

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Missouri	
COUNTY: Monroe	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Union Covered Bridge, State Historic Site
Union Covered Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

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CITY OR TOWN:

SW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 26 - Township 54N - Range 11W

STATE Missouri	CODE 65275	COUNTY: Monroe	CODE 132
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Missouri State Park Board

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building

CITY OR TOWN: Jefferson City	STATE: Missouri	CODE 65101
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Office of Recorder of Deeds, Monroe County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Paris	STATE: Missouri	CODE 65275
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue

DATE OF SURVEY: 1963 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Historical Society of Missouri

STREET AND NUMBER:
Corner, Hitt and Lowry streets

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia	STATE: Missouri	CODE 65201
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Union Covered Bridge was originally constructed in 1871 and is located in Monroe County on the old Paris to Fayette Road. It spans the Elk Fork of the Salt River. Its long axis is oriented east-west.

The bridge is approximately 125' long and 17'6" wide. It is supported by stone abutments which extend into the road and serve as the bridge approach.

The exterior of the rectangular structure, which covers the bridge floor, consists of horizontal siding painted white. The interior structural units are of heavy oak timber. The original material of the ridge roof has been replaced with sawed wood shingles. The overhang protects ventilation openings which run the length of the upper chord and an additional shorter series of vents are located midway on either side. The openings also provide light for the interior. At either end are spacious rectangular portals.

Inside the bridge there are no enclosures and the details of the "Burr-arch" truss construction are visible. The upright and diagonal timbers are contained within parallel arches. The trusses are held in vertical position by cross bracing overhead and beneath the floor of the bridge. The floor is wood and is laid crosswise.

The bridge was restored in 1968 by the Missouri State Park Board.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1870-71

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Union Covered Bridge is primarily significant as one of only four surviving covered bridges in Missouri. It has further significance as the only surviving example of the "Burr-arch" truss in Missouri.

The Union Covered Bridge spans the Elk Fork of the Salt River on the old Paris to Fayette Road in Monroe County. It was named for the Union Church once located nearby. (Ralph Gregory, "History of the Last Covered Bridge in Monroe County," Monroe County Appeal, August 24, 1967, includes data from county court records.)

In the early days of bridge construction in Monroe county, citizens could petition the county court for a bridge. The county road commissioner was then ordered to choose the bridge site, estimate the cost and supervise the construction. The commissioner advertised for bids and listed requirements for bridge completion. (Ralph Gregory, data compiled from Monroe County Court Record books.) In the case of the Elk Fork bridge, it was necessary for the bridge to have rock abutments, a span of 120' and be constructed from some of the approved plans. (County Court Record - Monroe County, Book M, June 9, 1870, p. 67.)

On April 8, 1870, the county court ordered the construction of a bridge "across the Elk Fork of Salt River, near the Union Church where the road leading from Paris to Fayette crosses said stream and on the same place of the Old Bridge." (County Court Record - Monroe County, Book M, April 8, 1870, p. 15.) The court also appropriated \$5,000 for the bridge's construction and awarded the contract to Joseph C. Elliot of Payson, Illinois. (County Court Record - Monroe County, Book M, April 8, 1870, p. 15 and July 7, 1870, p. 78.) Prior to this time, Elliot had constructed four covered bridges in Monroe County based on the construction plans of Theodore Burr. (Monroe County Appeal, August 24, 1967.)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Adams, Kramer. Covered Bridges of the West. Berkeley: Howell-North, 1963.
2. Caldwell, Dorothy J. "Missouri's Covered Bridges," Missouri Historical Review, 61:229-236, January 1967.
3. County Court Record - Monroe County, Book M, April 8, June 9, 1870 and September 7, 1871.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than ten

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Charla A. Piggott, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION: Missouri State Park Board DATE: March 3, 1970
State Historical Survey and Planning Office

STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building

CITY OR TOWN: Jefferson City STATE: Missouri CODE: 24
65101

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Joseph Jaeger, Jr.

