

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Ponca Creek Bridge

Name of Property

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Boyd County, Nebraska

County and State

The Ponca Creek Bridge was located 3 miles east of Lynch, Boyd County, over Ponca Creek. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places at the state level of significance on June 29, 1992 under Criterion C for its significance in engineering and is listed under the Highway Bridges in Nebraska, 1870-1942 Multiple Property Documentation (MPD). The NPS listing number for this property is: 92000769. The Bridge was built in 1904 by E. Roy Townsend of O'Neill, Nebraska. This small-scale pony truss carried wagon and auto traffic on the county's main east-west road until the re-routing of State Highway 12. At the time of listing it was the oldest in-place bridge in Boyd County.

The Ponca Creek Bridge was replaced at an unknown date. Google Earth imagery does not show a bridge at this location in March 1994, the earliest imagery available. The next available imagery is from April 1999 and showed the current bridge which is constructed of metal I-beam trusses, poured concrete decking, and metal side walls.

As documented in 36 CFR 60.15(a)(1), loss of integrity demonstrated by the alterations listed above supplies grounds for removing this property from the National Register.

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☐ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☐ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official

Date

Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

☐ entered in the National Register.☐ see continuation sheet.☐ determined eligible for the National Register.☐ see continuation sheet.☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.☒ removed from the National Register.☐ other, (explain):

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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Ponca Creek Bridge

Name of Property

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Boyd County, Nebraska

County and State



Image 1: On road approaching former Ponca Creek Bridge; view east.



Image 2: Side view of replacement for the Ponca Creek Bridge; view southeast.





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Registration FormNATIONAL
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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Ponca Creek Bridge
other name/site number NeHBS Number BD00-224

2. Location

street & number county road over Ponca Creek N/A not for publication
city, town 3.0 miles east of Lynch X vicinity
state NE county Boyd code 015 zip code 68746

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Boyd County	Number of Resources within Property	
Category of Property	structure	Contributing	Noncontributing
		0	0 buildings
		0	0 sites
		1	0 structures
		0	0 objects
		1	0 Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Highway Bridges in Nebraska, 1870-1942

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria.

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register
_____ see continuation sheet
_____ determined eligible for the National
Register _____ see continuation sheet
_____ determined not eligible for the
National Register
_____ removed from the
National Register
_____ other (explain:)

Entered in the
National Register
6/29/92
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Function (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

Current Function (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

OTHER /steel, 3-panel, pin-connected Pratt half-hip pony truss with timber stringer approach span
foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Located 3.0 miles east of Lynch, the Ponca Creek Bridge spans Ponca Creek in a rural Boyd County setting that has changed little since the structure's period of significance. Other than maintenance-related repairs, noted below, the bridge remains essentially unaltered as it continues to carry vehicular traffic. The Ponca Creek Bridge today retains a high degree of integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. A description of the structure follows:

span number:	1	construction date:	1904
span length:	48.0'	construction cost:	unknown
total length:	79.0'	current condition:	good
roadway wdt.:	14.3'	alterations:	slight collision damage to truss; substructure largely replaced

superstructure: steel, 3-panel, pin-connected Pratt half-hip pony truss with timber stringer approach span

substructure: steel/timber pile bent abutments and pier with timber wingwalls

floor/decking: timber deck over timber stringers

other features: upper chord: 2 channels with cover and batten plates; lower chord: 2 looped rectangular eyebars; vertical: 4 angles with lacing; diagonal: 2 looped rectangular eyebars, 1 round eyebar with turnbuckle; lateral bracing: round bar with threaded ends; floor beam: I-beam U-bolted to vertical; guardrail: timber (removed); gusset plate at hip connection

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

	statewide
Applicable National Register Criteria	C
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	N/A
Areas of Significance	Engineering
Period of Significance	1904 (The period of significance is derived from the original construction date.)
Significant Dates	1904
Cultural Affiliation	N/A
Significant Person	N/A
Architect/Builder (Designer)	unknown
(Fabricator)	Lackawanna Steel Company, Pittsburgh PA
(Builder)	E. Roy Townsend, O'Neill NE

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations and areas of significance noted above.

