

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

* * Lee's Creek Covered Bridge

AND/OR COMMON

Lee's Creek Covered Bridge

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

700 feet off Kentucky Rt. 8, on the Tuckahoe Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Dover

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

seventh

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Mason

CODE

161

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mason County

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Mason County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Maysville

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historical Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1971

FEDERAL X STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission, Wapping Street

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

DATA SHEET ATAG

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED
- DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lee's Creek Covered Bridge at Dover is located about 700 feet off Kentucky Route #8 on the Tuckahoe Road.

The bridge appears to be in good condition. Constructed on the "queenpost" design with internal wind bracing, it crosses Lee's Creek in a single 63-foot span. The walls are vertically paralleled and the roof is of corrugated sheet metal. Steel guard rails lead up the approaches to the bridge and the asphalt pavement extends through the entire length of the bridge. The old stone abutments have been supplanted by reinforced concrete.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input checked="" 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 1835-1845 BUILDER/ARCHITECT n/a

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lee's Creek Covered Bridge, built in 1835, is probably the oldest covered bridge in Kentucky. It has had two complete restorations, the first by the Bowers of Flemingsburg in 1928. The last restoration was in 1966 after a tornado struck the area. Restoration was carried out by the Kentucky Department of Highways at a cost of \$16,000 dollars.

Originally a toll bridge, it still serves the community of Dover without the toll-gate.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allen, Richard S. Covered Bridges of the South. New York: Bonanza Books, 1970, p.47.

Kentucky Covered Bridge Assn. Timbered Tunnel Talk. (November, 1971)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 7	2 4 9	8 0 0	4 2 9	2 7 3 0	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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Johnson, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

STREET & NUMBER

401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

DATE

June 9, 1975

TELEPHONE

564-4476 (502)

STATE

Kentucky

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.

SIGNATURE

Eldred W. Melton

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer 7-9-75

DATE

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

Acting

[Signature]

DATE

3/26/96

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

[Signature]

DATE

3-26-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

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Lee's Creek Covered Bridge
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The Lee's Creek (also called Dover) Covered Bridge in Mason County is 61 feet in length, according to Kentucky's Department of Transportation measurements. Although exact construction dates of Kentucky's covered bridges are often difficult to ascertain, it is thought the Lee's Creek bridge was built c. 1845 (Allen, p. 47).

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At one time Kentucky had hundreds of covered bridges spanning her rivers. Just prior to World War II, sixty-five were still standing. By 1952, the numbers had shrunk to thirty-nine. Now only sixteen remain. These sixteen, which represent a variety of structural types, are concentrated in the central and northeast sections of the state in the small communities or rural areas of the state.

Many reasons have been offered to explain the construction of covered bridges in Kentucky during the 19th century. The road across the bridges were kept dry and free of snow in winter. Most important, however, was the protection the covering over the bridges provided against the deterioration of the wood. It permitted the timbered trusses and braces to season properly and kept water out of the joints. The life of the bridge was, therefore, significantly prolonged, averaging, generally seven to eight times that of one left uncovered.

Many of the covered bridges owe their present survival to modern spans constructed nearby that relieve the covered bridges of heavy traffic. Six are now closed to vehicular traffic although, like the others, they are visited by large numbers of tourists. All but one are publicly owned. Few are well maintained and most are in need of immediate repair or restoration if their preservation is to be secured.

76000923

Property Lee's Creek Covered Bridge
State Ky. Working Number 7.11.75.1333

Masion

TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK 7.16.75

HISTORIAN

New abutments & siding. Is toll gate still around? Oldest cov. bridge in KY - that alone may be sufficient statement of sign.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT?

Hung 7/21/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

*R.S. Allen says c. 1845, not c. 1835
The latter seems pretty early.*

ASCERTAIN CORRECT DATE.

HAER

Inventory JBA 7/23
Review *ACCEPT AFTER STRUCTURE HAS BEEN PROTECTED 7/23*

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Accept
Coll
3-24-76*

BRANCH CHIEF

*accept
Hung
3-24-76*

KEEPER

*Hung
for Allen
7-25-76*

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 5-4-76

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

Entered MAR 26 1976

INT:2106-74







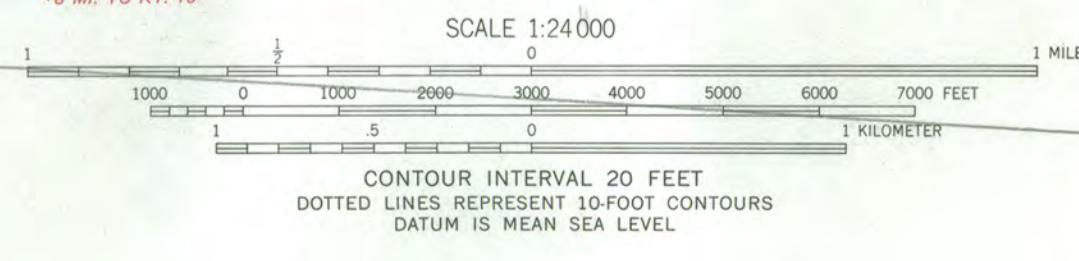
Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Kentucky area mapped in cooperation with State of Kentucky
Geological Survey

Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography in Ohio by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1961
Topography in Kentucky by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1950. Field checked 1952. Revised 1961

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum. 10,000-foot grids
based on Ohio coordinate system, south zone, and Kentucky coordinate
system, north zone. 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid
ticks, zone 17, shown in blue.

