

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Keim Stone Arch Bridge

Name of Property

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Johnson County, Nebraska

County and State

The Keim Stone Arch Bridge was located 4 miles northeast of Tecumseh in Johnson County, over an unnamed stream. The bridge carried rural traffic north-south on 624 Avenue. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places at the state level of significance on June 29, 1992 under Criterion C for its significance in engineering and is listed under the Highway Bridges in Nebraska, 1870-1942 Multiple Property Documentation (MPD). The NPS listing number for this property is: 92000710. The Bridge was built by the Keim Cement Company in 1916. The Keim Cement Company was one of the primary bridge builders in the county, and appears to have been the only builder of stone bridges and culverts. The Keim Stone Arch Bridge was a rare, well-preserved example of early twentieth century stone arch bridge construction: the only surviving stone bridge built by this prominent local bridge builder.

The Keim Stone Arch Bridge was replaced by the Johnson County Roads Department in 2017 under a Memorandum of Agreement established through Section 106 Review & Compliance with the Army Corps of Engineers.

As documented in 36 CFR 60.15(a)(1), loss of integrity demonstrated by the alterations listed above supplies grounds for removing this property from the National Register.

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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 of certifying official

Date

Director, Nebraska State Historical Society
State or 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 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):

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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County and State



Image 1: Replacement culvert for the Keim Stone Arch Bridge; view southwest.



Image 2: Sign indicating previous location of Keim Stone Arch Bridge; view east.





Past Site Location Of
The Historical
Keim Stone Arch Bridge
Built By Keim Cement Co.
In 1916.

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Registration Form

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 Keim Stone Arch Bridge
other name/site number NEHBS Number JO00-64

2. Location

street & number county road over unnamed stream N/A not for publication
city, town 3 miles east and 1 mile north of Tecumseh X vicinity
state NE county Johnson code 097 zip code 68450

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Johnson 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 ☒ 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.

Signature of certifying official

Date

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

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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 /limestone 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 three miles east and one mile north of Tecumseh, the Keim Stone Arch Bridge spans an unnamed stream in a rural Johnson 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. The Keim Stone Arch 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:	1916
span length:	28.0'	construction cost:	\$1121.16
total length:	29.0'	current condition:	good
roadway wdt.:	18.0'	alterations:	none

superstructure: limestone arch

substructure: stone abutments

floor/decking: gravel over earth fill

other features: marble plate on parapet: **Built by Keim Cement Co. 1916**

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	Engineering
Period of Significance	1916 (The period of significance is derived from the original construction date.)
Significant Dates	1916
Cultural Affiliation	N/A
Significant Person	N/A
Architect/Builder (Designer)	Keim Cement Company, Tecumseh NE
(Builder)	Keim Cement Company, Tecumseh NE

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

As indicated by a plate on the bridge itself, the Keim Stone Arch was built in 1916 by the Keim Cement Company. The Johnson County Commissioners' Record reveals only one payment to the Keim Cement Company in 1916, on September 4th for \$1121.16. The Keim Cement Company was one of the primary bridge builders in the county, and appears to have been the only builder of stone bridges and culverts. The company made its first claim against the county for stone bridge work in 1906, followed by at least ten other claims for stone bridges and culverts. George Phillip Keim founded the general-construction firm in Tecumseh in 1882. His sons, Peter and Jacob, later joined him, and the company became known as Keim and Sons. The Keim family continued to operate the firm until at least the 1950s. In the early years, the company worked primarily in Johnson, Nemaha and Pawnee Counties. It became involved in highway construction in 1918, and was engaged in highway projects throughout Nebraska by 1956. Major commissions reportedly include the Johnson County Home, the Tecumseh Fire Department building, and "construction of structures on one of the first highway projects in southeast Nebraska - No. 3 highway between Tecumseh and Crab Orchard." The Keim Stone Arch Bridge is a rare, well-preserved example of early twentieth century stone arch bridge construction: the only surviving stone bridge built by this prominent local bridge builder.

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 C004913710; **Johnson County Centennial, 1856-1956** (no pub., ca.1956), p. 40 (copy available at Tecumseh City Hall, Tecumseh, Nebraska); Proceedings of the Johnson County Commissioners, 12 June 1901, 8 September 1906, 16 November 1907, 7 December 1907, 9 January 1908, 22 August 1908, 6 October 1908, 28 November 1908, 3 September 1909, 28 September 1909, 4 September 1916, locating in Johnson County Courthouse, Tecumseh, Nebraska; field inspection by Demian Hess, 17 July 1989.

See continuation sheet

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 S24/19, T5N, R11E/R12E
USGS Quadrangle Tecumseh Northeast (7.5 Minute Series, 1966)
UTM References zone 14 easting 744220 northing 4475070

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is a rectangular shaped parcel measuring 29 feet by 20 feet, which is centered on the UTM point listed above. Included within this rectangular parcel are the bridge's superstructure, substructure and floor system.

