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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1** NAME

HISTORIC

16.

FISH CREEK COVERED BRIDGE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Secondary Route 13 near junction of U.S. Route 250 crossing Fish Creek

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

 VICINITY OF Hundred

1

STATE

West Virginia

CODE

54

COUNTY

Wetzel

CODE

103

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

West Virginia Department of Highways

STREET & NUMBER

1900 Washington Street, East

CITY, TOWN

Charleston

VICINITY OF

STATE

West Virginia 25305

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Wetzel County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

New Martinsville

STATE

West Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION
_EXCELLENT _DETERIORATED
_GOOD _RUINS
 FAIR _UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE
_UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE
 ORIGINAL SITE
_MOVED DATE _____

PERIOD
_PREHISTO
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_1500-1
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fish Creek Covered Bridge is 12 feet-10 inches wide and 36 feet in length. Wooden siding painted barn red and a galvanized metal roof cover the superstructure. The kingpost truss has two-8inch square diagonals extending from the notched ends of the 9 x 9½ inch bottom chord to the mortise and tenon joint at the 9 x 11 inch centerpost. Knee braces at the centerpost and at either endpost help to stiffen the frame. Metal tension straps bolted to the sides of the center post support the 8 x 9½ inch transverse floor beam which supports the floor stringers at midspan.

Modern reinforcement consists of six 8 x 12 inch wide flange stringers that support the deck, which originally rested on wooden stringers.

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 c 1881 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On July 27, 1881 a committee was appointed by the Wetzel County Court for letting out a contract for a bridge to be built across Fish Creek "near the mouth of Rush". This information, obtained from Wetzel County Court Records describes the location of the present covered bridge, which crosses Fish Creek near the mouth of Rush Run near Hundred, West Virginia. The most likely date for completion of construction was probably in 1881 (as a postcard (2) of the bridge indicates) or within a few years following. A thorough search of the court records failed to yield any further information concerning the construction of the bridge.

The Fish Creek Covered Bridge is the only remaining covered bridge in Wetzel County, which had a number of bridges in the past. Along with the Dents Run covered bridge, the Fish Creek bridge is one of the two remaining bridges in West Virginia having the single kingpost truss design.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Order Book #1, Wetzel County Court.
2. Postcard Depicting the Fish Creek bridge, Hundred, West Virginia
3. Allen, Richard Sanders, Covered Bridges of the Middle Atlantic States.
Brattleboro, Vermont: The Stephen Green Press, 1959, p. 86.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Not applicable