Title Director, Missouri State Park Board, and Missouri State Liaison Officer

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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UNION COVERED BRIDGE

Missouri State Historical Survey (state)

1970

Missouri State Park Board

P.O. Box 176

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UNION COVERED BRIDGE

Burr, an eastern bridge builder, altered the popular kingpost truss type of bridge construction by strengthening and extending the truss with an arch composed of segments of hewn timber bolted to the bridge frame. (see photograph) (Dorothy J. Caldwell, "Missouri's Covered Bridges," Missouri Historical Review, 61:231, January 1967, and Eric Sloane, American Barns and Covered Bridges, 1954, p. 100.) This adaptation by Burr was patented in 1817 and called the "Burr-arch" truss. Burr built 45 bridges by the time he was 47 years of age and his ideas were modified and used in countless others. (Sloane, 1954, p. 100.) Bridge builders, such as Elliot, were unsure of the strength of the kingpost truss when used by itself and added on the "Burr-arch." (Kramer Adams, Covered Bridges of the West, 1963, p. 30.) Elliot made a further alteration and used a double arch to give his bridges additional strength and stability. (Caldwell, January 1967, p. 231.)

The Union Covered Bridge was completed by September 7, 1871 at which time the county court authorized the last payment to Elliot for \$1,500. (County Court Record - Monroe County, Book M, Sept. 7, 1871, p. 357.)

The covered bridge movement began in the eastern United States and migrated westward in the 1800's with the shifting frontier. Constructed almost entirely of wood using simple tools, these bridges proved very economical and practical in the forested areas of the United States. The bridges opened up easier lines of transportation and communication in states where streams and rivers were prevalent.

Pioneer builders covered the bridges with a roof and siding just as they "covered" their houses and barns. The roof protected the timber construction from extremes in temperature and kept the bridge floor free from the elements. Many bridges had a barn-like appearance in order to coax skittish horses and farm animals across rushing streams and rivers. (Sloane, 1954, p. 85.)

Thousands of covered bridges were built in the United States, mainly during the 1800's, but floods, fire, vandalism and age have destroyed the majority of them.

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UNION COVERED BRIDGE

The Missouri State Park Board owns and maintains Union Covered Bridge. The other three surviving bridges are: Locust Creek Covered Bridge in Linn County, Sandy Creek Covered Bridge in Jefferson County and Burfordville Covered Bridge in Cape Girardeau County.

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4. Gregory, Ralph. Historic Site Administrator, Mark Twain Birthplace, State Historic Site. Data compiled from Monroe County court records for the Missouri State Park Board and filed at its central office, P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.
5. _____. "History of the Last Covered Bridge in Monroe County," Monroe County Appeal, August 24, 1967. (Includes data from county court records.)
6. Sloane, Eric. American Barns and Covered Bridges. New York: Wilfred Funk, 1954.

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 Quadrangle "Paris West, Missouri"

SCALE: 1:24,000

DATE: 1960

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' Quadrangle
"Paris West, Mo." (1960)
Scale 1:24,000
Union Covered Bridge

(MADISON)

