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The attached property, **Unity Bridge in Lane County, OREGON**, reference number **79002093** 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.

Special for the Keeper
x *[Signature]*
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

2-3-2010
Date

THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION
OREGON COVERED BRIDGES

Bridge Name and Number Unity Bridge, Index No. 26

County Lane

Stream or River Fall Creek

Location Jasper-Lowell Road, ca. 1½ miles N of Lowell

NW¼ SE¼ Sec. 2, T.19S., R.1W., W.M.

Zone 10 E518140 N4865595 Lowell Quadrangle

Acreeage 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 6600 square feet.

Present Owner Lane County Board of Commissioners

Lane County Courthouse

Eugene, OR 97401

Date of Construction 1936

Description of Bridge

Length of span 90 feet

Truss type Howe truss

Cladding Board and batten, vertical side walls

Roofing Shingled gable roof

Decking Wood

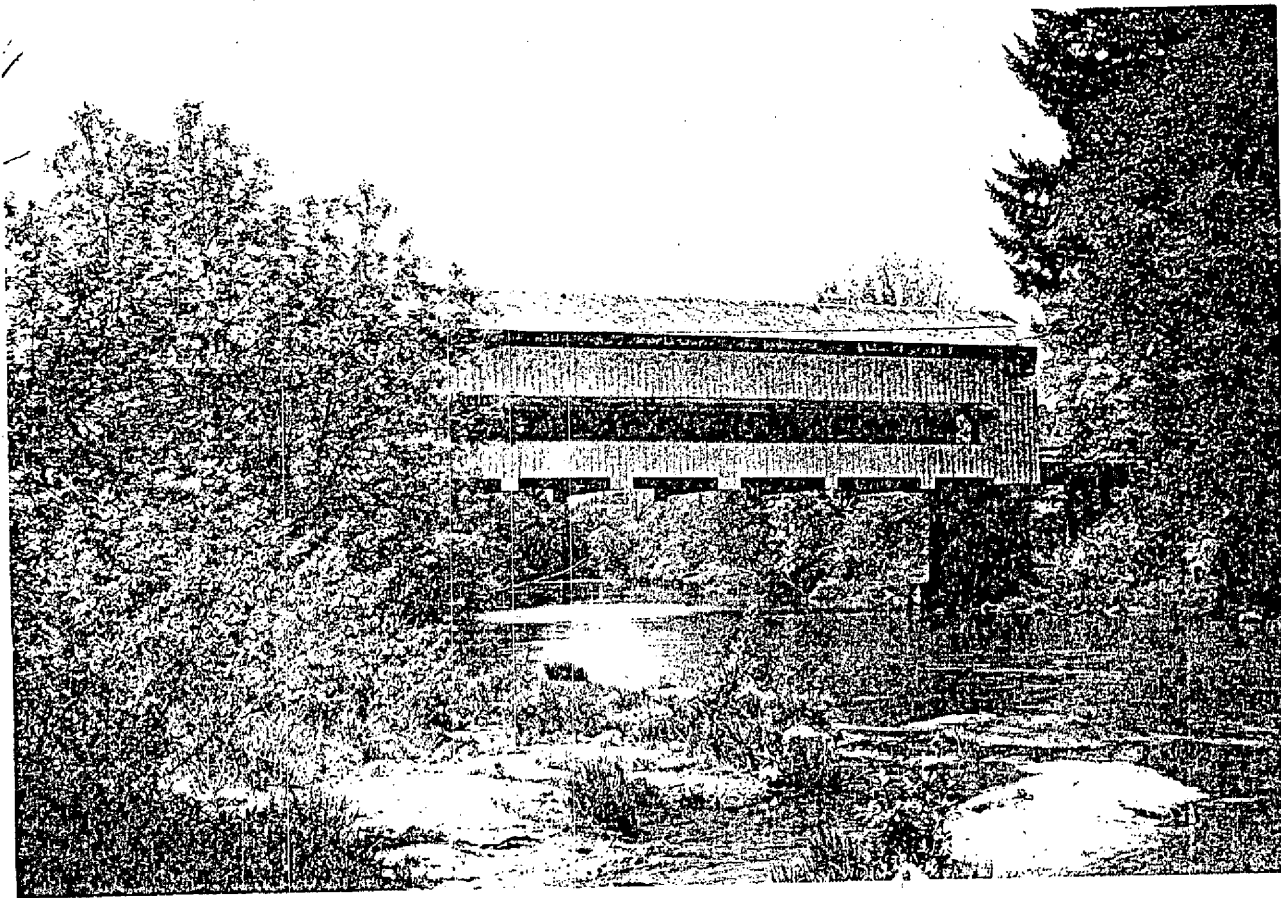
Other salient features Semi-elliptical portal arches. Ribbon openings under the eaves, either side elevation. Ribbon opening above deck, east side. Solid, S-curve brackets "carry" eaves at bridge ends. Concrete piers. Roadway width: 19'. Rated load limit: 38 tons. Housing partially painted in 1973. Some roof shingles replaced after a fire in 1975; north approach rebuilt 1975. Minor repairs needed in south portal. Holes in roof. Rot in floor beams. Horizontal sight distance at both bridge ends is poor.

