

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL 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

** Valley Pike Covered Bridge
AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

*W of Mayesville off 1248*Over Frasure Branch on Valley Pike, 1.5 miles from intersec- tion with Kentucky Route 10.
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fern Leaf*Mayesville mic*

VICINITY OF

7

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Kentucky021Mason161**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. R. W. Bouldin

STREET & NUMBER

Valley Pike

CITY, TOWN

Fern Leaf

STATE

Kentucky VICINITY OF**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Mason County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Mayesville

STATE

Kentucky**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Survey of Historical Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1971 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDSKentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

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 Valley Pike Covered Bridge in Mason County crosses the Frasure Branch of Lee Creek, directly off Valley Pike, 1.5 miles from intersection with Kentucky Route 10. The bridge is located on the property of Mrs. R. W. Bouldin.

The truss design of the bridge is a single kingpost system, resting on stone abutments. Typical of this type of design, the span is short; approximately 30-35 feet in length. Vertically sided and roofed with corrugated tin, the bridge is still open and in use on the Bouldin Farm.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

PREHISTORIC
 1400-1499
 1500-1599
 1600-1699
 1700-1799
 1800-1899
 1900-

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
 AGRICULTURE
 ARCHITECTURE
 ART
 COMMERCE
 COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

COMMUNITY PLANNING
 CONSERVATION
 ECONOMICS
 EDUCATION
 ENGINEERING
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
 INDUSTRY
 INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
 LAW
 LITERATURE
 MILITARY
 MUSIC
 PHILOSOPHY
 POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION
 SCIENCE
 SCULPTURE
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
 THEATER
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

unknown

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Valley Pike Covered Bridge is the only privately-owned covered bridge in Kentucky. Built for access to farmland and barns across the Bouldin farm, it resembles a small barn itself.

Ten miles from Valley Pike is Mason County's other covered bridge over Lee Creek.

The date of origin, along with the name of the builder of the bridge, is unknown.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kentucky Covered Bridge Association. Timbered Tunnel Talk. Newport, Kentucky. (June, 1971).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	17	25,012,0	42843,20	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 M. Johnson

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

STREET & NUMBER

401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

DATE

June, 1975

TELEPHONE

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Eldred W. Milton

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

7-9-75

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

3/26/96

Acting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Len L. ...
Cherub ...
acting

DATE

3-25-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Valley Pike Covered Bridge

CONTINUATION SHEET

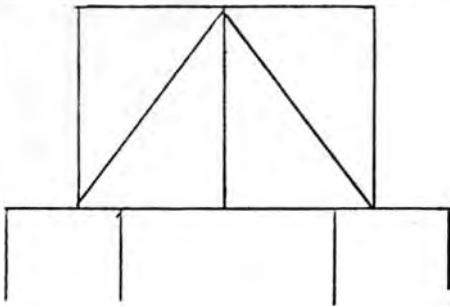
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At one time Kentucky had hundreds of covered bridges spanning her rivers. Just prior to World War II, sixty-five were still standing. By 1952, the numbers had shrunk to thirty-nine. Now only sixteen remain. These sixteen, which represent a variety 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.



1. THE KINGPOST TRUSS. The kingpost is the oldest and simplest truss, used in roof building for hundreds of years. It consists essentially of the basic truss triangle with two timbers slanting down from the center to the ends of the lower chord of the bridge. The kingpost extends down vertically from the center to the lower chord, forming two combined triangles. This post is a tension member, with the diagonals and lower chord in compression. There are 53 covered bridges of this type in use, half of them in Pennsylvania. These bridges are seldom over 30 to 35 feet long, but with the use of reinforcing timbers and rods - diagonal, horizontal or vertical - spans of over double this length have occasionally been noted.