On October 17, 1903, the Boyd County Commissioners convened a special session to consider a petition for a bond election for bridge construction in Lynch Precinct. The bond issue passed, and early the next year the county solicited proposals for four 48-foot pony trusses over Ponca Creek, with two other bridges elsewhere in the county. The commissioners rejected all bids in March, re-advertised to the bridge companies in April, and awarded a construction contract the following month to E. Roy Townsend of O'Neill, Nebraska. This small-scale pony truss east of Lynch was among the seven steel spans erected by Townsend under the contract that year. It carried wagon and auto traffic on the county's main east-west road until the re-routing of State Highway 12, and today carries only intermittent local traffic. At some point, the bridge's substructure has been largely replaced, but the truss itself retains a high degree of structural integrity.

Flowing west-east across nearly the entire width of Boyd County, Ponca Creek formed the most troublesome barrier to inter-county traffic. (The Niobrara River, which forms the county's southern boundary created a more formidable barrier, but it was bridged in only a handful of places, and in each of these crossings, the county received assistance, either from neighboring Holt County or from the Nebraska Highway Department.) As a result, most of the county's bridge budget - beginning with the 1903 bond issue - historically has been directed toward erecting and maintaining Ponca Creek spans. Only one of the earliest Ponca Creek bridges in the county remains in its original location: this 48-foot pony truss. The remainder have been either moved or replaced. As the oldest vehicular bridge in the county, and the most significant extant Ponca Creek span, this bridge enjoys a degree of historical significance. Although modest in its dimensions and detailing, the Ponca Creek enjoys some technological significance as one of the older documentable trusses in the state.

For further contextual information regarding bridge building in Nebraska, registration requirements, and property types, see related multiple property listing "Highway Bridges in Nebraska, 1870 - 1942."

9. Major Bibliographical References

Nebraska Department of Roads, Structure Inventory and Appraisal: Structure Number C000808705; Boyd County Commissioners' Record, Book 2: 17 October 1903 (pages 1-4), 14 January 1904 (page 22), 23 February 1904 (page 24), 29 March 1904 (pages 32-33), 4 May 1904 (page 37), 7 July 1904 (page 47), 25 July 1904 (page 50), 26 July 1904 (page 52), located at Boyd County Courthouse, Butte, Nebraska; field inspection by Clayton Fraser, 7 August 1990.

____ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ____ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ____ previously listed in the National Register
- ____ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ____ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ____ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ____ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ____ Other State agency
- ____ Federal agency
- ____ Local government
- ____ University
- ____ Other (specify repository:)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre
Cadastral Reference S 20, T33N, R9W
USGS Quadrangle Lynch (7.5 Minute Series, 1950)
UTM References zone 14 easting 548510 northing 474125 0

____ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is a rectangular shaped parcel measuring 79 feet by 16.3 feet, which is centered on the UTM point listed above. Included within this rectangular parcel are the bridge's superstructure, substructure, floor system, and approach spans.

____ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The nominated structure includes the bridge's superstructure, substructure, floor system, any approach spans and the property on which they rest. These boundaries encompass, but do not exceed, all of the property that has been historically associated with this bridge.

____ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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organization	Fraserdesign and Hess, Roise and Company	telephone	303-669-7969
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city or town	Loveland	zip code	80537

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Highway Bridges in Nebraska MPS

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Section number _____ Page _____

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Highway Bridges in Nebraska MPS

NEBRASKA

Date Listed

92000746	Main Street Bridge	6/29/92
92000762	Mission Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000724	Neligh Mill Bridge	6/29/92
92000716	Nine Bridges Bridge	6/29/92
92000704	North Loup Bridge	6/29/92
92000727	North Omaha Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000739	Olive Branch Bridge	6/29/92
92000755	Plattsmouth Bridge	6/29/92
92000769	Ponca Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000712	Prairie Dog Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000743	Rattlesnake Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000726	Red Cloud Bridge	6/29/92
92000765	Republican River Bridge	6/29/92
92000709	Roscoe State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000718	Rulo Bridge	6/29/92 *
92000741	Saddle Creek Underpass	6/29/92
92000713	Sappa Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000740	Sargent Bridge	6/29/92
92000742	South Omaha Bridge	6/29/92
92000717	Stewart Bridge	6/29/92
92000705	Sutherland State Aid Bridge	6/29/92
92000767	Sweetwater Mill Bridge	6/29/92
92000766	Tekamah City Bridge	6/29/92
92000711	Turkey Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000750	Twin Bridge	6/29/92
92000770	Verdigris Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000706	Willow Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000738	Wolf Creek Bridge	6/29/92
92000736	Wyoming Bridge	6/29/92
92000772	York Subway	6/29/92

