

156 Name: "Y" Covered Bridge
Location: East Branch Fishing Creek in Sugarloaf Township on Twp. Rt. 757 off L.R. 19075 near the village of Central.

UTM: Zone 18 N 4571600
Owner: Columbia County

E 385740

Acreage: .07

Stream: East Branch Fishing Creek
Truss Type: Queen Post design
Builder: J. M. Larish
Year: 1887



End Post to
End Post Length: 76 feet
Clearance: 11 feet

Road Surface:
Width: 14 feet
Load: 3 tons (sign)
5½ tons (county records)

Distinguishing

Features: Queen post design with iron tension rods.

The abutments are of original stone and mortar.

Condition: The bridge is in need of serious repairs following the flood of 1975.

The structure is sagging.

Many of the boards of the wall covering are broken or missing.

Except for one steel horizontal beam the undergirding is of thick wooden beams.

A new floor and wall coverings have been put on the bridge.

The abutments are deteriorating and there is also a cracked ceiling brace.

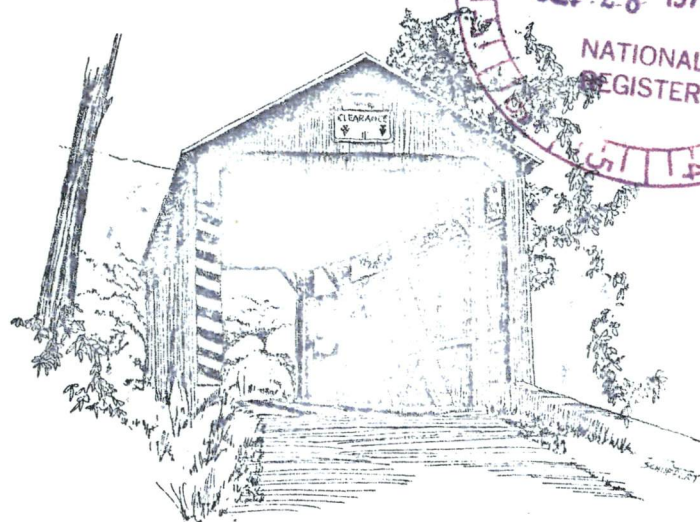
*Covered Bridges of Columbia and Monroe
Counties (28)*

#156 "Y" Bridge - located on the East Branch of Fishing Creek in Sugarloaf Township, Columbia County, near the village of Central, is on Twp. Rte. 757, off L.R. 19075.

Built in 1887 by J. M. Larish for \$602, this bridge probably got its popular name from the "Y" formation of the nearby railroad tracks, used for turning trains back toward Bloomsburg. Seriously damaged by the 1975 flood, the "Y" bridge is currently undergoing repairs. (see photo to right)

St Welle Hess (Laubach) - The State-owned Welle Hess bridge is located on Fishing Creek in Sugarloaf Township, between Grassmere Park and Laubach, on Legislative Route 19074.

The destructive flood of July, 1848 took the bridge across Fishing Creek near "the late Widow Hesses." The present bridge, built in 1871 by Clinton and Montgomery Cole at a cost of \$1,500.00, has since been extensively modified. (see photo to right)



Property *Covered Bridges of Columbia and Montour Counties Historic Resources*

State *PA (Columbia + Montour)* Working Number *9.28.79.2286*

TECHNICAL

Photos 48
Maps 11

CONTROL

25 covered bridges in the 2 counties built between 1800-1899. they are nominated for architecture and engineering. the description and statement of significance are adequate.