Diagram Description of King Post Truss



76000924

Property Valley Pike Covered Bridge

Marson

State N.Y. Working Number 7.11.75.1335

TECHNICAL

Photos 1
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK cm
7.16.75

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Can't they even estimate date?
Only privately owned cov. bridge in state. No statement of sign. in
engineering or transportation*

*RETURN H.W. Jandl
7/21/75*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

*Return with sample form from
VT and OH.*

HAER

Inventory BA 7/23
Review Return Study
7/23

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Accept
Cole
3-24-76*

BRANCH CHIEF

*accept
Hunge
3.24.76*

KEEPER

*Hunge
for Marson
3.25.76*

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

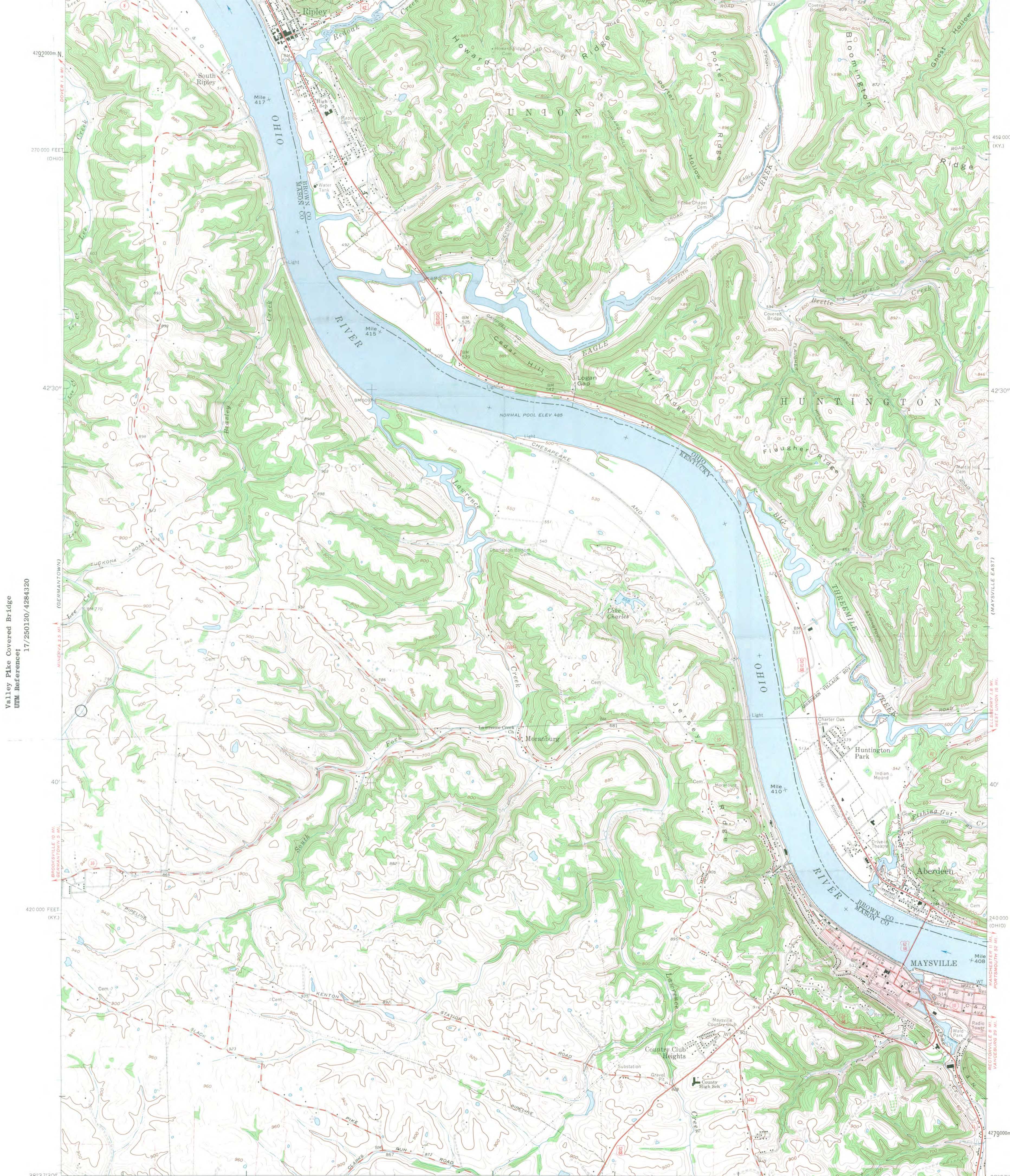
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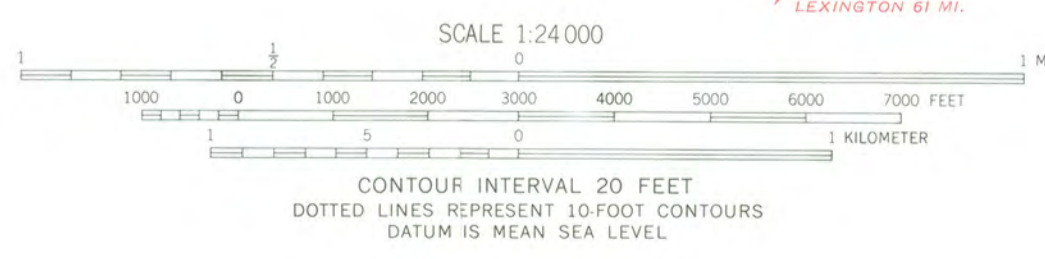




