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1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

The attached property, Stewart Bridge in Lane County, OREGON, reference number 79002102, and part of the Oregon Covered Bridges Thematic Resource, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 11/29/1979, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST Vol. 45 number 54, notice of Tuesday, March 18, 1980, page 17475. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

For the Keeper *Ruth Lind B. R. J. Jr.* 2-2-2010
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places Date

THE HISTORIC GROUP NOMINATION
OREGON COVERED BRIDGES

Bridge Name and Number Stewart Bridge, Index No. 32

County Lane

Stream or River Mosby Creek

Location Off Mosby Creek Road, ca. 1/2 mile SE of Walden

SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 1, T.21S., R.3W., W.M.

Zone 10 E500565 N4845700 Lowell Quadrangle

Acres and Boundary Description Full width of road right-of-way
for the distance between abutments and ten feet additional
at either end, containing in all approximately 4800 square feet.

Present Owner Lane County Board of Commissioners

Lane County Courthouse

Eugene, OR 97401

Date of Construction 1930

Description of Bridge

Length of span	60 feet
Truss type	Howe truss
Cladding	Board and batten, vertical side walls
Roofing	Gable roof clad with corrugated metal
Decking	Wood

Other salient features Semi-circular portal arches. Ribbon openings under eaves, either side elevation. Solid, decorative S-curve brackets "carry" eaves at bridge ends. Concrete piers. Road width: 16'. Rated load limit: 20 tons.

Lower chords of the bridge were repaired after being cracked in the Flood of 1964. The roof was replaced in 1969 after bracing gave way under heavy snowfall. Deck was resurfaced ca. 1974. Wood rails (2"x12") have been attached to the truss to a height of 8 feet in an attempt to prevent children from jumping from the bridge and damaging siding. Siding and portals need repairs and paint. Truss and floor beams are split and rotting. Rot in approaches.

Legal description is included in the appropriate County Road Department right-of-way files and County Deed Records.

Information based on following sources: Statewide Inventory Form prepared by Stephen Dow Beckham, 1976. Typescript on Oregon Covered Bridges by Nick and Bill Cockrell, 1977. Lane County Department of Public Works Covered Bridge Data Sheet, October 1976.

Stewart Bridge
Stream: Mosby Creek
Built: 1930
World Guide No.: 37-20-28

Truss: Howe
Length: 60 feet

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The Stewart Bridge is showing the effect of its age. Extensive repairs have been made on the structure in recent years to correct damage which made the bridge unusable. Heavy rains of the 1964 "Christmas flood" brought water raging down Mosby Creek; the force of the water and the debris it carried cracked the lower chords of the bridge. The snowfall in January 1969 was unequalled in recent history as 3½ feet covered the Willamette Valley. The roof bracing gave under the weight of the snow and the entire roof caved in.

The Stewart Bridge's woes have not stopped. During summer months, the water beneath the bridge is a favorite swimming hole for local youngsters who remove pieces of siding in order to use the bridge as a diving platform. County bridge maintenance crews placed heavy timbers over the truss members to discourage vandalism, but this has not been totally successful. Graffiti-minded individuals using spray paint, have left indelible marks on the portal boarding.

Nevertheless, the Stewart Bridge continues to be rated at a 20-ton load limit and the county has no plans to replace this bridge.

TO GET THERE:

Travel 1 mile east of Cottage Grove on Row River Road. Follow the sign to Mosby Creek Road by turning right, crossing the railroad tracks, then turning left to travel south. Three and one-half miles down Mosby Creek Road the bridge can be located.

State Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310

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County Lane

Theme 6-A

Name (Common) Stewart Covered Bridge

(Historic) (same)

