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The attached property, the North Fork of the Yachats Bridge in Lincoln County, OREGON, reference number 79002108, 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.

*Ruth J. ...*  
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

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THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION  
OR. CN COVERED BRIDGES

Bridge Name and Number North Fork of the Yachats Bridge, Index No. 40

County Lincoln

Stream or River North Fork Yachats

Location North Fork Yachats Road, ca. 2 miles N of junction with Yachats River Road  
NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 26, T.14S., R.11W., W.M. and ca. 9 miles NE of  
Yachats.

Zone 10 E422765 N4906530 Tidewater 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 3720 square feet.

Present Owner Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

Lincoln County Courthouse

Newport, OR 97365

Date of Construction 1938

Description of Bridge

Length of span 42 feet

Truss type Queenpost truss

Cladding Board and batten, battered side walls enclosing  
buttresses

Roofing Shingled gable roof

Decking Wood

Other salient features Semi-elliptical portal arches (slightly altered).  
Openings under eaves, center of either side elevation. Wood piers.

The bridge is among the shorter covered spans in the state. The County's construction contract was awarded to Otis Hamer.

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.

Bridge Index No. 40  
North Fork Yachats Covered Bridge  
Vicinity of Yachats  
Lincoln County, Oregon  
South East Elevation

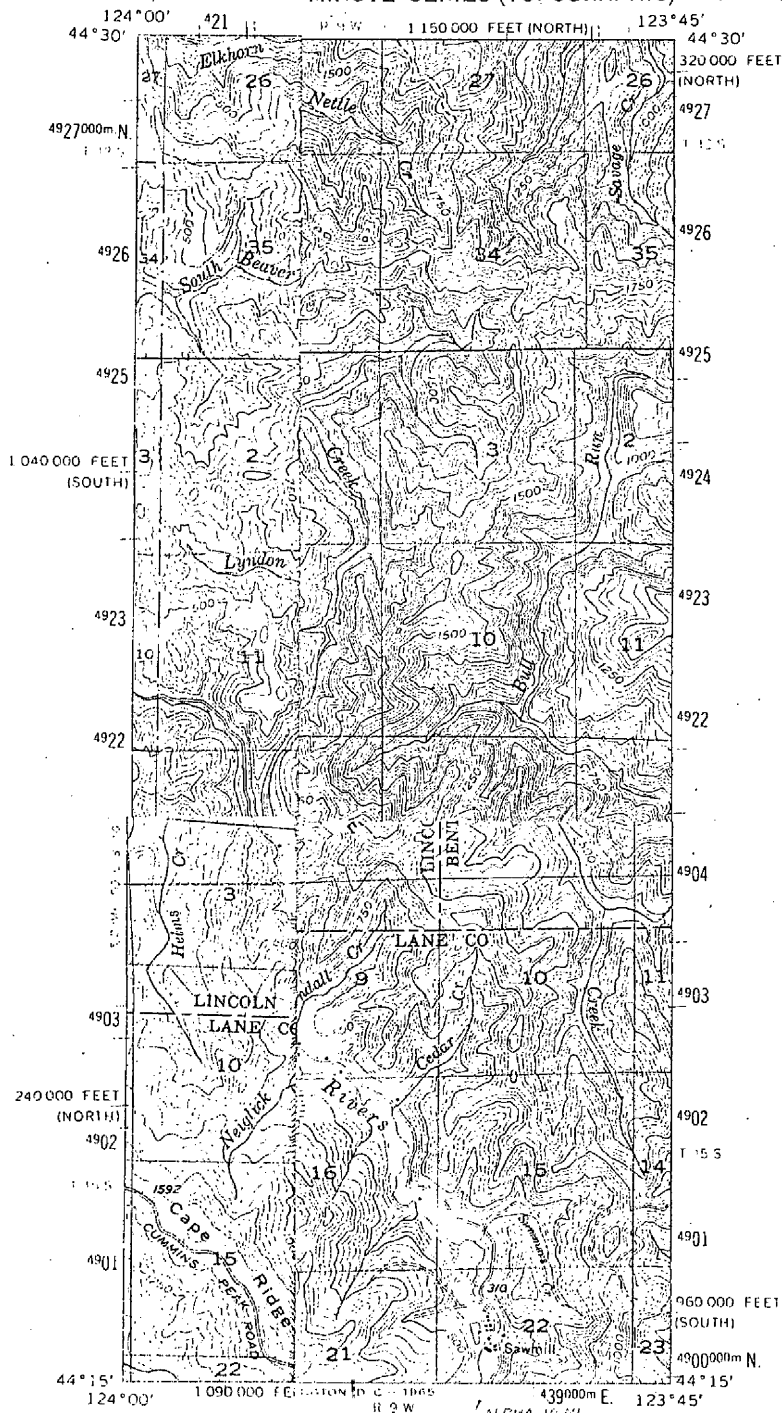
Stephen Dow Beckham Photo, 1976  
History Department  
Lewis and Clark College  
615 SW Palantine Hill Road  
Portland, OR 97219



