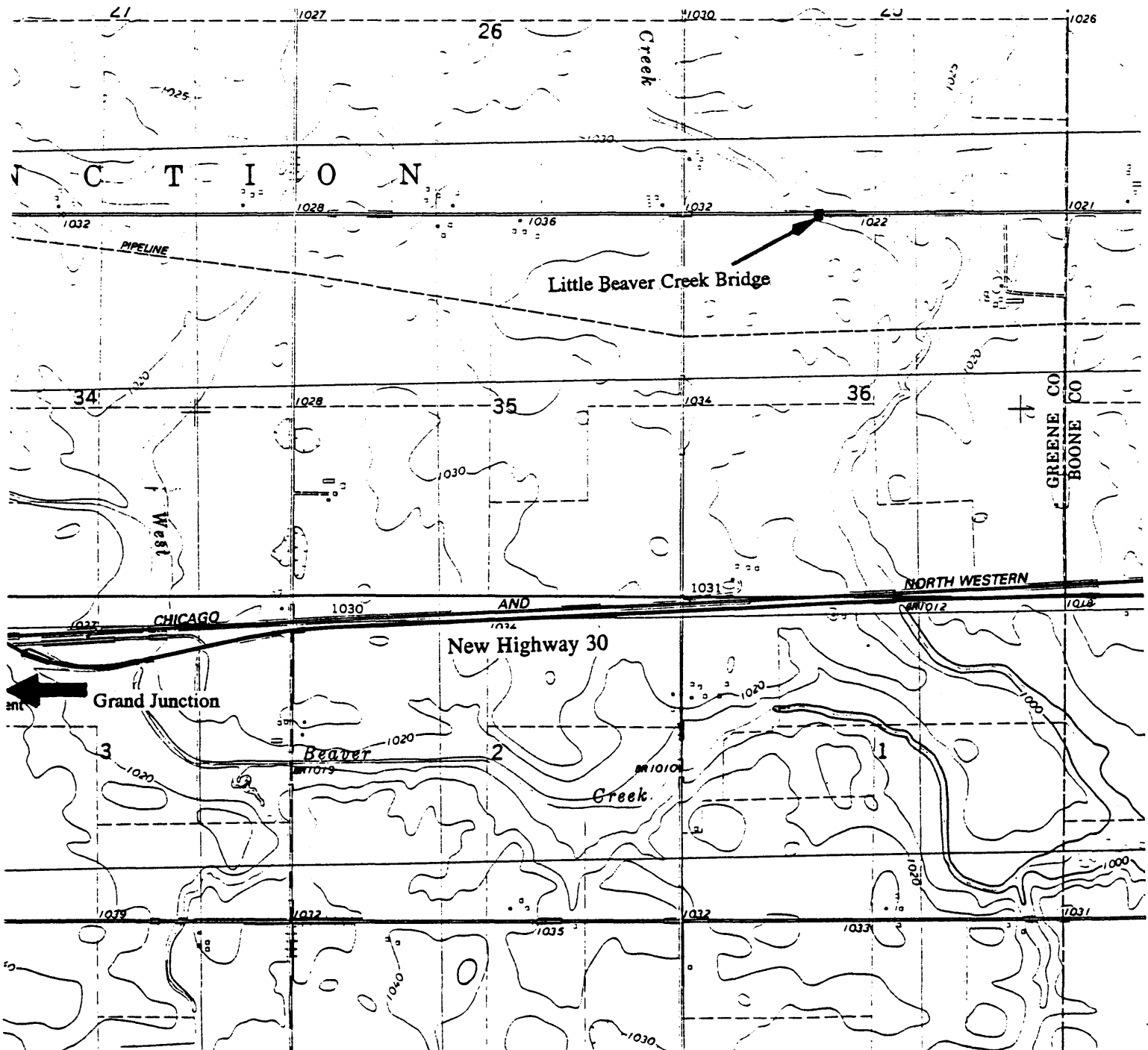
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Resource Location Map (U.S.G.S. Grand Junction Quadrangle, 7.5 minute, 1982)



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The Little Beaver Creek Bridge is significant under Criterion A as one of the primary extant structures associated with the 1914-1922 Lincoln Highway route between Grand Junction and Ogden.

When the Lincoln Highway route was announced in 1913, it followed the existing road between Grand Junction and Beaver, which ran north of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad tracks.² The route was not perfectly direct, however. West of Beaver, the road jogged south and crossed the railroad tracks twice before continuing west into Grand Junction. Inside the city limits of Grand Junction, the road then crossed the tracks a third time in order to link up with Main Street, located on the south side of the tracks. In 1914, the eastern two miles of the Lincoln Highway route through east Greene County were shifted to the north so that the Greene and Boone county routes would meet squarely at the county line.³ This left the town of Beaver off the route, but eliminated two railroad crossings.

So the route remained for the next several years, bypassing Beaver a mile north but providing a reasonably direct route from Grand Junction to Ogden. However, after "a large number of Grand Junction residents" petitioned to have the route changed in 1920, supervisors agreed to route the highway south of the railroad tracks all the way from Grand Junction to the county line. A year later, supervisors from both Greene and Boone counties agreed to route the highway on the south side of the tracks all the way from Grand Junction east to Boone.⁴ These actions meant construction of a new road, but eliminated the remaining railroad crossing in Grand Junction. After 1921, only one rail crossing was left in all of Greene County, at Scranton. During 1921 and 1922, the new road south of the railroad tracks was constructed.

2 1909 Atlas of Greene County; 1913 Official Map of Greene County; 1917 Standard Atlas of Greene County.

3 *Bee*, 25 February 1914

4 "A Lincolnway Change," *Bee*, 1 September 1920; "New Route to Boone," *Bee*, 5 January 1921; Greene County Board of Supervisors' Minute Book I:16, 23 September 1920.

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The road north of the tracks was formally abandoned by action of the Greene County Board of Supervisors on October 23, 1922 and returned to the township road system.⁵

The Little Beaver Creek Bridge is associated with the 1914-1922 Lincoln Highway through Greene County. Its existence serves as a reminder that the roads which made up the Lincoln Highway route were for several years subject to local politics as communities sought to provide safer roads for motorists within their jurisdictions and organized citizens sought to secure routes that were most convenient or beneficial to their interests.

⁵ Greene County Board of Supervisors' Minute Book I:332, 23 October 1922.

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Bibliographical References

See footnotes for sources cited in this nomination. Refer to Section I of the Multiple Property Documentation Form for complete bibliography and source location information.

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Boundary Description

The boundaries are a rectangle measuring 37' x 66' wide with the bridge centered in the middle. The bridge is located in Section 36, T83N R29W (Junction Township).

Boundary Justification

These boundaries incorporate 10' of the approach on either side of the bridge within the legal 66' road right-of-way.