QUADRANGLE NAME Hundred

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

E.L. Kemp, Professor History of Science & Technology and of Civil Engineering

ORGANIZATION

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

614 Woodburn Hall, Town Campus

(304) 293-3867

CITY OR TOWN

West Virginia 26056

Morgantown

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

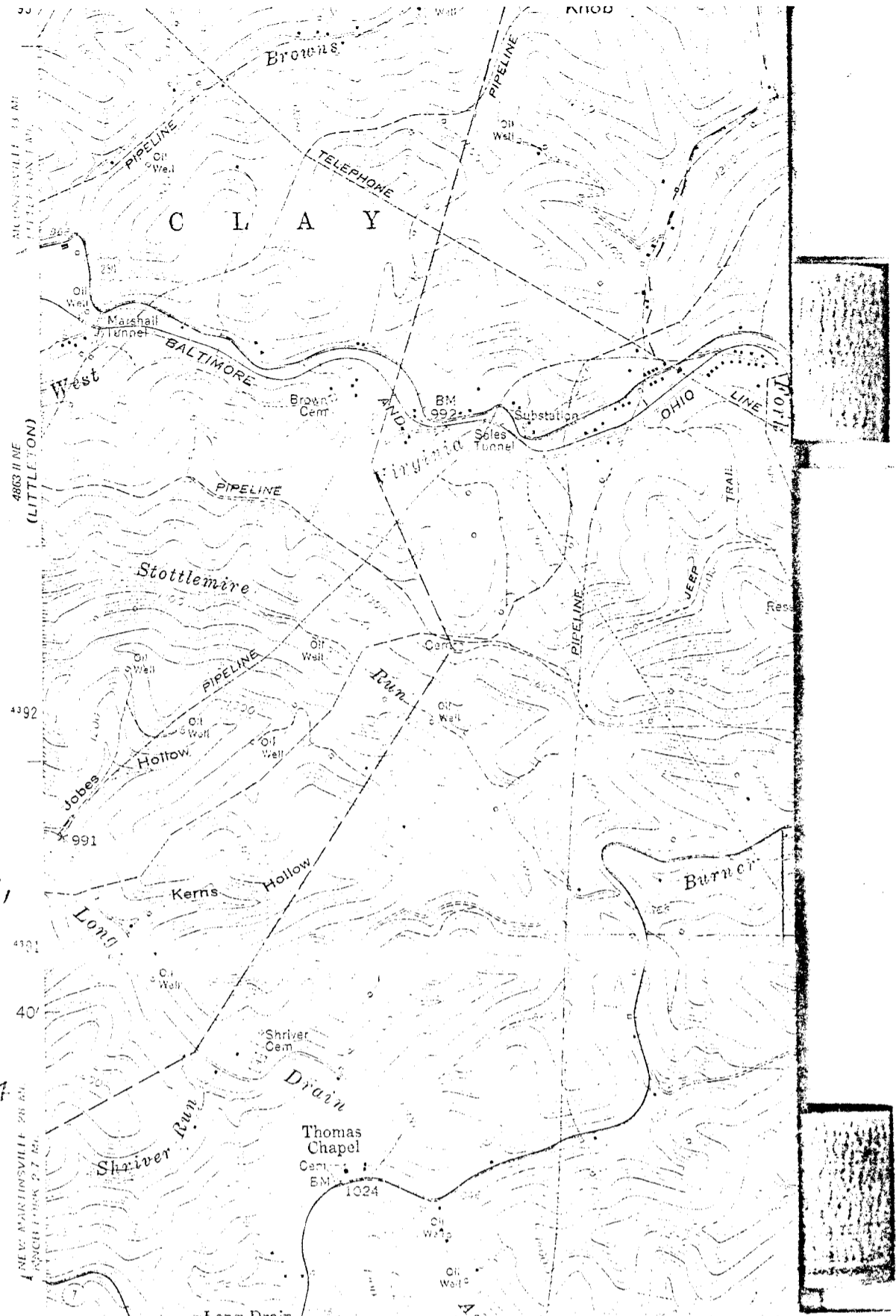
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