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UNIT TIDEWATER QUADRANGLE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
GEOLOGIC MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

(1273 II)  
(MARYS PEAK)



(1172 II)  
(MECETA HEAD)

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(BLANCHY)

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Topography by planimetry  
Culture revised from aerial  
Field check 1956

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Light-duty
- Unimproved dirt

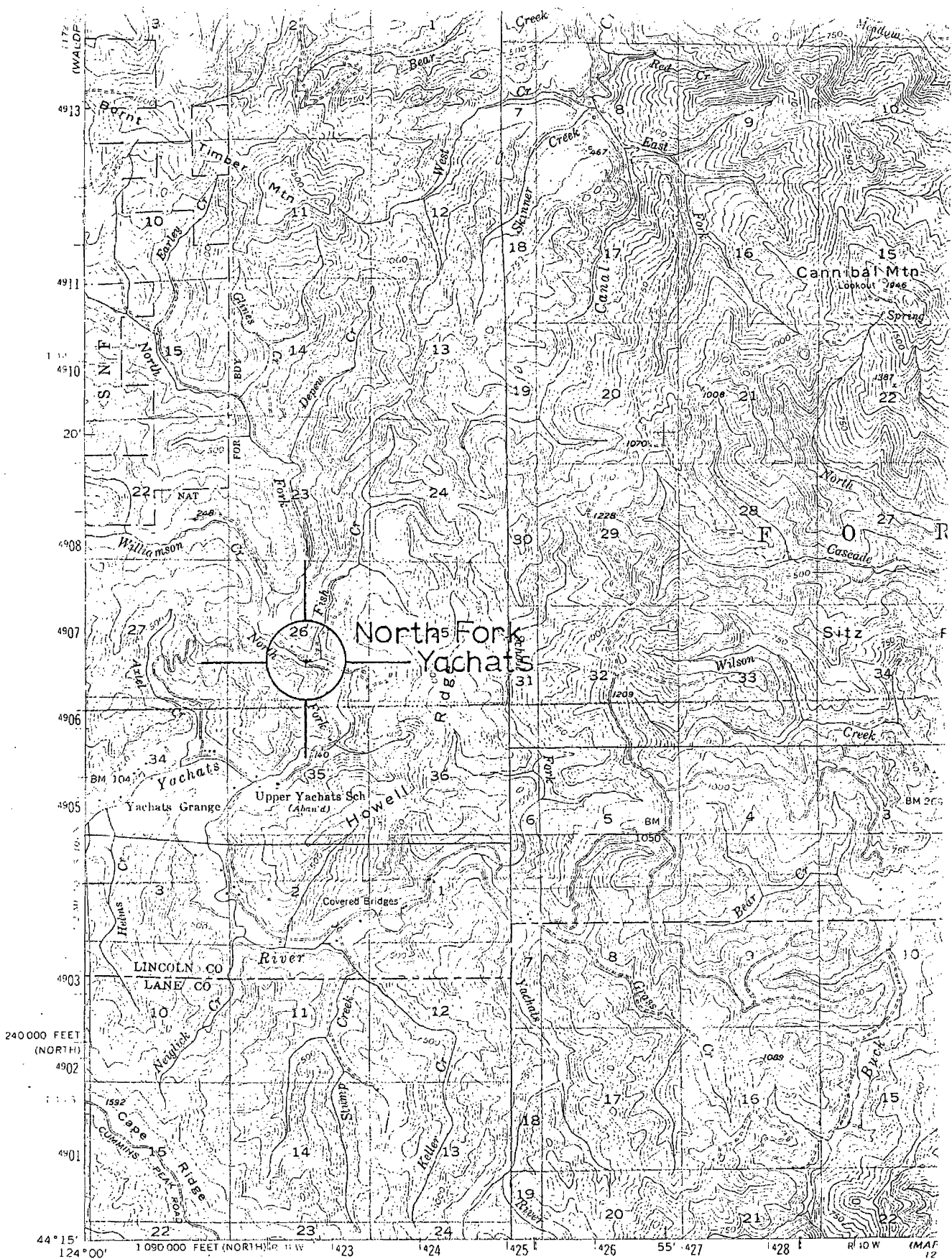
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1000-meter Universal  
zone 10, shown in blue

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TIDEWATER, OREG.  
N4415—W12345/15

1956

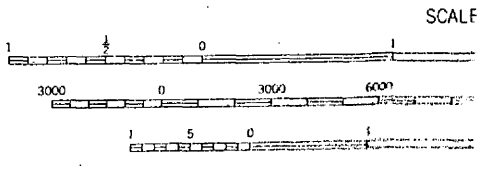
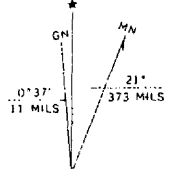
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**YORK YACHTS COVERED BRIDGE**  
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HECETA HEAD  
1172 II

