

# DATA SHEET

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Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Illinois
COUNTY: Bureau
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE APR 23 1975

### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
Red Covered Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC:

### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 1.25 miles north of I-80 and 0.5 mile west of Illinois 26 on  
Old Dad Joe Trail (TR 246) at Bureau Creek near Princeton

CITY OR TOWN: Princeton CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 18th - Congressman Michel

STATE: Illinois CODE: 17 COUNTY: Bureau CODE: 011

### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Bridge on public road.

### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: State of Illinois - Department of Transportation

STREET AND NUMBER: 819 Depot Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Dixon STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Illinois Department of Transportation - District #2 Office

STREET AND NUMBER: 819 Depot Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Dixon STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

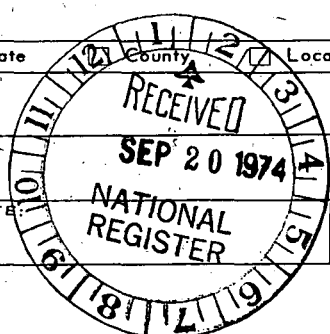
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Red Covered Bridge consists of one main span of 95 feet and two approaches of 36 and 18 feet constructed on masonry piers. The vertical clearance is 12 feet; the horizontal clearance is 15 feet 6 inches. The main span is comprised of ten Howe truss panels covered by wooden plank siding.



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Description - continued

The Red Covered Bridge is a good example of early bridge construction in northern Illinois. The covered span is 96 feet, has a 15' 6" roadway and a 12' vertical clearance, and is a timber Howe truss. The main beams in the truss consists of two beams made up of four 6"x12" timbers with 6"x6" diagonal bracing. The floor beams are 3"x12" planks standing on edge. Rough hewn 3"x12" longitudinal planking constitute the riding surface. The bearing is on two stonepiers, 5 feet wide at the bottom and 3 feet wide at the top, resting on concrete footings. The northern approach is a 36' uncovered span. It has seven 15" I-beam stringers with a planked flooring. The south approach is 18 feet long on five 10" I-beams on 30" centers with the outside members being 10" channels. This span also has a plank decking. Both approach spans, but not the main span, have 30" tread plates for single lane traffic.

The structure's condition is good considering its age. In 1967 the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, expended \$710 in the repair of the structure caused by a farmer's dump truck hoist accidentally raising. The impact tore out the entire front of the south portal, damaged three horizontal tension rods of the Howe truss, and caused damage to cross bracing a distance of ten feet into the bridge. Sixty-year old white pine trees planted by former Governor Lowden were logged and sawed at the Siskiyou Forest at Oregon, Illinois for replacement material. The original Eastern White Pine is thought to have come from Wisconsin.

Although approximately \$3000 was expended over the intervening years for minor maintenance, more extensive repairs have also been necessary. In 1965, the Department expended \$5,739 for repair of the piers and in 1973, invested \$19,600 in the replacement of the roof and planking. At this time, the original longitudinal planking was replaced by diagonal placed planking of Southern Yellow Pine. In 1974, rip rap was placed on the northeast bank where damage had occurred during the 1973 flood and a weir type dam of sheet piling and quarry run rock was placed approximately 100 feet downstream to limit erosive action near the piers. This latter work cost \$92,780.

By W. L. Kevern  
District Planning Engineer  
Illinois Department of  
Transportation

**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                 | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                   | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Red Covered Bridge is the only covered bridge in this area and is a good example of early bridge construction in northern Illinois. The bridge was constructed by Bureau County in 1863 at a cost of \$3,148.57. (\$1,000 was paid by Bureau County, \$600.00 by Dover Township, and \$1,548.57 by public subscription.) A sign on each end advises everyone of the rules governing use of the facility. "Five dollars fine for driving more than 12 horses, mules, or cattle at any time or for leading any beast faster than a walk on or across this bridge."



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

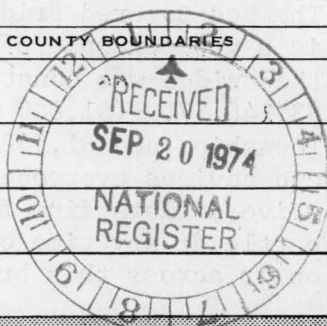
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	41	25	
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	89	25	
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	16-292, 850 E		16-4, 587, 740 N

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/2 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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OK  
CD

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
D. E. Sunmark

ORGANIZATION: Illinois Department of Transportation DATE: January 1y, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
819 Depot Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Dixon STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 Anthony T. Dean  
Anthony T. Dean

Title Director, Illinois Department of Conservation - State Historic Preservation Officer

Date July 15, 1974

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

A. Mortensen  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/23/75

ATTEST:  
Charles W. [Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 4.18.75

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Map Coordinates

U.T.M.