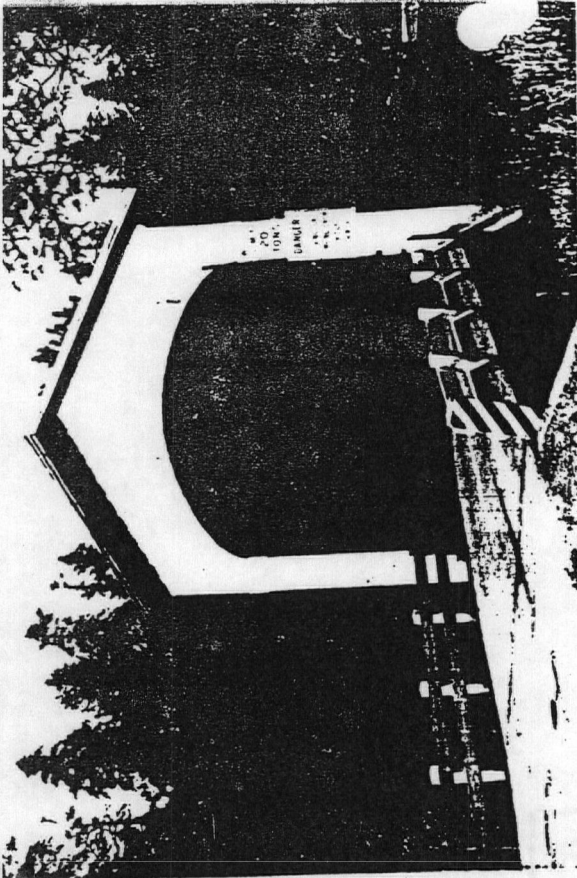
Address Junction of Mosby Creek Road
and Stewart Roads near Walden, Oregon

Present Owner Lane County

(Address) Eugene, Oregon

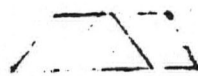
Original Use Bridge

Date of Construction 1930



Statement of historical significance:

The Stewart Covered Bridge is a span of sixty feet erected in 1930 across Mosby Creek, a tributary of the Row River. The bridge has a vertical board and batten exterior and a gable roof. The roof is presently covered with corrugated sheet metal. It has openings on the east and west elevations under the eaves for lighting. The bridge is set upon concrete footings. It has the following truss construction:



Continue back if necessary

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 27 May 1976 Sources Consulted:

