

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Ohio
COUNTY: Clermont
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ENTRY DATE 9-10-74

1. NAME

COMMON:
Stonelick Covered Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Perintown Covered Bridge

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
County road 16

CITY OR TOWN:
2 1/2 miles east of Perintown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **#6**
Wm. H. Harsha

STATE: **Ohio** CODE: **039** COUNTY: **Clermont** CODE: **025**

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments: _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Clermont County

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House

CITY OR TOWN:
Batavia

STATE: **Ohio** CODE: **039**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Batavia

STATE: **Ohio** CODE: **039**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Survey of Historical Features of Southwestern Ohio

DATE OF SURVEY: **October 1970** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Ohio Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
1982 Valma Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbus

STATE: **Ohio** CODE: **039**

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1878

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Stonelick Bridge takes its name from the creek it spans although it is sometimes referred to as the Perintown Bridge for the nearby town. This bridge was built in 1878 and a sketch of it can be seen in the 1880 History of Clermont County by Louis H. Everts. This picture shows the Patchell Farm and the covered bridge. In addition to being quite sturdy and in excellent condition, the Stonelick Bridge is very picturesque. It is painted a deep red on siding and portals and both siding and portals are finished with battens. This is the last covered bridge in Clermont County and one of only 18 Howe trusses left in Ohio. It is certainly one of the finest Howe trusses in the state.

The people of Clermont County are very proud of their covered bridge and the county officials are doing everything in their power to preserve it.

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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
	(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 structure under consideration is a one-span wooden truss covered bridge spanning Stonelick Creek in Stonelick Twp., 2½ miles east of Perintown in Clermont County. The bridge has a sheet metal roof and vertical siding, boarded almost to the eaves. The abutments are stone.

The Stonelick Bridge is a 12 panel Howe truss, 140' long overall with a 136.5' clear span. The overall width is 22' with a 16' 5" roadway. The overhead clearance is 15' 5". The Howe truss was patented in 1840 by William Howe of Spencer, Mass. The Howe truss marked a definite advance in the progress of bridge design because it replaced the wooden uprights of previous bridge trusses, such as the Long truss, with iron rods which could be adjusted with nuts and turnbuckles. Thus, these iron verticals can be tightened when the bridge begins to sag out of line so that it can be straightened again. William Howe was the first to combat the inherent weakness of the all-wood truss in which the wooden uprights, when in tension, tend to give way. The advent of the Howe truss marked the end of the all-wood bridge truss. The Howe truss was extremely popular, especially with the railroads.

The outward appearance of the Stonelick Bridge has changed little over the years. In 1970, the roof was replaced and the bridge seats were repaired. The end posts and the decayed ends of the bottom chords were replaced, new joists and flooring was installed and the entire structure was painted. In 1971, the stone abutments were reinforced with concrete. The county engineer states that they attempt to keep the bridge as near as possible to its original construction by using the same type and kinds of materials in the repair work as were used in the original construction.

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