*9200718 Rulo Bridge - Delisted 9/21/92 Relisted

93000536 Brownville Bridge
93000537 Meridian Bridge

93000560 36th Street Viaduct

93000559 O Street Viaduct

93000558 10th Street Viaduct

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6/17/93
Determined Eligible
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Ranca Creek Bridge - NESHBS No. BB00-224

Lynch vicinity, BOYD CO., NEBR

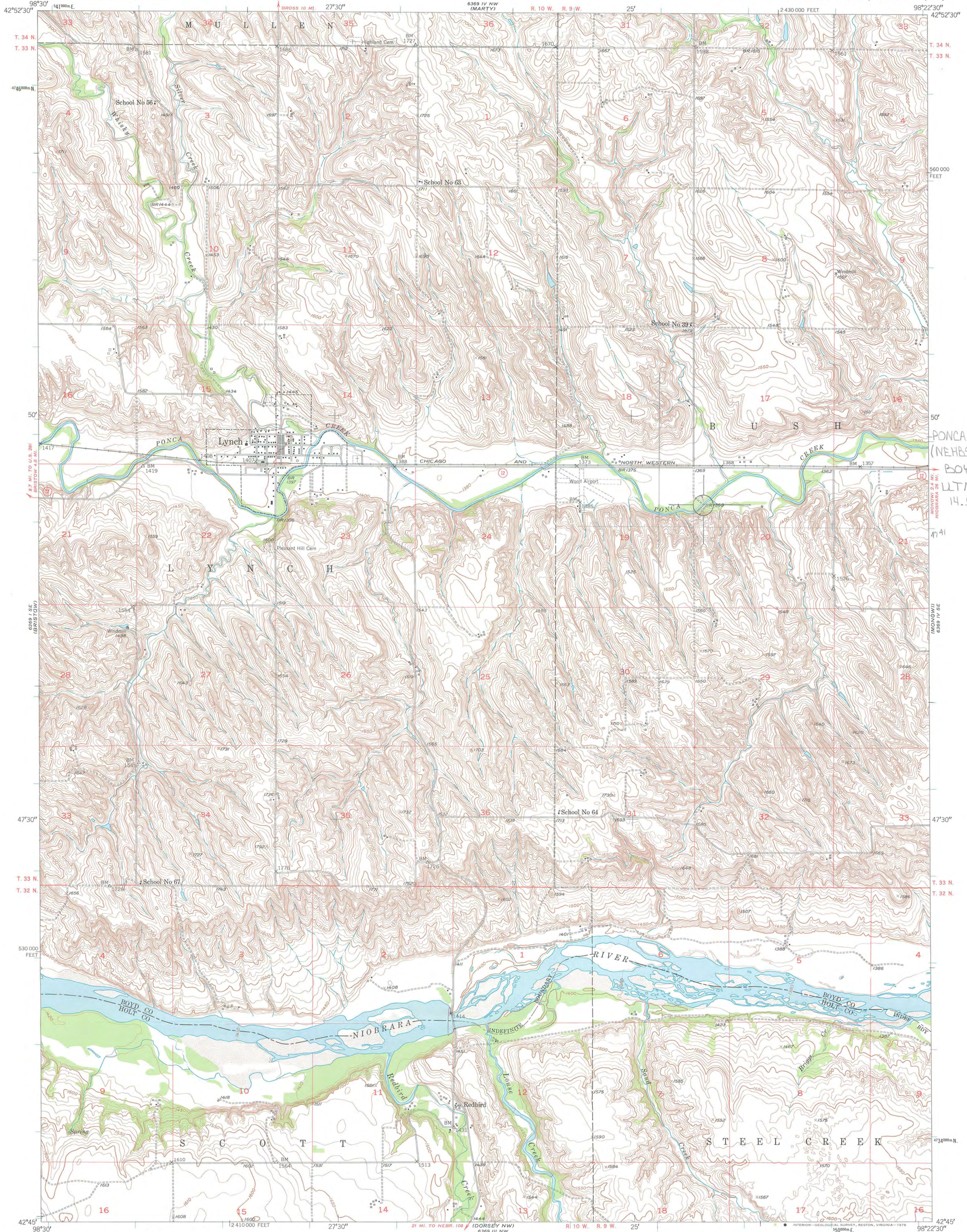
Clayton FRASER

7 Aug 1990

original negative located at NESHBS

view looking: northeast

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Memo to File

Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Ponca Creek Bridge
NAME:

MULTIPLE Highway Bridges in Nebraska MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEBRASKA, Boyd

DATE RECEIVED: 5/15/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/26/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/11/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/29/92
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000769

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 6/29/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
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RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ applicable criteria
☐ justification of areas checked
☐ relating significance to the resource
☐ context
☐ relationship of integrity to significance
☐ justification of exception
☐ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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May 8, 1992

Ms. Carol Shull
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
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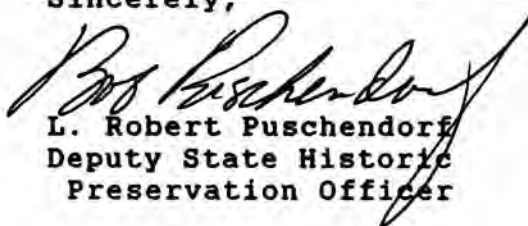
Re: Ponca Creek Bridge
NEHBS # BD00-224
3.0 miles E of Lynch
rural Boyd County, Nebraska

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find enclosed the National Register of Historic Places nomination form for the above property. The property is being nominated under the Multiple Documentation Form, Highway Bridges in Nebraska 1870-1942, which is enclosed under separate cover. This nomination has met all notification and other requirements as established in 36 CFR Part 60.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination, please let me know.

Sincerely,


L. Robert Puschendorf
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

Enclosure