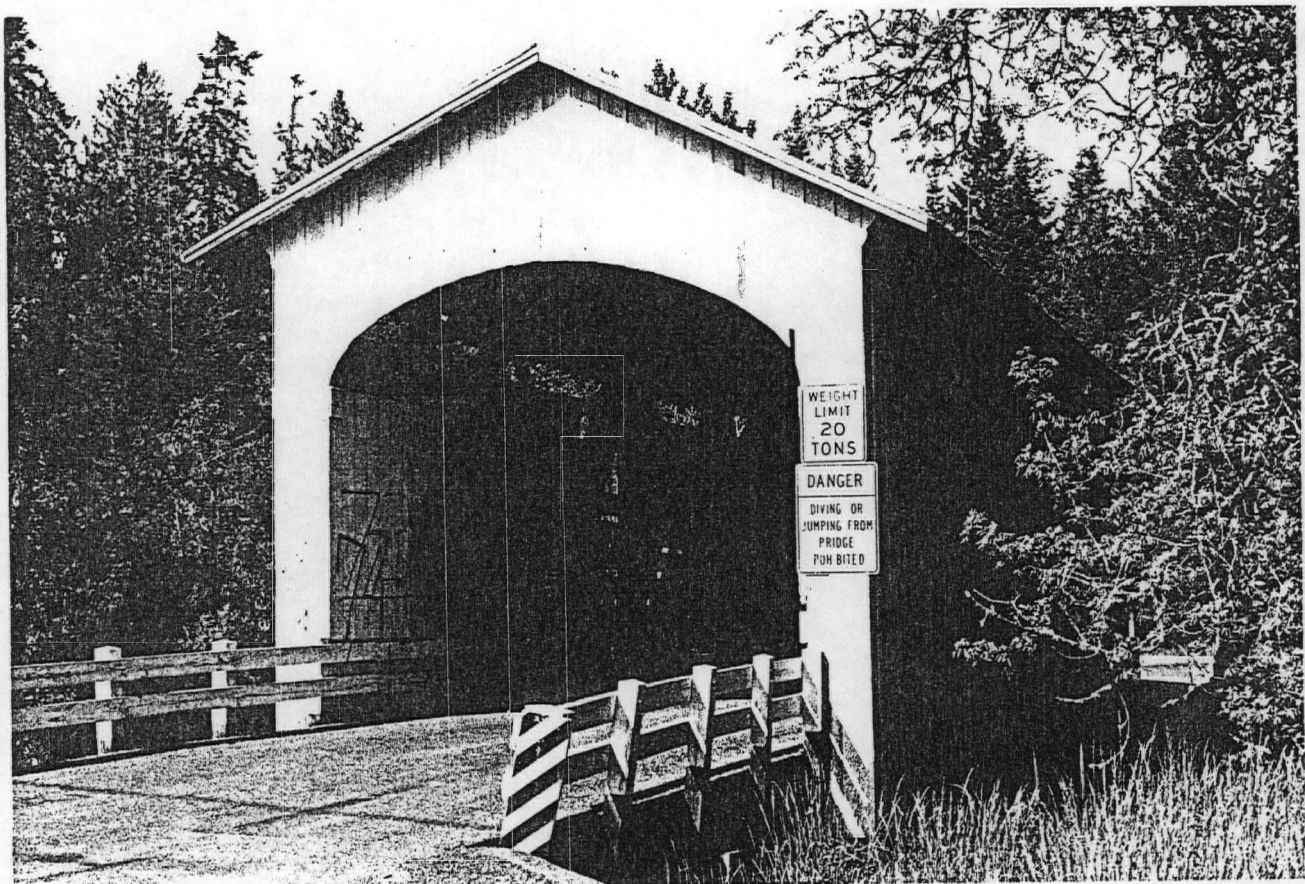
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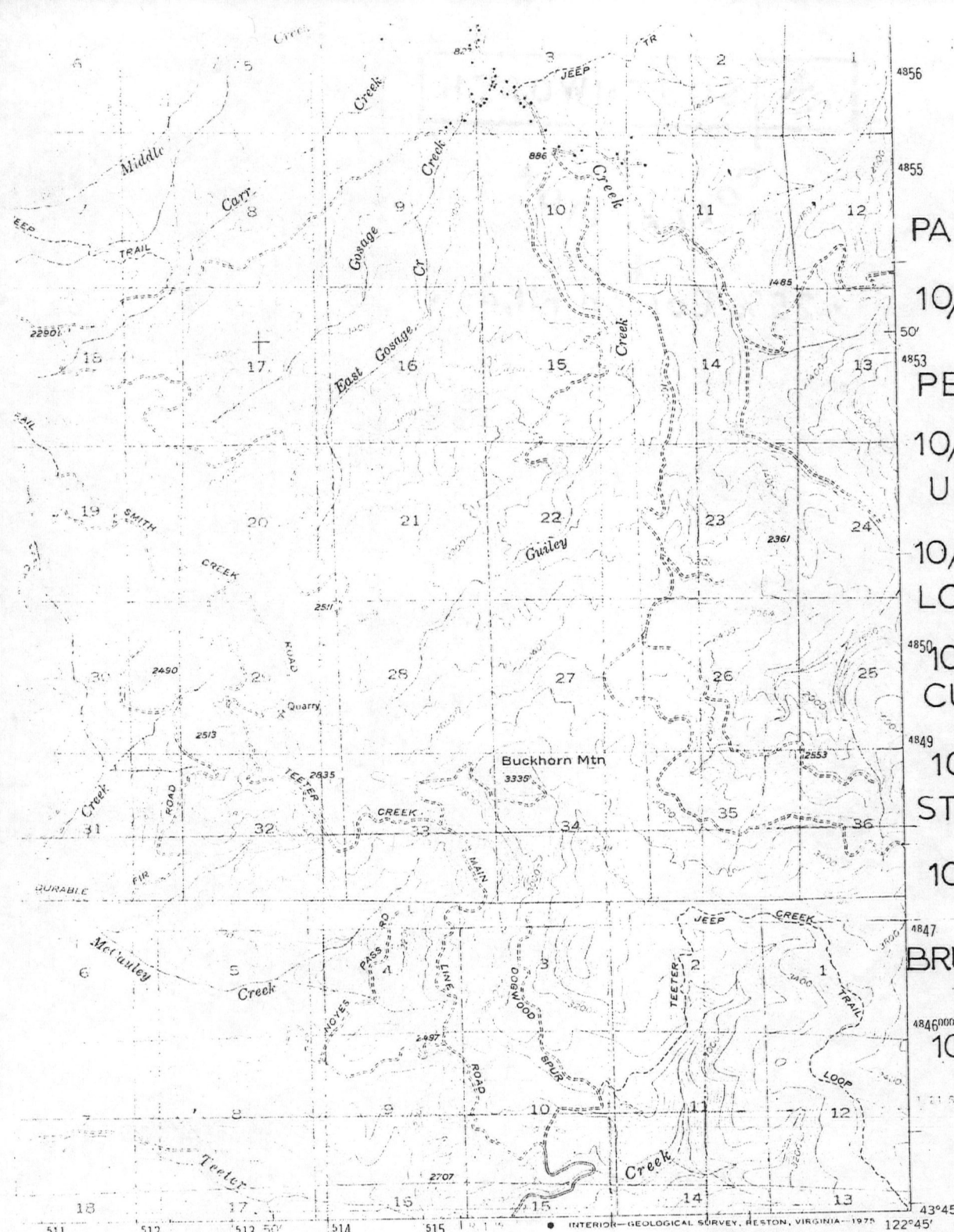
Please enclose map Township 21 ^N Range 3 ^E Section 1 ^W