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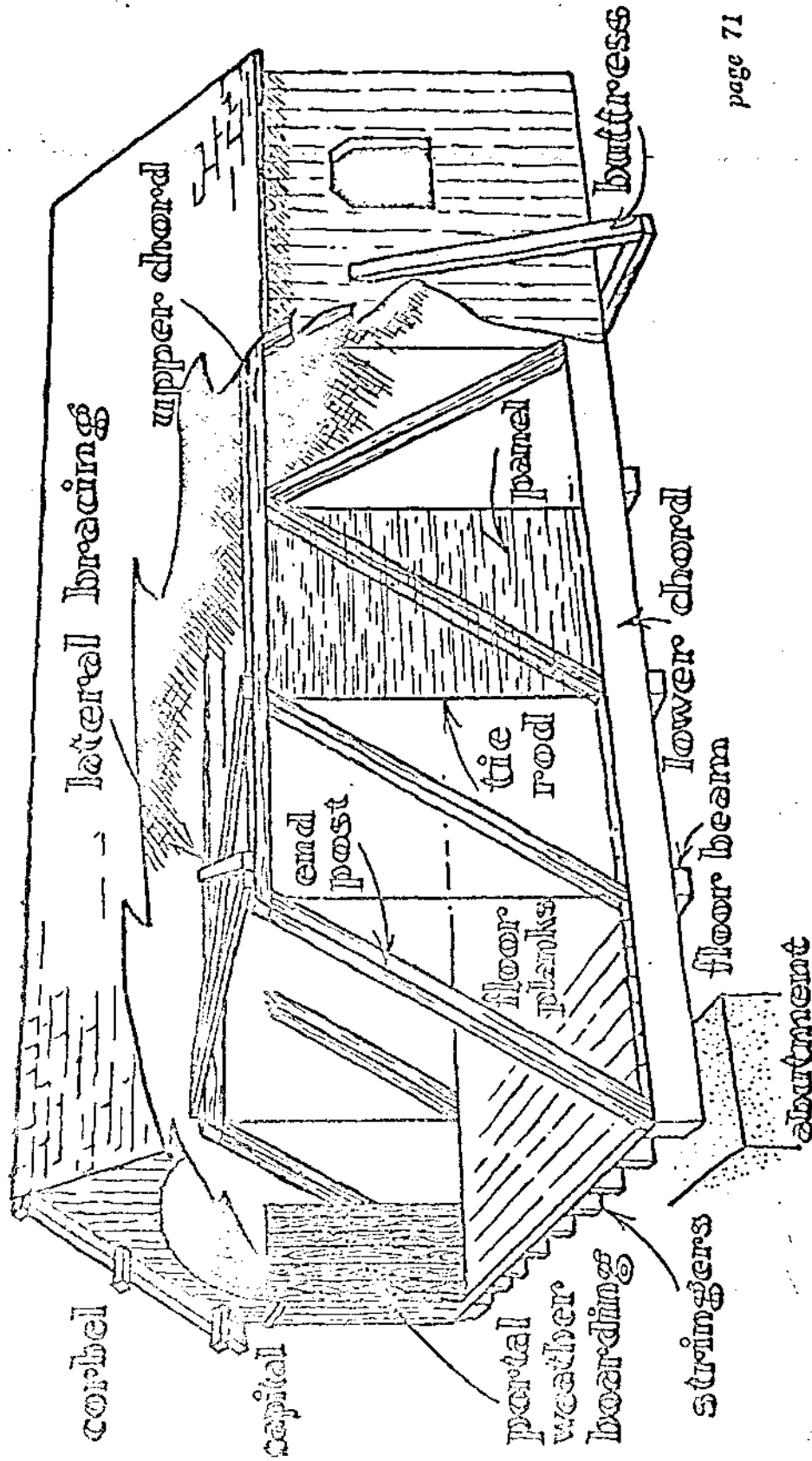
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		Diagram of a covered bridge.	

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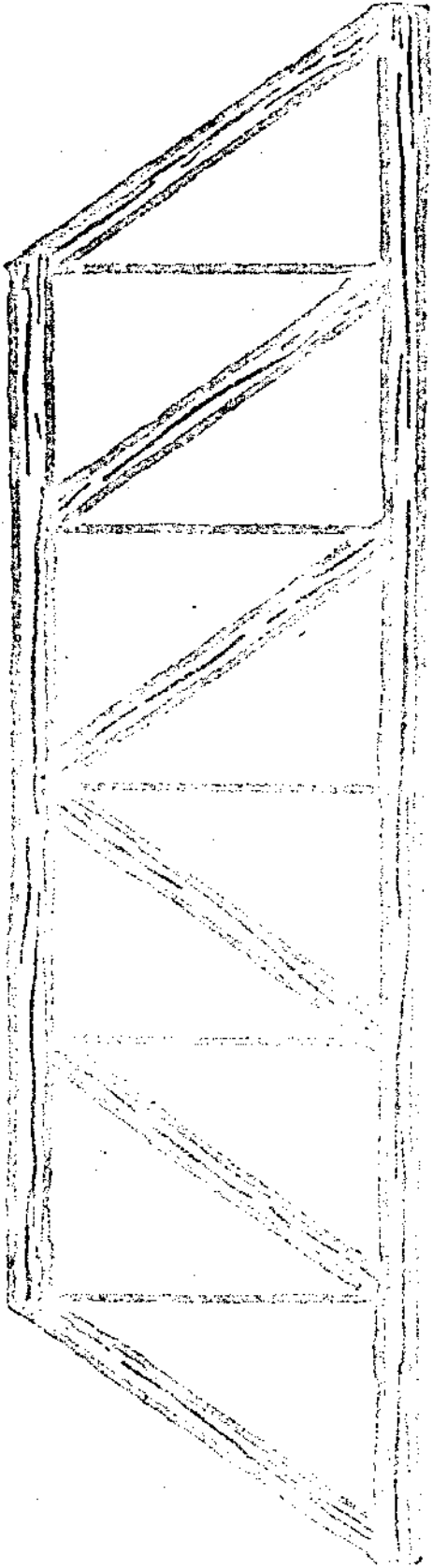
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Illustration of the Howe truss.			