850  
16-292,750 E  
16-4,587,800 N  
740

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED.  
NAME OF PROPERTY Red Covered Bridge, Ill.

DATE: 11-15-74

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

- 1. Name. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Location. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Classification. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Owner of Property. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Location of Legal Description. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Representation in Existing Surveys. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Description. Has building this bridge had reinforcing or replacement of parts? This section should be more detailed description of bridge - its construction and appearance.
- 8. Statement of Significance. Need more detailed discussion: who used the bridge, what did they do before the bridge was built, is it still used, what area does it serve?
- 9. Bibliography. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Geographical Data.
  - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. Longitude (or Latitude) appears to be off by about 3' 39" . Please check.
  - b. Acreage. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Form Prepared By. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Certification. Please fill in the date
- Photographic Coverage. \_\_\_\_\_
- Map Coverage. Please submit more up-to-date USGS quad map if available.
- Other. \_\_\_\_\_

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED: Charles Henry

FIVE DOLLARS FINE FOR DRIVING MORE THAN TWELVE HORSES MULES  
OR CATTLE AT ANY ONE TIME OR FOR LEADING ANY BEAST FASTER THAN A WALK  
ON OR ACROSS THIS BRIDGE

WARNING  
6 TON  
LOAD LIMIT

14666

RED COVERED BRIDGE

Form No. 10-301a  
(7/72)

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

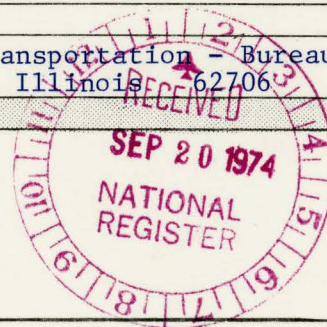
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE Illinois	
COUNTY Bureau	
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<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: Red Covered Bridge			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1.25 miles north of I-80 and 0.5 mile west of Illinois 26 on Old Dad Joe Trail (TR 246) at Bureau Creek near Princeton			
CITY OR TOWN: Princeton			
STATE: Illinois	CODE 17	COUNTY: Bureau	CODE 011
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: A. G. Kistler			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1958			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: State of Illinois - Department of Transportation - Bureau of Materials - 126 East Ash Street - Springfield, Illinois 62706			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  Looking northerly.  #1081			



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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

**1. NAME**

COMMON

Red Covered Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC

NUMERIC CODE *(Assigned by NPS)*

APR 23 1978

**2. LOCATION**

STATE

Illinois

COUNTY

Bureau

TOWN

Princeton

STREET AND NUMBER

1/25 mi N of I-80 and .5 mi W of IL 26 on Old Dad Joe Trail  
(TR 246) at Bureau Creek near Princeton