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Bridge Index No. 32
Stewart Covered Bridge
Vicinity of Cottage Grove
Lane County
North elevation

Stephen Dow Beckham Photo, 1976
History Department
Lewis and Clark College
615 SW Palatine Hill Road
Portland, OR 97219





PARVIN COVERED
 BRIDGE # 28
 10/514350/486053

PENGRA COVERED
 BRIDGE # 25
 10/512500/486793

UNITY COVERED
 BRIDGE # 26
 10/518140/486559

LOWELL COVERED
 BRIDGE # 27
 10/517810/486160

CURRIN COVERED
 BRIDGE # 29
 10/500370/48487

STEWART COVERED
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BRUMBAUGH COVERED
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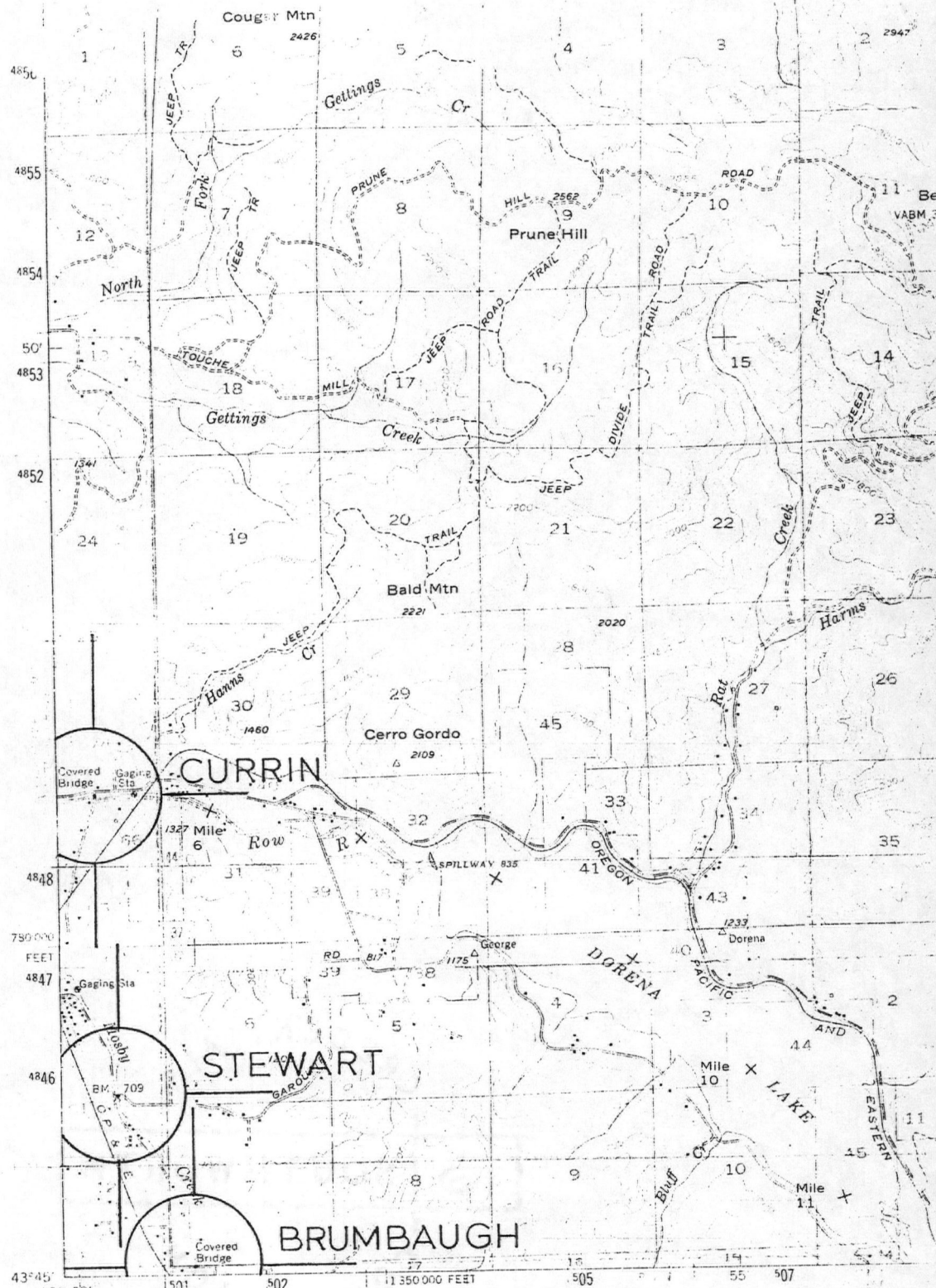
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 Medium-duty - - - - - Unimproved dirt - - - - -
 State Route