HISTORIAN

*accept
Patrick Andrus
11.5.79*

Statements of significance are identical for all bridges, but there is a reasonable amount of descriptive material for each one. Bridges meet criteria as examples of a building type with several variations on construction technique.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Accept
O'Connell
11/29/79*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 2-5-80

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

Entered NOV 29 1979

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Y BRIDGE
NO 156

CLEARANCE
12''

#19

Covered Bridges of Columbia County +

PD: 1979

PC: B. Pennesi

PV: Y Covered Bridge

(38-19-22)

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NOV 29 1979

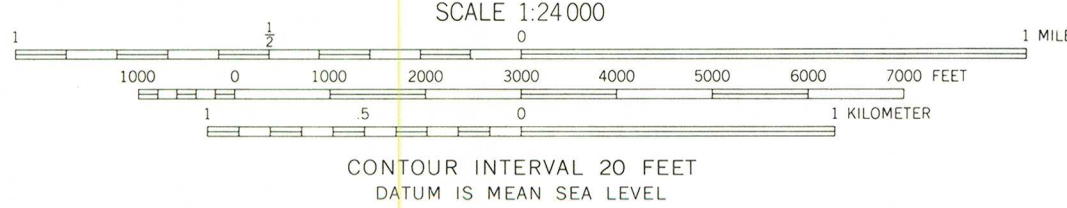
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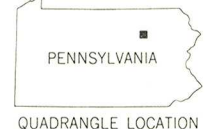


1/4" Covered Bridge
Columbia County
Zone 18 E385740 N4571600
(38-18-22)

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1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route

