

IDENTIFICATION	Historic name: <u>Hutsell Truss Bridge</u>	STATUS	Open to public: <u>Yes X No</u> <u>Restricted X</u>
	Common name: <u>Ten Mile Road Bridge</u>		Visible from road: <u>Yes X No</u>
	Address: <u>Old Ten Mile Road (Center Point vic.)</u> <u>Ten Mile, Tennessee</u>		Occupied: <u>N/A</u> <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>
	Owner's name: <u>Mrs. Viola K. Sliger</u>		Present use: <u>Transportation</u>
	Owner's address: <u>Route 1, Box 92</u> <u>Ten Mile, Tennessee</u>		Current condition: <u>Deteriorated</u>
	Classification: <u>Structure-private</u>		Alterations: <u>Portion of Federal Road bridge</u> <u>is on is closed to vehicular traffic.</u>
	Tax map reference: <u>Dist. 4, Map 23, Parcel 25</u>		Site features: <u>Located to north of the Sam</u> <u>Hutsell House (#14) in ghost community of</u> <u>Center Point.</u>
Acreage: <u>.1</u> acres			
UTM reference: <u>Zone 16 N 3943350</u> <u>E 709440</u>			
HISTORY	Date of construction: <u>1910</u>	SOURCES	Bibliographical data: <u></u>
	Architect/builder: <u>Champion Bridge Company of</u> <u>Wilmington, Ohio</u>		<u>Interview with Viola K. Sliger, Ten Mile,</u> <u>TN., March 1, 1979.</u>
	Original or previous owners: <u></u> <u>Meigs County Road Commission</u>		<u>Meigs County Court Minute Books,</u> <u>Vol. 11 and Vol. 13</u>
	Original use: <u>Transportation</u>		Form prepared by: <u>Ann Toplovich</u>
	Theme/s: Primary <u>Transportation</u> Secondary <u>N/A</u> Other <u>N/A</u>		Title: <u>Cultural Resource Surveyor</u> Organization: <u>Tennessee Historical Commission</u> Date: <u>8/24/81</u>
DESCRIPTION	Oriented on a north-south axis across Big Sewee Creek, the Hutsell Truss Bridge is a single steel bedstead truss/leg span that utilizes a Pratt truss configuration of diagonals in tension and verticals in compression. The pin-connected steel structure has vertical end posts that extend from above the deck of the bridge to concrete footings on the ground. The top and bottom chords and vertical end posts are channel beams connected with cover plates. The diagonal elements are rods and the vertical elements are small I-beams. The bridge has a metal deck covered with wood plank treads and has a wooden handrail. A rectangular plaque on the bridge reads "Champion Bridge Co. Wilmington, O."		
SIGNIFICANCE	In 1910, the Champion Bridge Company of Wilmington, Ohio constructed the Hutsell Truss Bridge across Big Sewee Creek, one of the major secondary streams of northern Meigs County. According to Meigs County Court Minute Books, a wooden bridge had been built at this location in 1899 for \$300 (Vol. 11:403 and 457). In 1909 a committee was formed to build a new truss bridge near the Sam Hutsell House (Vol. 13:334). The Hutsell Truss Bridge, built in 1910, was in service until ca.1975 when the Ten Mile-Kingston Road was rerouted. Today the Hutsell Truss Bridge, the oldest bridge on the oldest roadway (ca.1805) in Meigs County, is the only visual reminder of the now-abandoned section of road. The bridge is also one of the few surviving structures in the ghost community of Center Point, a commercial center which once had stores, a smithy, and a school.		

PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA

Photographer: Stephen T. Rogers

Date: 3/1/79

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Photographer facing: Facing south

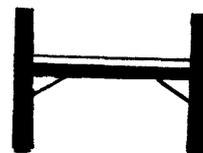
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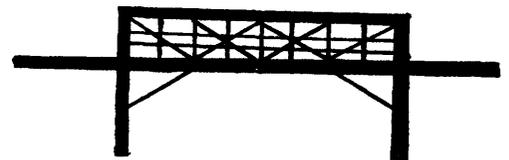
Significance:

The Hutsell Truss Bridge, superior to its contemporary wooden bridges in its load-bearing capacity and life span, is representative of the shift in Meigs County's transportation needs toward motorized over-land transport.

SITE PLAN - Include North Arrow



End View



Elevation View

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MEIGS COUNTY MULTIPLE RESOURCE NOMINATION - Hutsell Truss Bridge (#15)

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

15. The boundaries include the bridge, which is 76' x 12' in length, and located on Sewee Creek on the Old Ten Mile-Decatur Road.

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Tennessee
(Partial Inventory: Historic and
Architectural Resources)

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TEN MILE ROAD BRIDGE (#15)

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