LOWELL, OREG.
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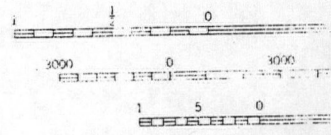
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 GSD 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
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 Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
 Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
 Aerial photographs taken 1953. Field check 1955
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Oregon coordinate system, south zone
 Dashed land lines indicate approximate locations
 Unchecked elevations are shown in brown
 1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
 zone 10, shown in blue



0°05' 21" M
 2 MIL
 373 MIL
 1965 MAGNETIC NORTH
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

THIS MAP
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Covered Bridge Inventory

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Name: Stewart Covered Bridge

Location: Off Mosby Crk. Rd. on Garoutte Rd.

Nearest Town: College Grove

Ownership: Lone County

Road and Stream: Garoutte Rd. - Mosby Creek

Dimensions: 60' long

Type

Year Built and Builder: 1930

Existing Setting:

looks into trees from N.A.S. Ck. Rd.
form, lands to west

Some evergreens + deciduous trees - vegetation - rural setting

Stream wider than at Masby Ck. Rd. + more rock banks
15+ ' above stream

Narrow - rounded portals, false doors

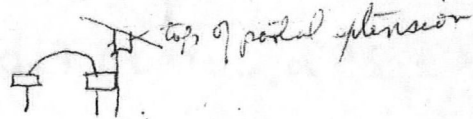
Opening under eaves, no windows

Tin roof

Straight skirts

Concrete pier

Horizontal inset of portals



Description of Bridge:

Condition:

Poor condition except concrete piers
Side + portal damage
Inadequate walls have horizontal shoring

Status:

Historical Significance:

Other covered Bridges in the County:

Bibliography

contacts

OREGON STATE HISTORIC
PRESERVATION OFFICE
Telephone Report

DATE: 5-31-83

TIME: 2:50 PM

CALL TO: FROM:
Carole Daly 687-3618

ADDRESS:

Lane County Museum Commission

SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC:

Possible Relocation of Covered Bridge in Alton Baker Park

DETAILS OF DISCUSSION:

I called Ms. Daly to report to her that Liz and Dave and myself felt that the moving of Stewart Bridge was out of the question as far as funding went.

I encouraged her to check into the status of the Brumbaugh Bridge located in storage at Cottage Grove. I suggested the possibility of using Historic Preservation students for the repair and reconstruction of the Brumbaugh Bridge and gave her Phil Dole's name.

I stated that if this bridge were considered, ~~that~~ possibly S & P funding might be appropriate for such a project.

NOTED
D. POWERS

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL:
Kim Lakin

TITLE:
Admin. Assistant

OFFICE:
SHPO