**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE

Princeton North Quad

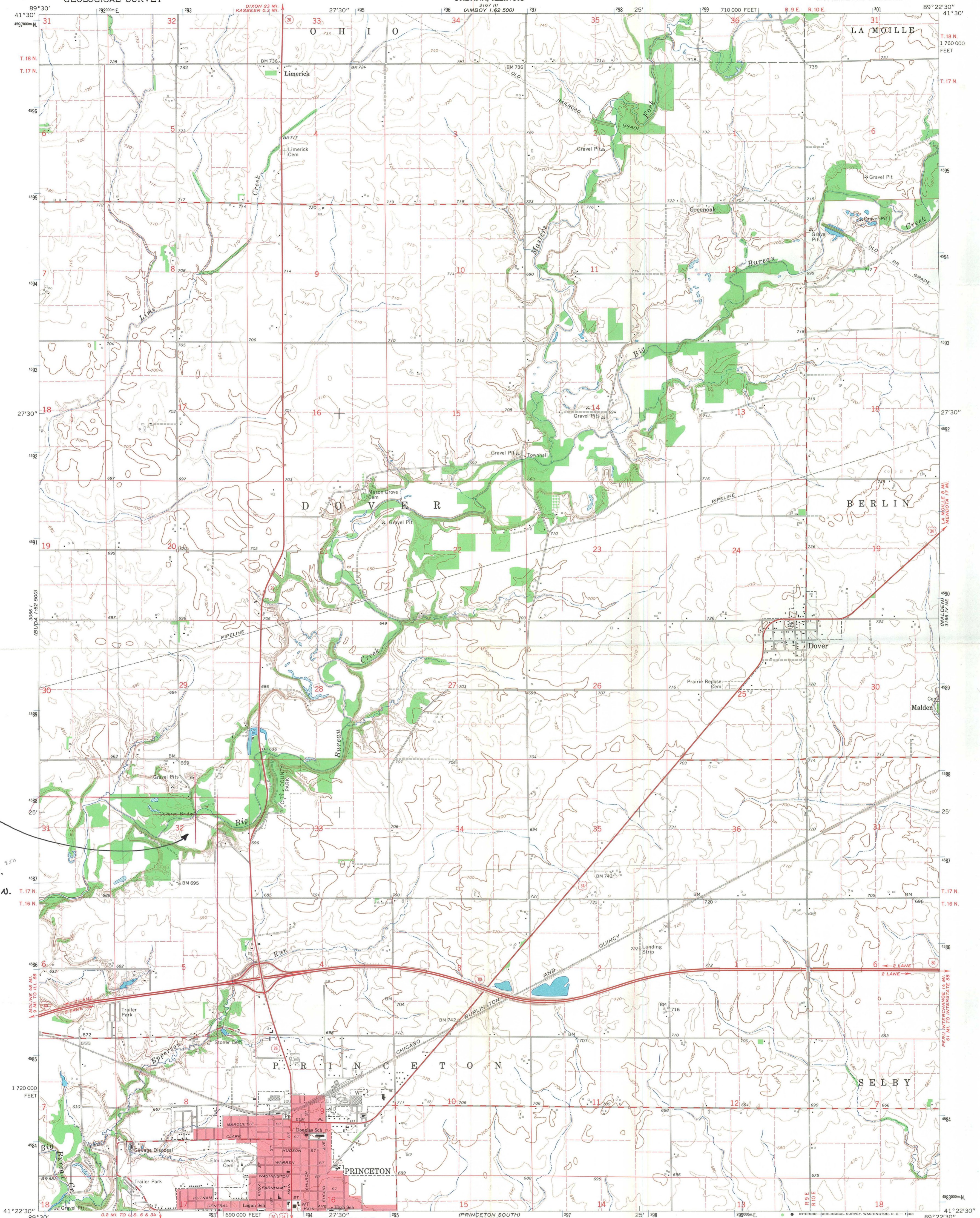
DATE

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SCALE

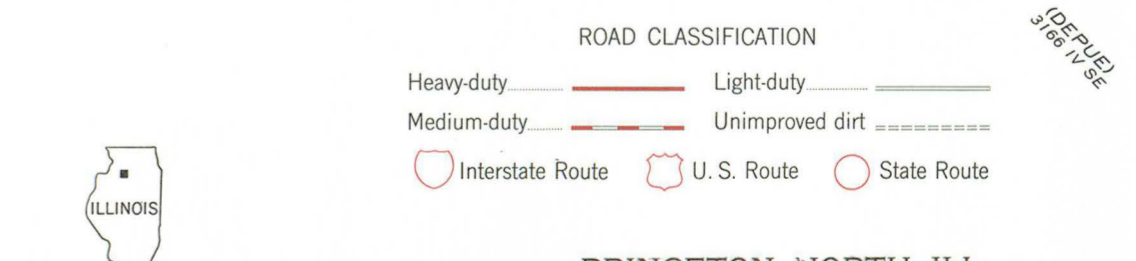
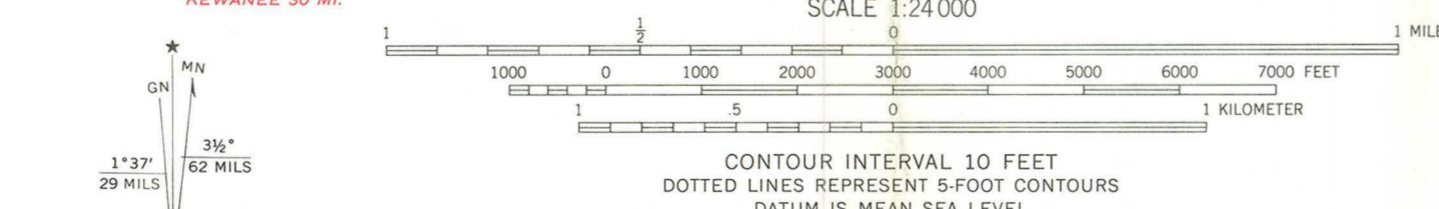
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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW;



RED COVERED BRIDGES  
U.T.M.  
16-292, 850 E.  
16-4, 587, 740 N.

