

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**



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## SWANN COVERED BRIDGE

1 mile west of Alabama 79 on a dirt road  
.7 miles north of intersection of Alabama 79  
and Alabama 160  
Cleveland Vicinity

Spans Locust Fork of the Black Warrior River

Blount County Commission  
Blount County Courthouse  
P. O. Box 549  
1st Avenue East  
Oneonta, Alabama

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION/ACREAGE: A parcel of land located in the NW 1/4 - NW 1/4 of section 13, Township 12, South, Range 1 West. Described as follows: Start at the NE corner of said forty; thence west along north forty line for 450 ft. more or less to the center of county road; thence S 40° 10W for 263 ft. to a point 50 ft. NW of end of bridge and eing the point of beginning; thence S 68° 30 E for 50 ft.; thence S 21° 30 E for 425 ft.; thence N 68° 30 E for 100 ft.; thence N 21° 30 W for 425 ft.; thence S 68° 30 E for 50 ft. to the point of beginning.

0.98 Acres more or less.

Built: 1933

Builder/Architect: Zelma C. Tidwell, Bridge  
Foreman

## DESCRIPTION

Condition: fair  
Original location

This is a three span Town truss consisting of two rubble masonry abutments with timber caps and rubble masonry piers with timber caps. The superstructure consists of local pine & oak with steel bars used for lateral bracing. The total length of the bridge is 320 feet with a floor width of 12 1/2 feet. It rises 28 feet above the Locust Fork. Beams and lattice work are held together by large bolts. Roof and sides are corrugated metal.

HISTORY AND ADDITIONAL DATA: On September 11, 1933, the county commissioners ordered a highwater bridge built across the Warrior River in the Joy Precinct. It was to be built by the county bridge crew under the leadership of Zelma Tidwell, who was to receive \$2.75 per day. His carpenters were to receive \$1.75 and laborers \$1.25. The lumber for the bridge was furnished and delivered by Chuch Richards at \$14 per thousand board feet. When the bridge was dedicated on November 7th, the local community gave a supper for the workers.