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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Harrisburg Covered Bridge

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Harrisburg off U.S. 411 over East Fork of Little Pigeon River
South of ~~U. S. Highway 411~~

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Harrisburg Vicinity VICINITY OF First CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Tennessee CODE 47 COUNTY Sevier CODE 155

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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Sevier County

STREET & NUMBER Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Sevierville VICINITY OF Tennessee STATE

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Sevier County Register's Office

STREET & NUMBER Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Sevierville STATE Tennessee

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Harrisburg Covered Bridge was built over the East Fork of the Little Pigeon River by Elbert Stephenson Early in 1875. Like many covered bridges in America it had fallen into dilapidated condition. In 1972 the Great Smokies Chapter and the Spencer Clack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution financed the repair and restoration of the structure.

The bridge is of quite simple design. It was originally supported by what is known as a "queenpost" truss (see photo of the interior portion of the bridge). This type of truss made of hardwood beams permitted the engineer to span a greater distance than the more simplistic "kingpost" truss. The Harrisburg Bridge is roughly sixty feet long; a large concrete support was added at the center of the bridge in 1972.

The flooring of the bridge is made of oak planks which were laid from side to side. Windows are set between the vertical post of the truss. Shingles were probably the original roofing material, however, a new galvanized tin roof was added during restoration. Clapboard siding covers the vertical posts which support the roof. The bridge is located a short distance off U. S. Highway 411; one lane width adequately serves the residents of the rolling countryside beyond the East Fork.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 1875 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Elbert Stephenson Early

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Harrisburg Covered Bridge is one of a half-dozen which are still standing in Tennessee. Fortunately, it was saved from total dilapidation when two local DAR chapters saw fit to restore the structure in 1972. It is still in use today.

Harrisburg is a small community in rural Sevier County. There was never any extensive development in the area; it is marked by some fine examples of mid and late nineteenth century homes. The bridge was built by Elbert Stephenson Early in 1875. Early, a resident of the area, was the owner of Newport Mills.

The Harrisburg Covered Bridge, long a landmark in the area, is significant as an example of the covered bridges which were once numerous in the state, but have now almost disappeared. It is one of only three that remain in use today.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Carberry, Michael, Historic Sites in Blount, Cocke, Monroe and Sevier Counties (Knoxville, 1973).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
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ORGANIZATION
 East Tennessee Development District

DATE
 7-74

STREET & NUMBER
 1810 Lake Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
 Knoxville

STATE
 Tennessee

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL X

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

Lauren [Signature] 5/19/75

TITLE Executive Director, Tennessee Historic Commission DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 6/10/75
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
ATTEST: <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE JUN 9 1975
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	