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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Centre covered bridge is the longest bridge supported by timber Paddleford trusses in Vermont, and one of only three bridges of that truss type to survive in the state. The bridge has an outside walkway, a feature of only five other covered bridges in the state. In 1960, the bridge was moved from its original site across the Passumpsic River between Lyndonville and Lyndon Centre to allow for construction of a new bridge better suited to current traffic. The bridge now crosses the same river about one mile upstream from its original site.

The Centre bridge displays marked architectural similarity to the four other covered bridges in the town of Lyndon and a bridge in the adjoining town of Danville. Generally the bridges have open upper walls, extended eaves, projecting gable ends, and portals framed either with diagonal upper corners or arches, each complemented by similar forms under the eaves. These characteristics identify the most distinctive regional design among the covered bridges in Vermont.

The covered bridges of Vermont are among its most cherished and symbolic historic resources. About one hundred bridges still stand in the state, the greatest concentration by area of covered bridges in the country.¹ Many of these bridges are integral parts of unique architectural environments whose physical setting and cultural context have been little altered until recently. Now, however, pervasive highway expansion, intensive commercial development, and physical neglect are changing drastically the historic environment and threatening the covered bridges. The Vermont Division of Historic Sites, therefore, wishes to extend the recognition and protection of the National Register to the majority of the surviving covered bridges, including the Centre covered bridge.

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