United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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| and/or common | Labette Creek Tril | butary Bridge | | |
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7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Labette Creek Tributary bridge is 22 feet long and 16 feet wide curb to curb. The roadway lies seven feet above water level.

The bridge consists of a concrete arch reinforced by steel ribs which spring from and are disposed between reinforced concrete abutments. The concrete guard rails are incised with rectangles. A portion of the railing is cracked on the north side of the west approach.

8. Significance

| 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 1800–1899 | Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric archeology-historic agriculture architecture art commerce communications | community planning | Iandscape architecture Iaw Iterature | e religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify) |
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| Specific dates | 1915 | Builder/Architect T | opeka Bridge and Iro | n Co. |

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Labette Creek Tributary bridge retains its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, feeling and association. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and method of construction no longer being used and may yield information important to the history of engineering.

Topeka Bridge and Iron was responsible for the construction of a great number of reinforced concrete bridges in Kansas. They employed both the designs developed by Daniel Luten of the National Bridge Company and were general agents for Luten's designs, as well as designs developed by Lloyd B. Smith of Topeka.

The company discontinued the fabrication of metal bridges in 1914, and progressively shifted their operation to concrete structures.

This bridge is an example of many such bridges built for Labette county by Topeka Bridge and Iron and representative of the good roads movement of the period as well as a small stream crossing bridge.

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see attached.

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