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 Control by USGS, USC&GS, USBPR, and State of Oregon  
 Topography by plantetable surveys 1942  
 Culture revised from aerial photographs taken 1952  
 Field check 1956  
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
 10,000-foot grids based on Oregon coordinate system,  
 north and south zones  
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
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North Fork of the Yachats Bridge  
Stream: N. Fork of the Yachats R.  
Built: 1938  
World Guide No.: 37-21-08

T14S 1W 26  
Truss: Queenpost  
Length: 42 feet

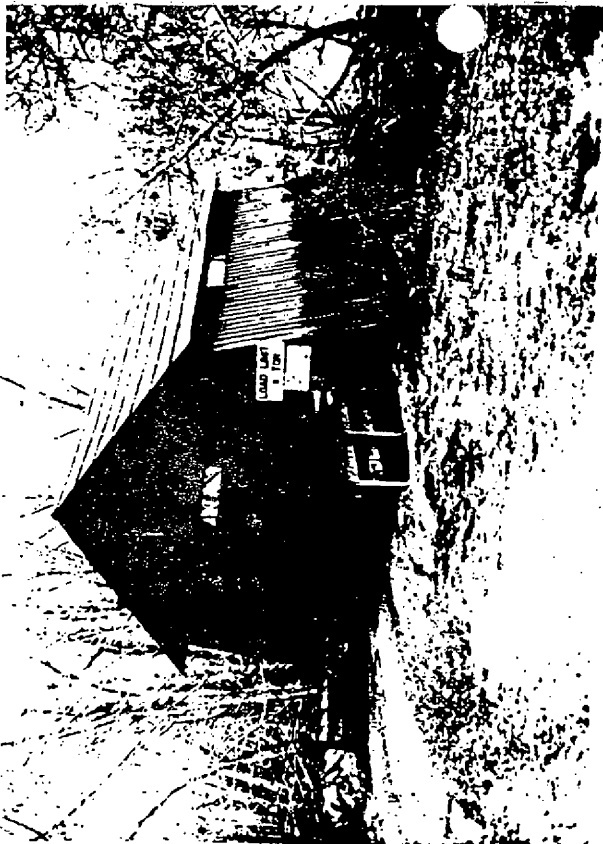
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The rustic covered bridge spanning the North Fork of the Yachats cost the county just \$1500 when built in 1938, and today, is one of the shortest covered spans in the state. This wooden bridge is the last covered span constructed by veteran bridge builder, Otis Hamer. Located just seven miles from the salt water of the Pacific Ocean, this trim little bridge is one of the few to escape the "graffiti-artists" so common in many of the other covered bridges. Warnings nailed on the ends of the bridge tell of a long-forgotten regulation, "No Cleated Tractors".

Although this queenpost design appears in excellent condition, the county has put a load limit for its passengers at 8 tons. Most of the siding has been replaced in recent years, and the structure appears able to enjoy many more years of service. As with other county spans, hand-split pilings support the bridge.

The nearby community was established in 1880 as Ocean View, and was later changed to Yachats in 1916 in honor of a local tribe of Indians. The name "Yachats," according to the Indians means, "At the foot of the mountain," an appropriate nomenclature for both the bridge and community.

To get there: From Yachats, go east on Yachats River Road approximately seven miles. After crossing a cement bridge, turn left, and travel about 2 miles on this road to the bridge site.



State Historic Preservation Office  
Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310

County Lincoln # 40

Theme 6-A

Name  
(Common) North Fork Yachats Bridge

(Historic) (Same)

Address 9 miles east of Yachats (7 miles up  
Yachats River Road to cement bridge, turn left  
and go 2 miles)

Present Owner Lincoln County

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

Original Use Bridge

Date of Construction 1938

Physical description or property and statement of historical significance:

This bridge, built in 1938 for \$1,500, is the newest covered bridge in Lincoln County. It is made with Queenpost Truss construction and is 42 feet long. It has a board and batten exterior, flared at the base, and a shingled, gable roof. The bridge is open to traffic. This bridge is located near the end of a dead end road on the North Fork of the Yachats River. The location is at the base of a hillside. The bridge is shaded by a dense growth of trees on the hill and the nearby riverbank.

Continue back if necessary

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 7 Apr. 1976 Sources Consulted:

For State Historic Preservation Office Steincamp, Max. A Guide to the Covered Bridges of Lincoln County (n.p.: The Author, 197

Please enclose map Township 14 <sup>N</sup> <sub>S</sub> Range 1 <sup>E</sup> <sub>W</sub> Section 26

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Sources:

Allyn, Stan. "Bridges 'cover' a lot of Areas," Capital Journal,  
Feb. 17, 1973, (sec. 4, p. 1, photo).