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1965. Field checked 1966  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Illinois coordinate system, west zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 16, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
AND BY THE STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, URBANA, ILLINOIS 61801  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

PRINCETON NORTH, ILL.  
NW/4 HENNEPIN 15' QUADRANGLE  
N4122.5—W8922.5/7.5



STATE OF ILLINOIS

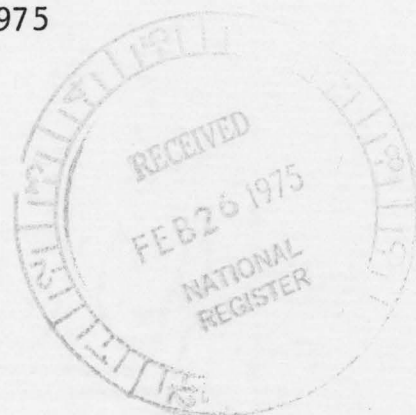
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

605 STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
400 SOUTH SPRING ST.  
SPRINGFIELD 62706

CHICAGO OFFICE—1227 S. MICHIGAN AVE. 60605

February 21, 1975

Mr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the Register  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
Department of Interior  
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Mr. Murtagh:

Enclosed is the revised form for the Red Covered Bridge. The changes requested on the sheet have been made. We have also refigured the locational coordinates to correspond with the new U.T.M. system. The U.T.M., by the way, is much easier to use than the old latitude and longitude system. Our locational information should be much more accurate from now on.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this nomination.

Sincerely,

*Bill Farrar*

WILLIAM G. FARRAR  
Director  
Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey  
P. O. Box 986  
Carbondale, Illinois 62901

Enclosure  
WGF/kpg

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered APR 23 1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Chicago Avenue Water Tower and Pumping Station	Cook County
Red Covered Bridge	Princeton vicinity Bureau County

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, III	Mr. Anthony Dean
Hon. Cardiss Collins	Director, Department of Conservation
Hon. Robert H. Michel	602 State Office Building
Regional Director, Midwest Region	400 South Spring St.
	Springfield, Illinois 62706

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# NR Data Sheet

DATE: 11-19-76  
Reviewer INITIALS: NESBITT  
NR DOE 4/23/75

75000640

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Red Covered Bridge

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION: 2 mi. N of Princeton off IL 26 on Old Dad Joe Trail

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

code

Illinois

Princeton

Bureau

011

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

## FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS  
 Substantially intact-1  Substantially intact-2  Substantially intact-3  
- unknown - 4 - unknown - 5 - unknown - 6  
- not applicable - 7 - not applicable - 8 - not applicable - 9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED Unexcavated  UNALTERED ALTERED Reconstructed Excavated  ORIGINAL SITE MOVED Unknown

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO  
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO  
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- BRIDGE

now- BRIDGE

## SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC AGRICULTURE ARCHITECTURE ART COMMERCE COMMUNICATIONS CONSERVATION ECONOMICS EDUCATION  ENGINEERING EXPLORATION INDUSTRY INVENTION LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LAW/Gov't/politics LITERATURE MILITARY MUSIC PHILOSOPHY POLITICS-GOVERNMENT RELIGION SCIENCE SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN  TRANSPORTATION OTHER (SPECIFY) entertainment health recreation settlement socio/cultural urban & commun planning

## Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:**

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

**ETHNIC GROUP:**

**NAMES:**

personal

(label role  
&  
appropriate date)

events

institutional

**DATES:**

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1863

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

**SOURCE:**

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

**ACREAGE:**

(to nearest tenth of an acre) 1/2

**COMMENTS:**

(include architectural information here)

Frame, vertical siding, wooden Howe truss of 95' single span, 15'6" wide, masonry piers, only covered bridge in this area of Illinois still in use.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

(maximum two sentences)