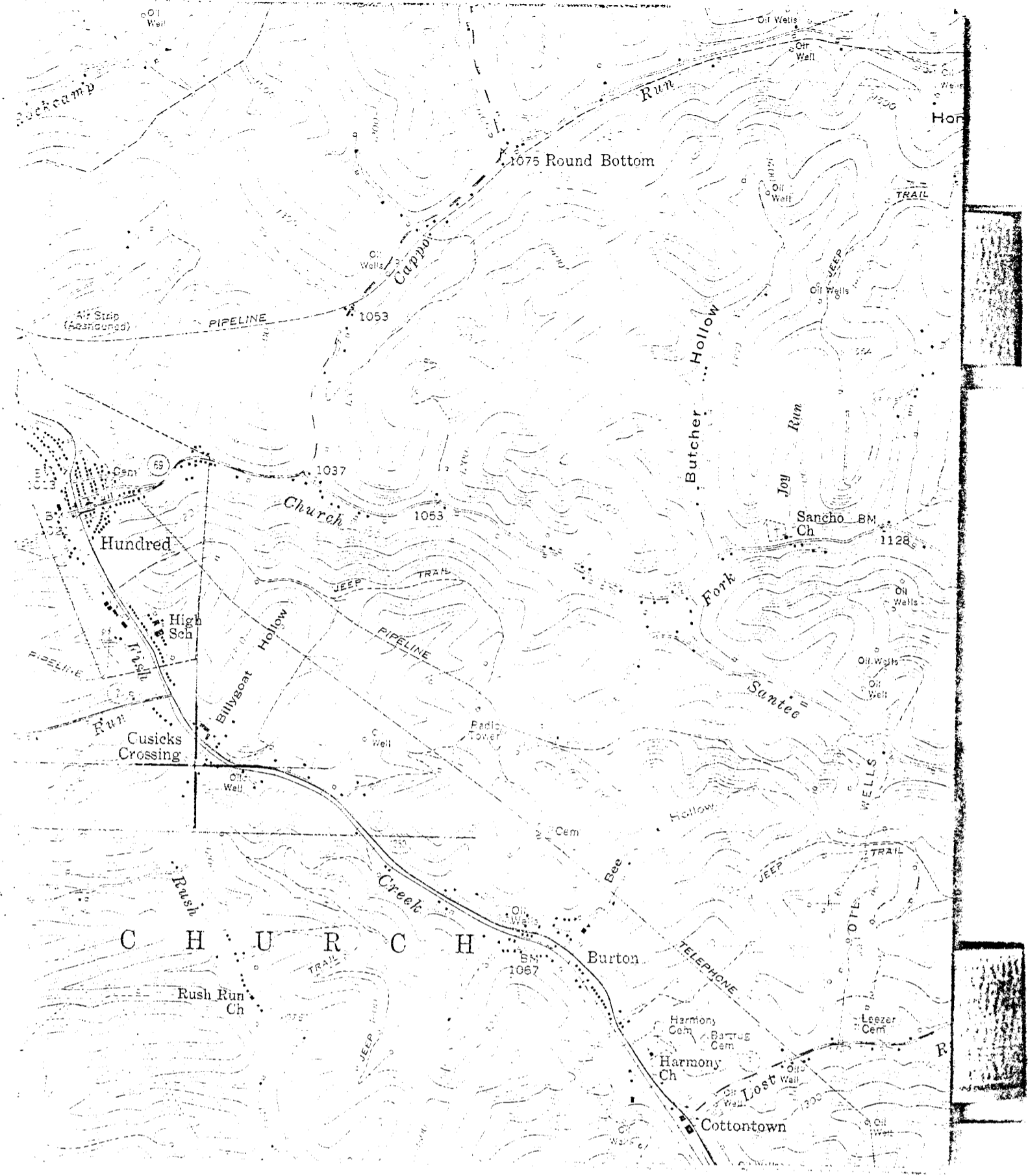
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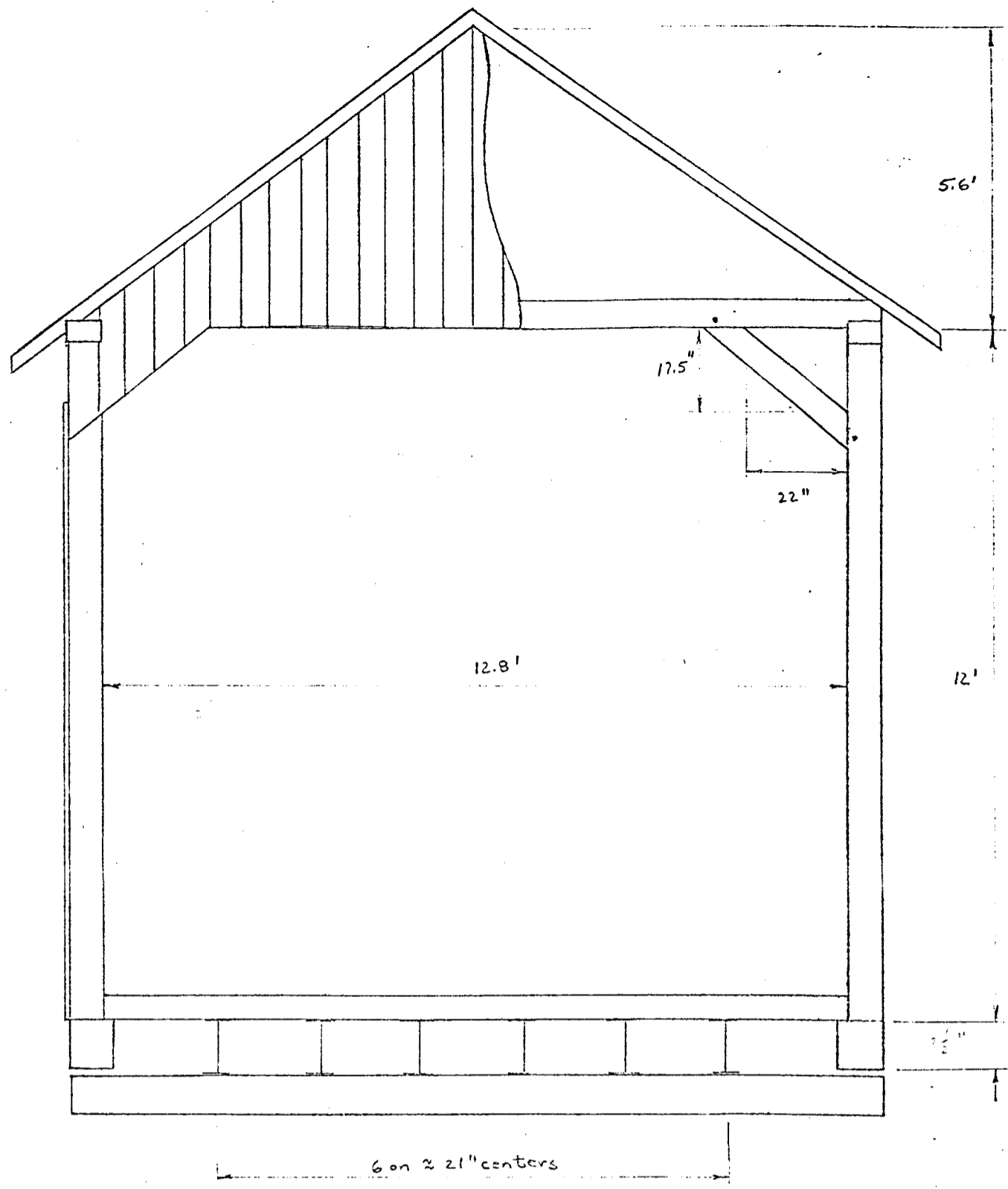
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