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
The state boundary as shown represents the approximate position of
the low water line as determined from U. S. Corps of Engineers
Ohio River charts, surveyed 1913, and supplementary information
Ohio area lies within the Virginia Military District

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1961



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.,
KENTUCKY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY,
AND KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

HIGGINSPORT, OHIO-KY.
SW/4 HIGGINSPORT 15' QUADRANGLE
N3845-W8352.5/7.5
1961

Lee's Creek Covered Bridge
UTM Reference:
17/249800/4292730

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE KENTUCKY

Date Entered MAR 26 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Hillsboro Covered Bridge	Hillsboro vicinity Fleming County
Ringos Mill Covered Bridge	Ringos Mill vicinity Fleming County
Bennett's Mill Covered Bridge	Lynn vicinity Greenup County
Oldtown Covered Bridge	Oldtown vicinity Greenup County
East Fork Covered Bridge	Fallsburg vicinity Lawrence County
Yatesville Covered Bridge	Yatesville vicinity Lawrence County
Mount Zion Covered Bridge	Mooresville vicinity Washington County
Cabin Creek Covered Bridge	Tollesboro vicinity Lewis County
Lee's Creek Covered Bridge	Dover vicinity Mason County

Also Notified

Hon. Walter (Dee) Huddleston
Hon. Wendell H. Ford
Hon. J. Bennett Johnston, Jr.
Hon. Carl D. Perkins
Hon. William H. Natcher

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Eldred W. Melton
Director, Kentucky Heritage Commission
104 Bridge Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Regional Director, Southeast Region

PR MOTT:djb 3/29/76

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Lee's Creek Covered Bridge
 2 OTHER NAMES:
 3 date of entry: 3-26-76
 4 county code: 161

5 LOCATION street & number: S of Dover on Tuckahoe Rd. off KY 8
 city / town: Dover
 vicinity of: Dover
 state: KY
 county: Mason
 6 NPS REGION: SE

7 OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name)
 8 ADMINISTRATOR: John Johnson

9 EXISTING SURVEYS HABS HAER NHL
 10 FUNDED? YES NO
 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 7
 12 SOURCE OF NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL
 13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? NO
 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? NO
 15 ACREAGE: 2
 if state who prepared form? John Johnson
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION
 excellent ruins good fair
 deteriorated altered original site moved reconstructed unknown unexcavated excavated
 17 features:
 INTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7
 EXTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRONS: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS YES-Restricted YES-Unrestricted No Access Unknown
 19 ADAPTIVE USE YES NO
 20 SAVED? YES
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 ENGINEERING-11 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 POLITICS/GOVT.-21 RECREATION-28
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 COMMERCE-6 ENTERTAINMENT-26 LAW-16 RELIGION-22 SETTLEMENT-29
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 COMMUNICATIONS-7 EXPLORATION-12 LITERATURE-17 SCIENCE-23 URBAN PLANNING-31
 AGRICULTURE-3 CONSERVATION-8 HEALTH-27 MILITARY-18 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 ARCHITECTURE-4 ECONOMICS-9 INDUSTRY-13 MUSIC-19 SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30
 ART-5 EDUCATION-10 INVENTION-14 PHILOSOPHY-20 TRANSPORTATION-25
 22 CLAIMS: explain 'first'
 'oldest' probably oldest covered bridge in Kentucky
 'only'

23 functions
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: bridge
 CURRENTLY: br. dge
 24 dates of initial construction: 1835
 major alterations: 1928, 1966
 historic events:
 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

26 architectural style(s):
 27 architect:
 28 master builder:
 29 engineer:

30 landscape architect / garden designer:
 31 interior decorator:
 32 artist:
 33 artisan:
 34 builder/contractor:

35 NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL: Bowers of Flemingsburg - did first restoration, 1928
 EVENTS: Kentucky Dept of Highway - did second restoration, 1966, after tornado
 INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP
 # type in
 Frame wood, queen post truss of construction, one span, 63' long exclusive of approaches, gabled corrugated metal roof; concrete abutments replace original stone. One of Kentucky's earliest covered bridges. Twice completely restored, 1928 & 1966.