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January 30, 2019

Jim Gabbert
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Re: Removal of Ten Properties from the National Register of Historic Places, Multiple Counties, NE

Dear Mr. Gabbert,

Enclosed is appropriate documentation to remove ten properties located within the state of Nebraska from the National Register of Historic Places. The enclosed contents are as follows:

- The signed Continuation Sheet documenting the current condition of each of the National Register-listed properties for which removal is requested;
- One (1) archival disc with the true and correct copy of the Continuation Sheets requesting the removal of ten properties from the National Register of Historic Places in PDF format; and
- Two (2) archival discs with photographs depicting the current conditions ten National Register-listed properties in Nebraska to be removed from the National Register of Historic Places.

The properties being requested to be removed from the National Register of Historic Places are:

- Bridge, Antelope County, NPS #92000725
- Ponca Creek Bridge, Boyd County, NPS #92000769
- Adamson Bridge, Cherry County, NPS #92000749
- Algernon S. Paddock House, Gage County, NPS #73001062
- Burwell Bridge, Garfield County, NPS #92000715
- Keim Stone Arch Bridge, Johnson County, NPS #92000710
- Pospeshil Theatre, Knox County, NPS #88000935
- Beal Slough Bridge, Lancaster County, NPS #92000744
- McCartney School, Otoe County, NPS #00001379
- North Omaha Creek Bridge, Thurston County, NPS #92000727

If you have any questions regarding the submitted materials, feel free to contact me at the phone number or email address below.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Removal

Property Name: Ponca Creek Bridge

Multiple Name: Highway Bridges in Nebraska MPS

State & County: NEBRASKA, Boyd

Date Received: 2/14/2019 Date of Pending List: 3/7/2019 Date of 16th Day: 3/22/2019 Date of 45th Day: 4/1/2019 Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: OT92000769

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

X Accept Return Reject 3/25/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: Demolished

Recommendation/ Criteria Accept recommendation / Remove

Reviewer Jim Gabbert Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275 Date

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.