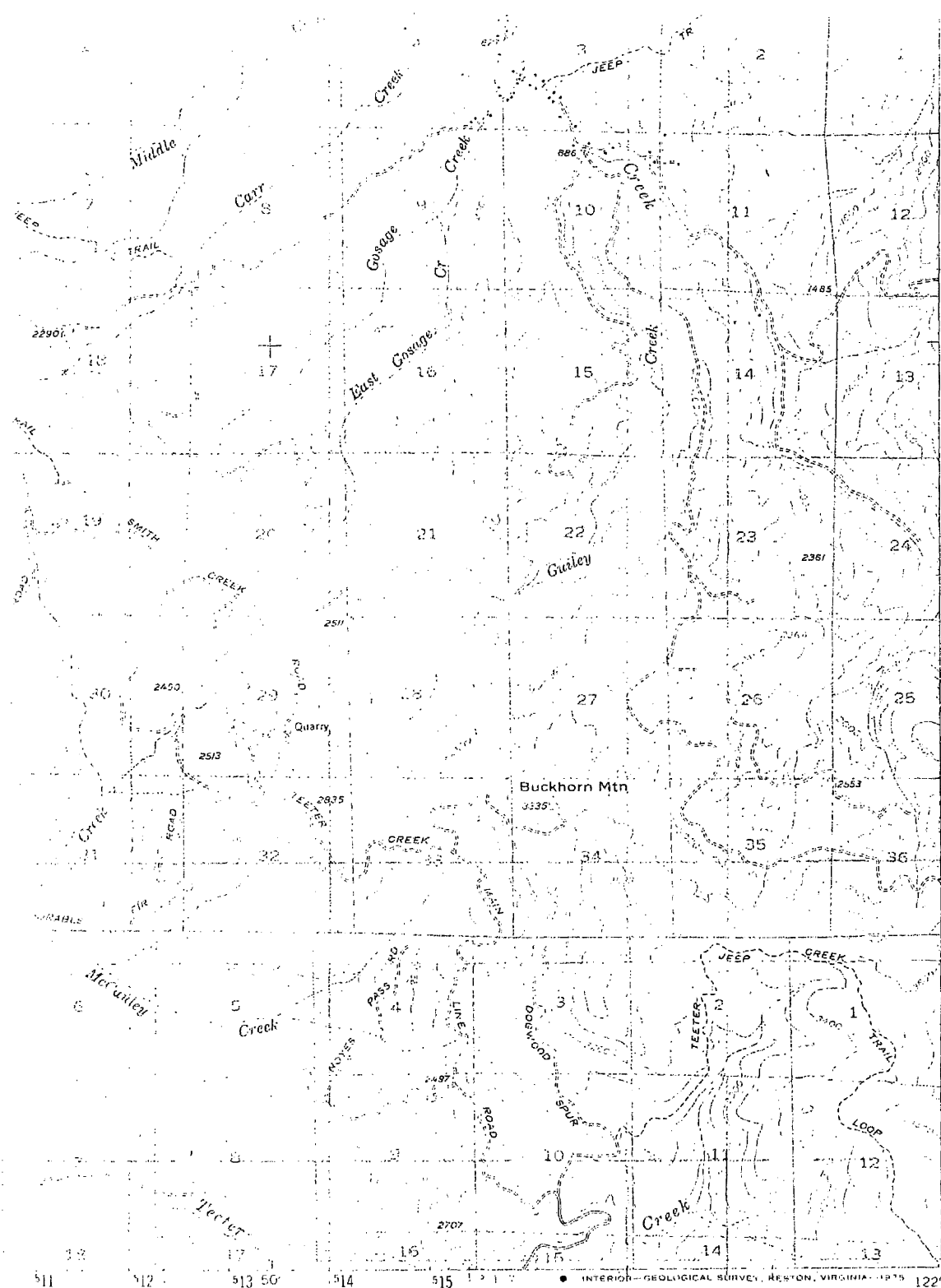
Legal description is included in the appropriate County Road Department right-of-way files and County Deed Records.