Valley Pike Covered Bridge
UTM Reference: 17/250120/4284320

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey in cooperation with State of Kentucky Geological Survey and State of Ohio agencies
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography in Kentucky by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1950. Field checked 1952. Revised 1961
Topography in Ohio by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1961
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum. 10,000-foot grids based on Kentucky coordinate system, north zone, and Ohio coordinate system, south 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 uncheckered
The state boundary as shown represents the approximate position of the low waterline as determined from U.S. Corps of Engineers Ohio River charts, surveyed 1913, and supplementary information
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
Ohio area lies within the Virginia Military District

TRIPLE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION, 1961



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 10-FOOT CONTOURS
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
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 ———

MAYSVILLE WEST, KY.-OHIO
NE/4 MAYSVILLE 15' QUADRANGLE
N3837.5-W8347.5
1961

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE KENTUCKY

Date Entered MAR 26 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Valley Pike Covered Bridge	Fern Leaf vicinity Mason County
Sherburne Covered Suspension Bridge	Sherburne vicinity Fleming County

Also Notified

Hon. Walter (Dee) Huddleston
Hon. Wendell H. Ford
Hon. J. Bennett Johnston, Jr.
Hon. Carl D. Perkins
Regional Director, Southeast Region

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

PR MOTT:djb 3/29/76

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

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

5 LOCATION street & number: W of Maysville off KY 8
 city / town: Maysville
 vicinity of: Maysville
 state: KY
 county: Mason
 6 NPS REGION: Southeast

7 OWNER: PRIVATE
 8 ADMINISTRATOR:

9 EXISTING SURVEYS: NARS HAER NHL
 10 FUNDED?: YES NO
 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 7
 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION: STATE

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?: YES, NAME: NO
 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?: YES, NAME: NO
 15 ACREAGE: 1
 if state who prepared form? LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION: deteriorated altered original site
 excellent ruins unaltered moved
 good unexposed reconstructed unknown
 fair unexcavated excavated
 17 features: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1
 NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-4
 NOT APPLICABLE-7
 SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2
 NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-5
 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 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
 21 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?: yes no

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

23 functions: WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: FENS TRANSPORTATION
 CURRENTLY:
 24 dates of initial construction: unknown
 major alterations:
 historic events:
 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION:

26 architectural style(s): NA
 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:
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP
 ✓ frame with vertical siding, single kingpost truss of 30' x 35' single span, ~~construction~~
 hexagonal posts. Constructed over the Frasure ~~branch~~ branch of Lee Creek; one of state's
 14 remaining covered bridges. Still in use, ~~a private property~~.