See continuation sheet

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.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Demian Hess, Research Historian	date	30 June 1991
organization	Fraserdesign and Hess, Roise and Company	telephone	303-669-7969
street & number	1269 Cleveland Avenue	state	Colorado
city or town	Loveland	zip code	80537

5/15/92

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Highway Bridges in Nebraska MPS
NEBRASKA

Date Listed

COVER	Substantive Basis	6/29/92
92000749	Adamson Bridge	6/29/92
92000721	Ashland Bridge	6/29/92
92000744	Beal Slough Bridge	6/29/92
92000752	Bell Bridge	6/29/92
92000753	Berry State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000745	Big Blue River Bridge, FILLMORE CO	6/29/92
92000708	Big Blue River Bridge, BUTLER CO	6/29/92
92000760	Big Indian Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000728	Big Papillion Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000759	Bloody Run Bridge	6/29/92
92000751	Borman Bridge	6/29/92
92000754	Brewer Bridge	6/29/92
92000707	Bridge - CASS COUNTY	6/29/92
92000714	Bridge - HITCHCOCK	6/29/92
92000737	Bridge - OTDE COUNTY	6/29/92
92000725	Bridge - ANTELOPE CO entered in the	6/29/92
92000733	Bridge - OTDE COUNTY National Regist.	6/29/92
92000761	Bridge - GAGE	6/29/92
92000747	Brownson Viaduct	6/29/92
92000715	Burwell Bridge	6/29/92
92000763	Cambridge State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000722	Carns State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000719	Cincinnati Bridge	6/29/92
92000734	Clear Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000729	Colclessier Bridge	6/29/92
92000735	Columbus Loup River Bridge	6/29/92
92000748	Deering Bridge	6/29/92
92000771	Elkhorn River Bridge	6/29/92
92000764	Franklin Bridge	6/29/92
92000773	Gross State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000732	Henry State Aid Bridges	6/29/92
92000758	Hoyt Street Bridge	6/29/92
92000731	Interstate Canal Bridge	6/29/92
92000710	Keim Stone Arch Bridge	6/29/92
92000768	Kilgore Bridge	6/29/92
92000756	Lewellen State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000774	Lewis Bridge	6/29/92
92000757	Lisco State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000723	Little Nemaha River Bridge OTDE COUNTY 61086	6/29/92
92000720	Little Nemaha River Bridge OTDE COUNTY 61089	6/29/92
92000730	Loosveldt Bridge	6/29/92