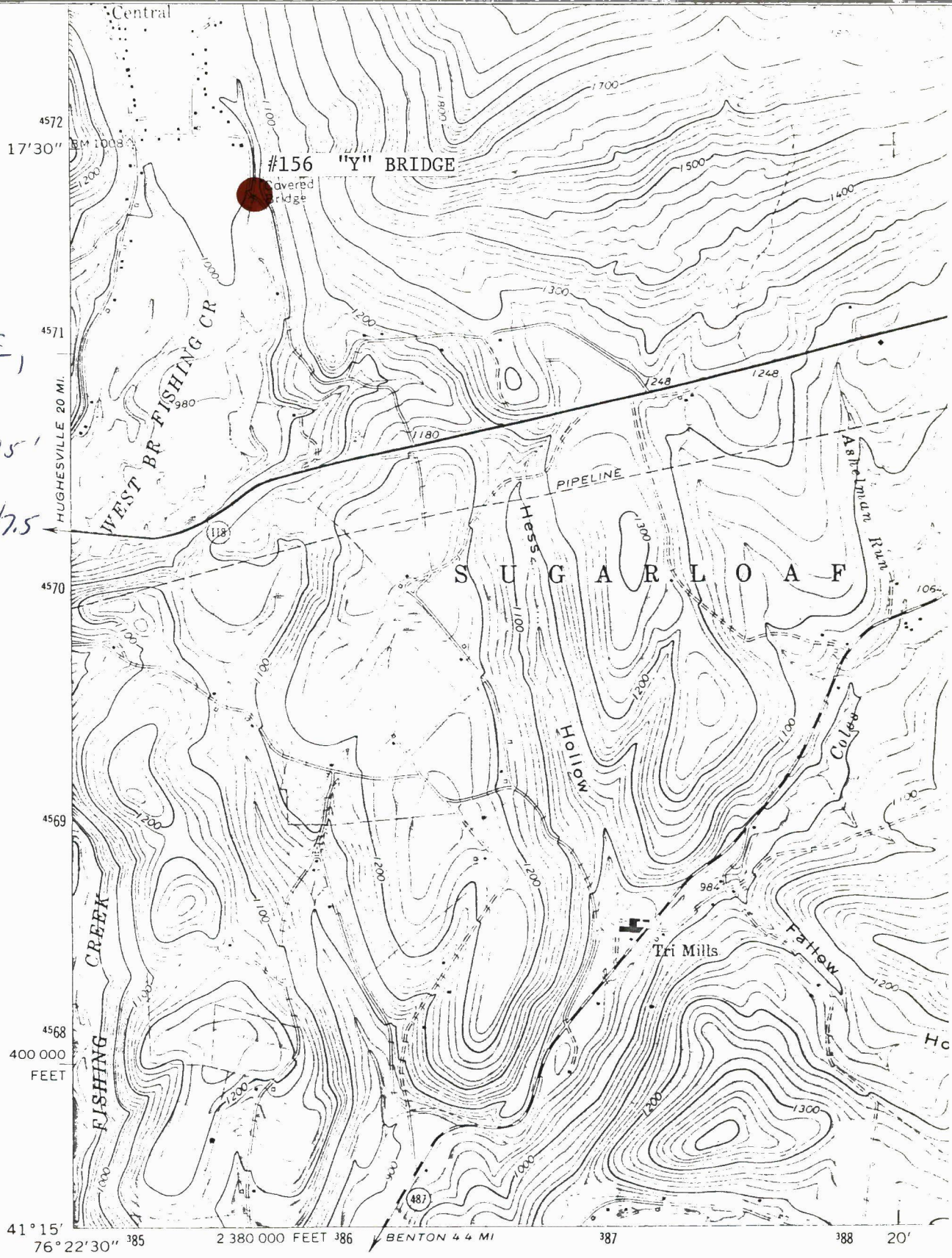


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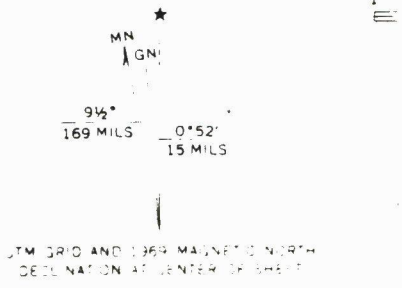
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PA.

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Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Inventory of Historic Places

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NUMBER:

SEE INFORMATION SHEET BEFORE FILLING OUT FORM
PLEASE TYPE

(38-19-22)

1 HISTORICAL NAME OF PROPERTY:

"Y" Covered Bridge #156

2 LOCATION:

STREET Twp. Rt. 757 CITY near the Village of Central
TOWNSHIP Sugarloaf COUNTY Columbia 11th
Congressional District

3 CLASSIFICATION:

PRESENT USE

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
<input type="checkbox"/> object			<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: restricted		
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: unrestricted		
		<input type="checkbox"/> No		

4 OWNERSHIP:

NAME Columbia County Commissioners STREET Main Street, Court House
CITY,TOWN Bloomsburg STATE Pennsylvania ZIP 17815

5 LOCATION of LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Columbia County Court House
STREET Main Street CITY, TOWN Bloomsburg COUNTY Columbia

6 REPRESENTATION in EXISTING SURVEYS:

TITLE OF SURVEY: Columbia/Montour Historic Transportation Study
DATE OF SURVEY: 1976 FEDERAL STATE LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Columbia County Court House
CITY Bloomsburg STATE Pennsylvania



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DESCRIPTION:

Check One

Original Site

Moved Date _____

Architectural Description: A written description including features such as stories in height, length and width, number of bays, alterations and additions to the main structure; type of roof, windows, door, chimney design and placement, materials and style of construction; and a floor plan, if possible.

The "Y" Covered Bridge is 76 feet long, with a roadway width of 14 feet, and clearance of 11 feet. It is a "Queen Post" design using iron tension rods.

The portal is of board and batten design, while the present wall covering is plain vertical boards. Except for one steel horizontal beam, the undergirding is of thick wooden beams. The abutments are of original stone and mortar, and the road surface consists of horizontal boards with two runways laid on top.

Oak, pine or hemlock was generally the type of lumber used in the building of these bridges.

The "Y" Bridge as a whole is in need of repairs due to flood damage.



SIGNIFICANCE:

Statement: Write in your own words a brief statement of significance for each area checked.

PERIOD

1600 - 1699
1700 - 1799

1800 - 1899
1900 - Present

architect: _____
builder: J. M. Larish

AREA

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | _____ |

Engineering - Open wooded bridges were the first to be built. But because of their short life span, covered bridges became more popular. Columbia County's bridges are designed with either the King Post for shorter spans, Warren Truss, Queen Post for longer spans, Theodore Burr or the Howe Truss. Because covered bridges have not been built within the last half century in Columbia County, the design and engineering of these structures is unique.

Transportation - Because of the rapid growth of towns, bridges were needed to facilitate travel. Because much of the business was geared to farming, saw and grist mills, bridges were needed to provide transportation between these various activities.



