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# DATA SHEET

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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Roseman Covered Bridge  
AND/OR COMMON

### LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *W of Winterset off IA 94*  
Webster Twp. Sect. 14

CITY, TOWN Winterset VICINITY OF  FIFTH COUNTY Madison CODE 121  
STATE Iowa

### CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

### OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Madison County

STREET & NUMBER City Square

CITY, TOWN Winterset STATE Iowa

### LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Engineer's Office, Madison Co. Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER City Square

CITY, TOWN Winterset STATE Iowa

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Roseman Bridge proper is a span of 96 feet; including approaches, its length is 230 feet. It is 14 feet wide. Its very slightly-pitched roof is covered with tarred metal sheeting. Construction includes the use of Town lattice, a crisscross web of planks on each side, reinforced with a diagonal-horizontal arch to make a sturdy truss, held together with metal bolts throughout.

The basic structure is of native lumber, including plank flooring. Each end of the slightly arched bridge rests on steel tube pilings which have replaced the original wood pilings. The outside cover is six-inch-wide boards, painted red with white trim. A few of these have been replaced.

The bridge maintains its original appearance and setting. It spans Middle River, approximately ten miles southwest of Winterset. There is a posted load limit for the bridge.

The general setting is in a wooded area, with the bridge on a curve in the road. Flooding over the years has created the need for lengthy approaches, which are well maintained, as is the bridge itself.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1883

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

H.P. Jones constructed a number of covered bridges in the Winterset region. Although his structures were based upon the Town lattice plan popular in New England, Jones added details uniquely his own. Richard S. Allen (1970) writes (pp. 101-4): "For substructure he used caisson piers, and he buttressed the sides of his spans with taut guy rods attached to protruding floor beams. Inside, his single-web lattices were usually given the extra reinforcement of auxiliary arches, queen posts, or a combination of the two. Jones' most startling innovation was the virtual elimination of the conventional high-pitched roof. His bridges are tightly weather-boarded to the eaves, and their roofs have only a very slight pitch...These square tubular covered bridges in Iowa have a unique appearance duplicated only in a few other places in the world".

Covered bridges are an endangered species throughout the United States, and merit preservation everywhere as examples of 19th century utilitarian concepts. A bridge by Jones, with its combination of tradition and innovation in engineering, is if possible even more deserving of protection.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Smith, Lloyd. Scenic Madison County. Winterset, Ia.: 1961.  
 Cheever, L.O. "Covered Bridges in Iowa," The Palimpsest. Iowa State Historical Society,  
 Allen, Richard S. Covered Bridges of the Middle West, New York: 1970.  
 Madison County Engineer's Office, Winterset, Iowa

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	15	400350	4570160	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Henry C. Miller, Madison Co. Liaison Officer, Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION

Madison County Historical Society, Inc.

DATE

10 April 1975

STREET & NUMBER

515 W. Fremont

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Winterset

STATE

Iowa

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Adrian D. Anderson*

TITLE

Director, Div. of Historic Preservation

DATE

4/22/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*W. M. Smith*

DATE

9/1/76

ACTING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*Robert B. Ketting*

DATE

9/2/76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Acting*