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. 26
Unity Covered Bridge
Vicinity of Lowell
Lane County, Oregon
South 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

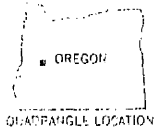
STEWART COVERED
BRIDGE # 32
10/500565/484570

BRUMBAUGH COVER
BRIDGE # 3
10/500360/48440
(existing site)

1 MILE

0 1000 2000 3000 FEET

COPY
FORM OF 1954



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

LOWELL, OREG.
N4345 - W12245/15

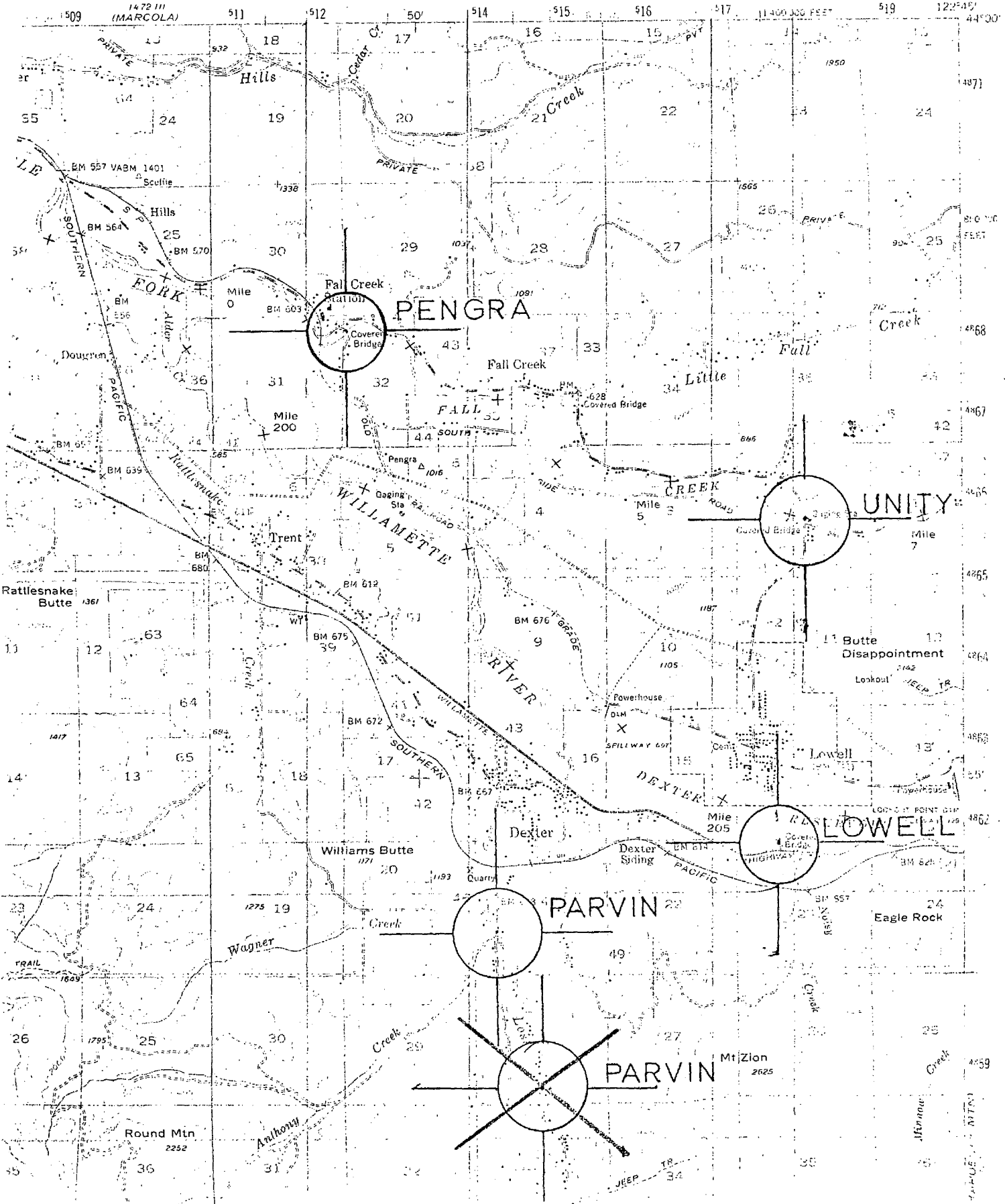
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AMS 1471 IV - SERIES V792

(FAIRVIEW PEAK)

LOWELL QUADRANGLE
OREGON LANE CO.
15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1472 III
(MARCOLA)



Unity Bridge
Stream: Fall Creek
Built: 1936
World Guide No.: 37-20-17

T19S R1W S2
Truss: Howe
Length: 90 feet

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In 1890, the first bridge across Fall Creek was constructed by Nels Roney. The 129-foot Howe truss structure cost Lane County \$2,925.50.

A new covered span was built three-fourths of a mile upstream in 1936 at the community of Unity. The county used a standardized 90-foot Howe truss design, but added a full length window on the east side to give motorists a glimpse of oncoming traffic and adds an aesthetic effect to the structure. The county spent only \$4,400 in constructing the span.

The original bridge was finally removed in 1953, having served as a foot bridge since 1936.

TO GET THERE:

The Unity Bridge can most easily be reached by traveling north of Lowell for 2 miles to Unity. South of Eugene, follow Oregon 58 to Lowell, then travel north on Lowell Road to the bridge at Unity.

PLACES AND BUILDINGS
State Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310

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County Lane
Theme (c-A)
Name Unity Covered Bridge
(Common) (same)
(Historic) (same)
Address Jasper-Lowell Road at Place Road
 near Lowell, Oregon
Present Owner Lane County
(Address) Eugene, Ore.
Original Use Bridge
Date of Construction 1936

Description of property and statement of historical significance:

Unity Covered Bridge is a covered span of 90 feet in length which crosses Big Fall Creek about one-half mile downstream from Fall Creek Dam. Erected in 1936, this bridge has an exterior of vertical boards and battens and a shingled gable roof. It has a rectangular opening on its east elevation and has openings at the eaves on the east and west elevations for lighting. The bridge is set on concrete footings and is in good condition.

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, Or
Please enclose map Township 19S, Range 1W Section 2 (over)