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HOWE - 1840

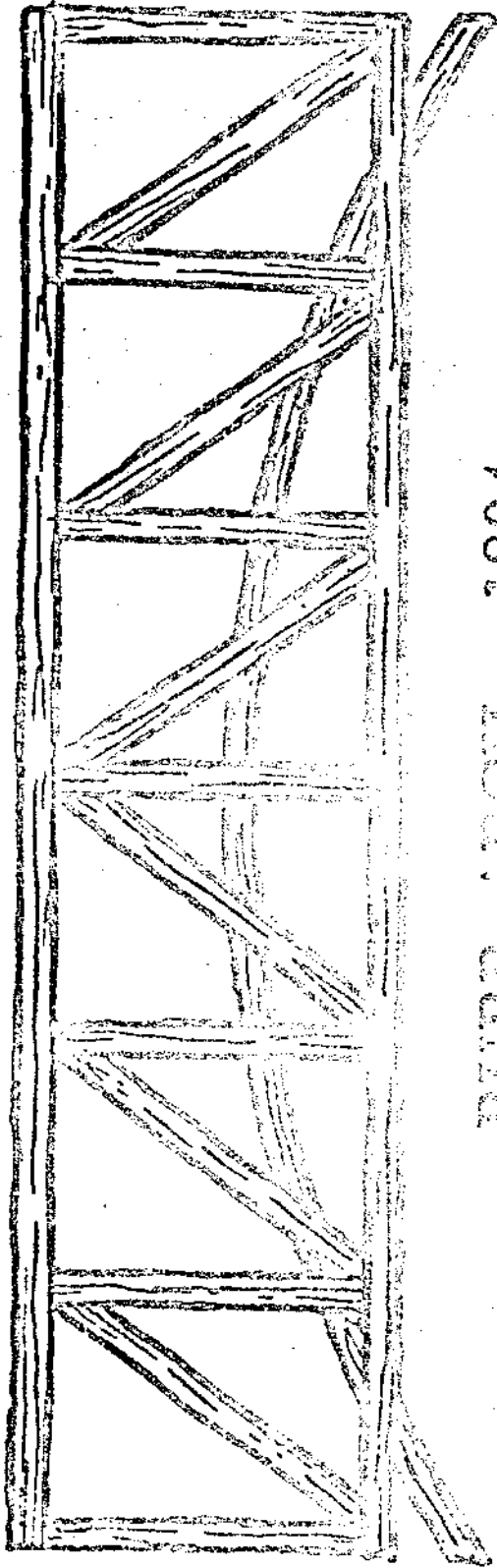
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BURR ARCH - 1804