Keim Stone Arch Bridge - NEHBS No. 1000-64

Tecumseh vicinity, JOHNSON Co., NEBR

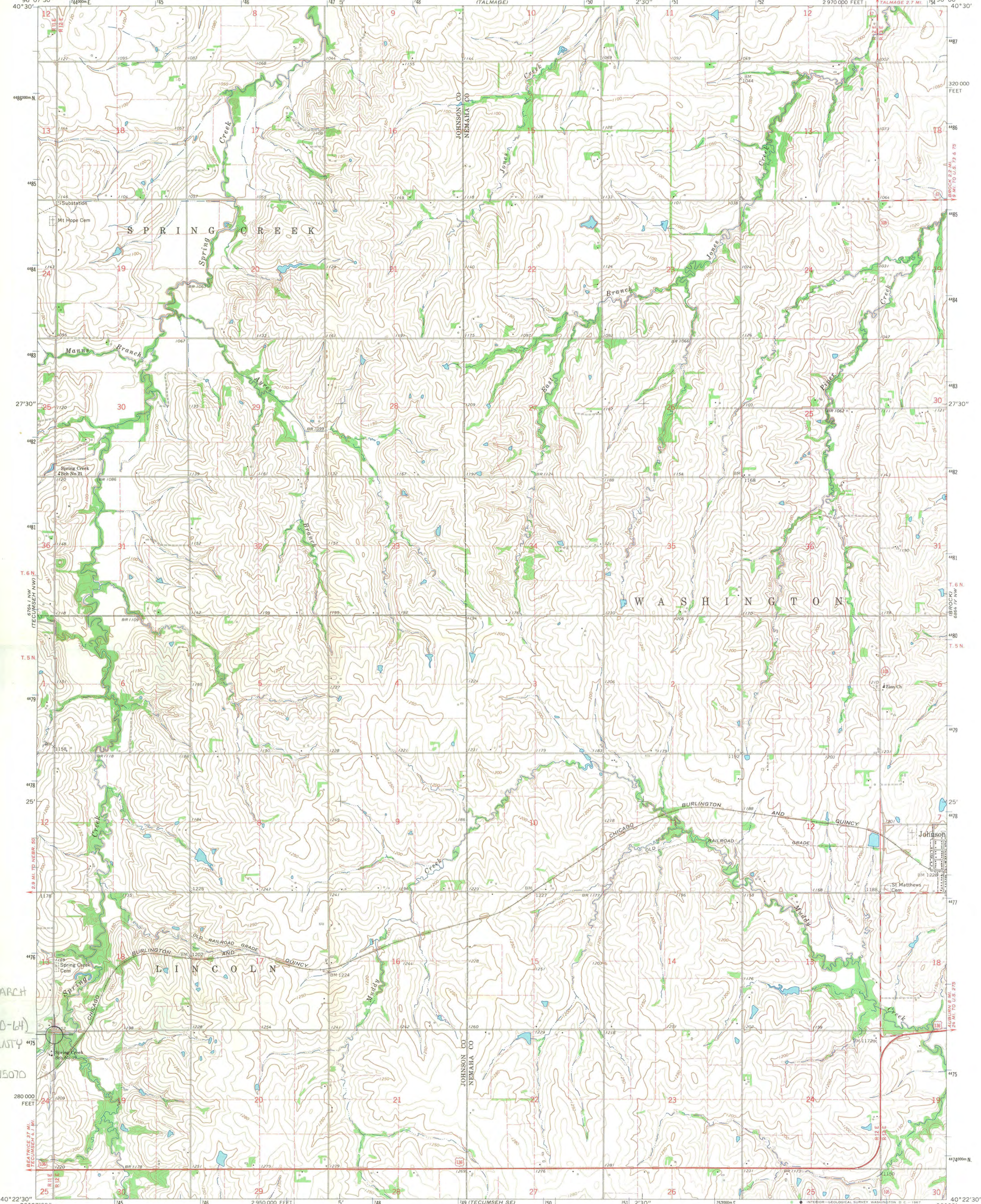
Demian Hess

17 July 1989

original negative located at IOESHPA

view: looking east

PHOTO 1 of 1



KEIM STONE ARCH
BRIDGE
(NEARS#1000-64)
JOHNSON QUARRY
LTM:
14.744220.4475070

National Register of Historic Places
Memo to File

Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Keim Stone Arch Bridge
NAME:

MULTIPLE Highway Bridges in Nebraska MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEBRASKA, Johnson

DATE RECEIVED: 5/15/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/26/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/11/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/29/92
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000710

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 6/29/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ applicable criteria
☐ justification of areas checked
☐ relating significance to the resource
☐ context
☐ relationship of integrity to significance
☐ justification of exception
☐ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
1500 R STREET, BOX 82554, LINCOLN, NE 68501
DIRECTOR: JAMES A. HANSON (402) 471-3270

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May 8, 1992

Ms. Carol Shull
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
1100 'L' Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

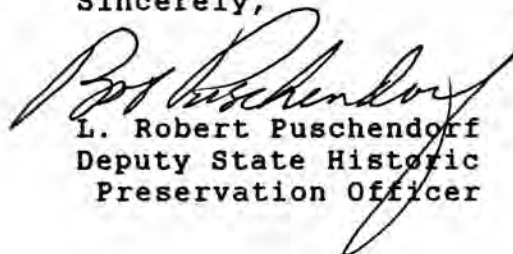
Re: Keim Stone Arch Bridge
NEHBS # J000-064
3 miles E & 1 mile N of Tecumseh
rural Johnson County, Nebraska

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find enclosed the National Register of Historic Places nomination form for the above property. The property is being nominated under the Multiple Documentation Form, Highway Bridges in Nebraska 1870-1942, which is enclosed under separate cover. This nomination has met all notification and other requirements as established in 36 CFR Part 60.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination, please let me know.

Sincerely,


L. Robert Puschendorf
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

Enclosure



Preserving the past. Building the future.

January 30, 2019

Jim Gabbert
NPS-National Register of Historic Places
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Re: Removal of Ten Properties from the National Register of Historic Places, Multiple Counties, NE

Dear Mr. Gabbert,

Enclosed is appropriate documentation to remove ten properties located within the state of Nebraska from the National Register of Historic Places. The enclosed contents are as follows:

- The signed Continuation Sheet documenting the current condition of each of the National Register-listed properties for which removal is requested;
- One (1) archival disc with the true and correct copy of the Continuation Sheets requesting the removal of ten properties from the National Register of Historic Places in PDF format; and
- Two (2) archival discs with photographs depicting the current conditions ten National Register-listed properties in Nebraska to be removed from the National Register of Historic Places.

The properties being requested to be removed from the National Register of Historic Places are:

- Bridge, Antelope County, NPS #92000725
- Ponca Creek Bridge, Boyd County, NPS #92000769
- Adamson Bridge, Cherry County, NPS #92000749
- Algernon S. Paddock House, Gage County, NPS #73001062
- Burwell Bridge, Garfield County, NPS #92000715
- Keim Stone Arch Bridge, Johnson County, NPS #92000710
- Pospeshil Theatre, Knox County, NPS #88000935
- Beal Slough Bridge, Lancaster County, NPS #92000744
- McCartney School, Otoe County, NPS #00001379
- North Omaha Creek Bridge, Thurston County, NPS #92000727

If you have any questions regarding the submitted materials, feel free to contact me at the phone number or email address below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan L. Calver'.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Removal

Property Name: Keim Stone Arch Bridge

Multiple Name: Highway Bridges in Nebraska MPS

State & County: NEBRASKA, Johnson

Date Received:
2/14/2019

Date of Pending List:
3/7/2019

Date of 16th Day:
3/22/2019

Date of 45th Day:
4/1/2019

Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: OT92000710

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

X Accept

 Return

 Reject

3/25/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary
Comments: demolished and replaced

Recommendation/
Criteria Accept recommendation / Remove

Reviewer Jim Gabbert

Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275

Date

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.