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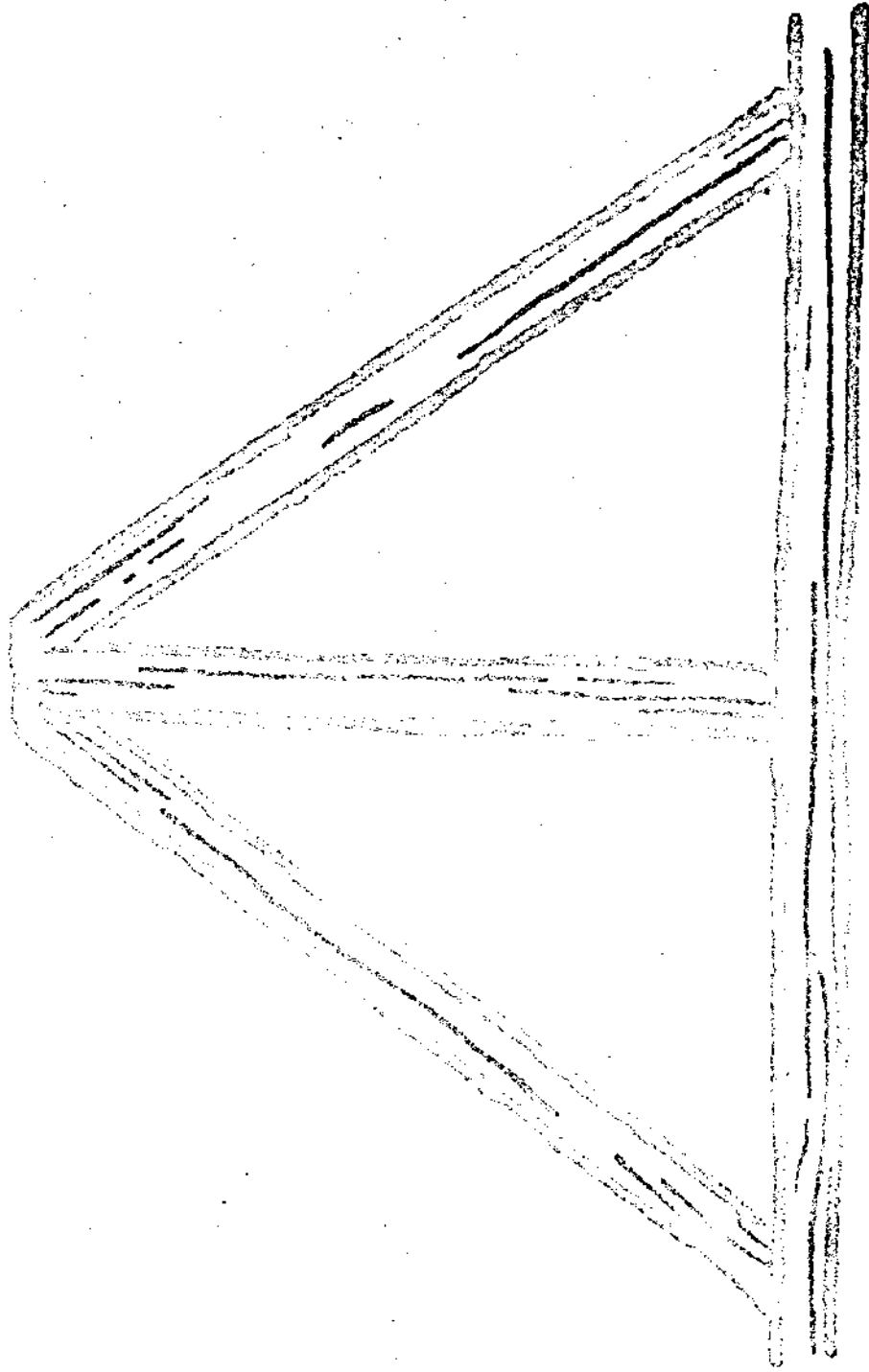
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KINGPOST - 1570

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DATE APPROVED BY A.C.: 03-21-70

DATE SENT TO JEFF. CITY: 04-01-70

DATE SENT TO D.C.: 04-01-70

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.:

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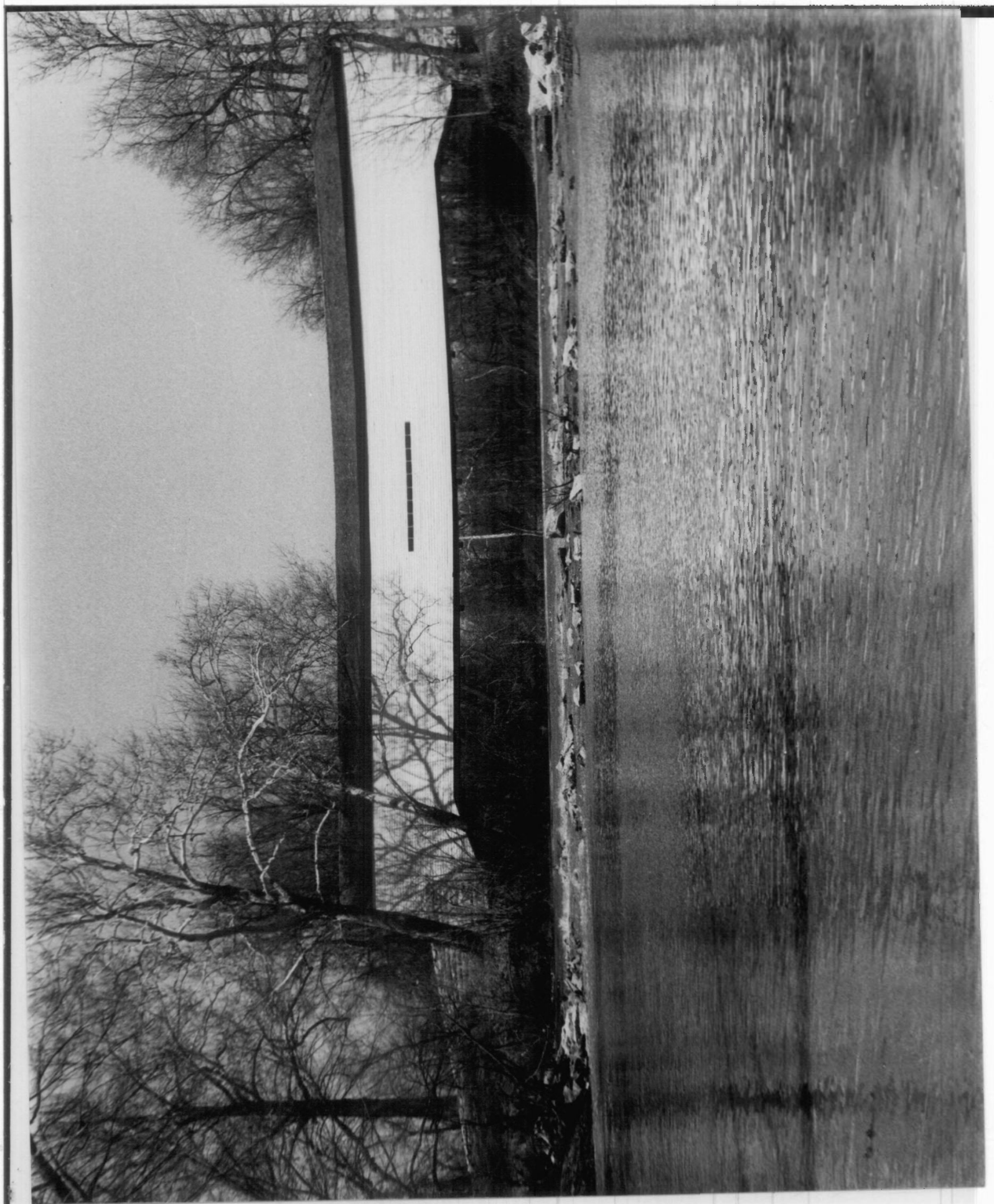
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
View from the south to the north. The lengthy span of this bridge is supported solely by stone abutments. Unification of supporting timber elements of the covered bridge structure within the abutment provides a foundation of exceptional protection and strength.			

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Interior view of roof from the east to the west. Overhead cross
bracing supports the vertical trussing. Also visible are the
ventilation openings which run the length of the upper chord.

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
View from the east to the west of the understructure and the west stone abutment. Quality and precision of construction with hand-hewn timbers and cut stone have rendered this bridge servicable since 1871.

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4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
View from the southwest to the northeast. This view shows characteristic construction details of the "Burr-arch" truss. Upright and diagonal timbers are bolted within the parallel arches.

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
View from the northeast to the southwest of the approach to the			
bridge. The masonry work of the stone abutments extend into the road			
and serve as the bridge approach. Light entering the covered bridge			
is from ventilation shafts which run the length of the upper chord.			
An additional small series of vent shafts are located midway on either			
side.			

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View from the north to the south. Typical, hand-hewn mortise and
tenon joint utilized in the construction of covered bridges. Similar
joints are found in the remaining four examples of covered bridges in
Missouri.

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