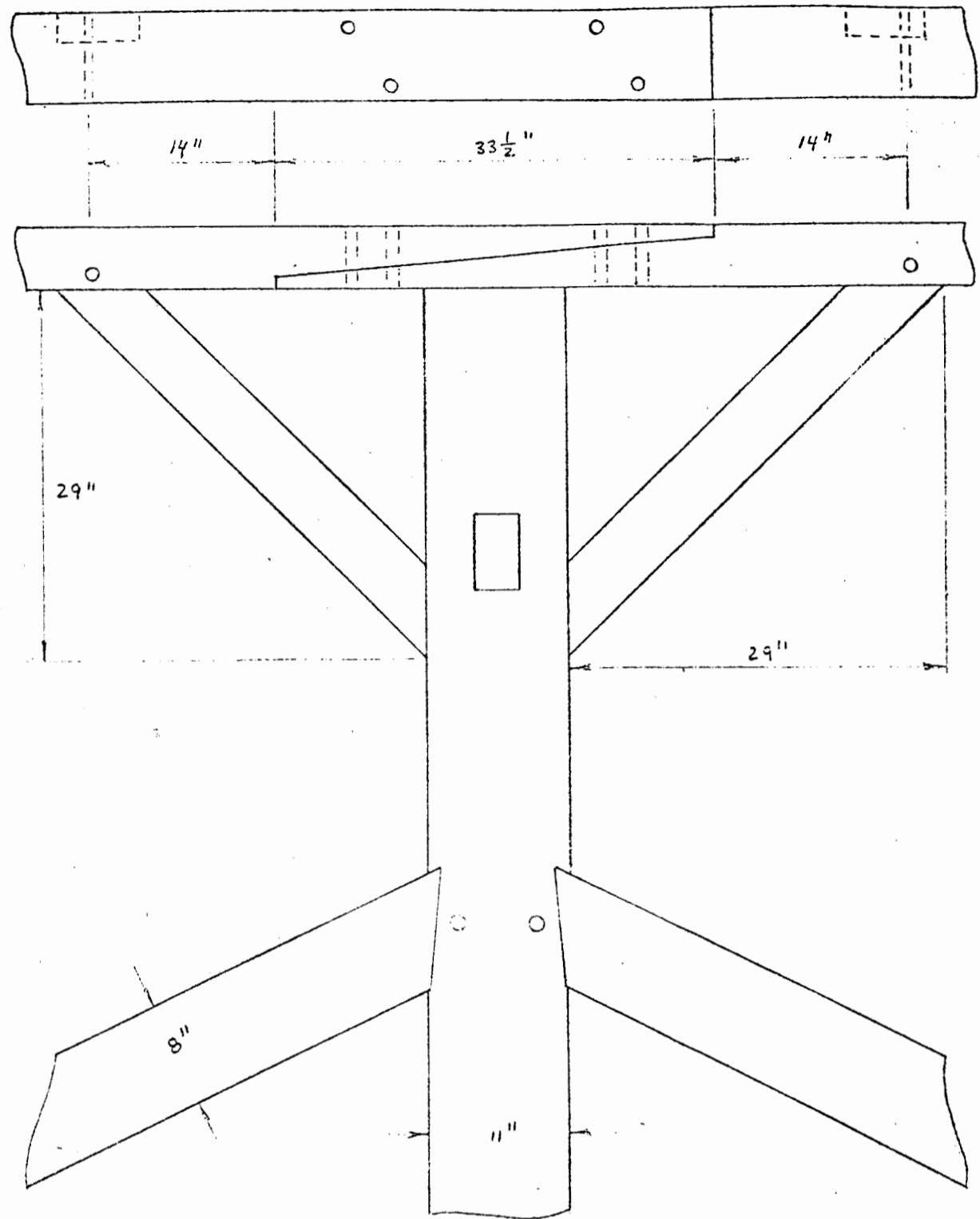
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BRIDGE
HUNDRED VICINITY,
WETZEL COUNTY
WEST VIRGINIA

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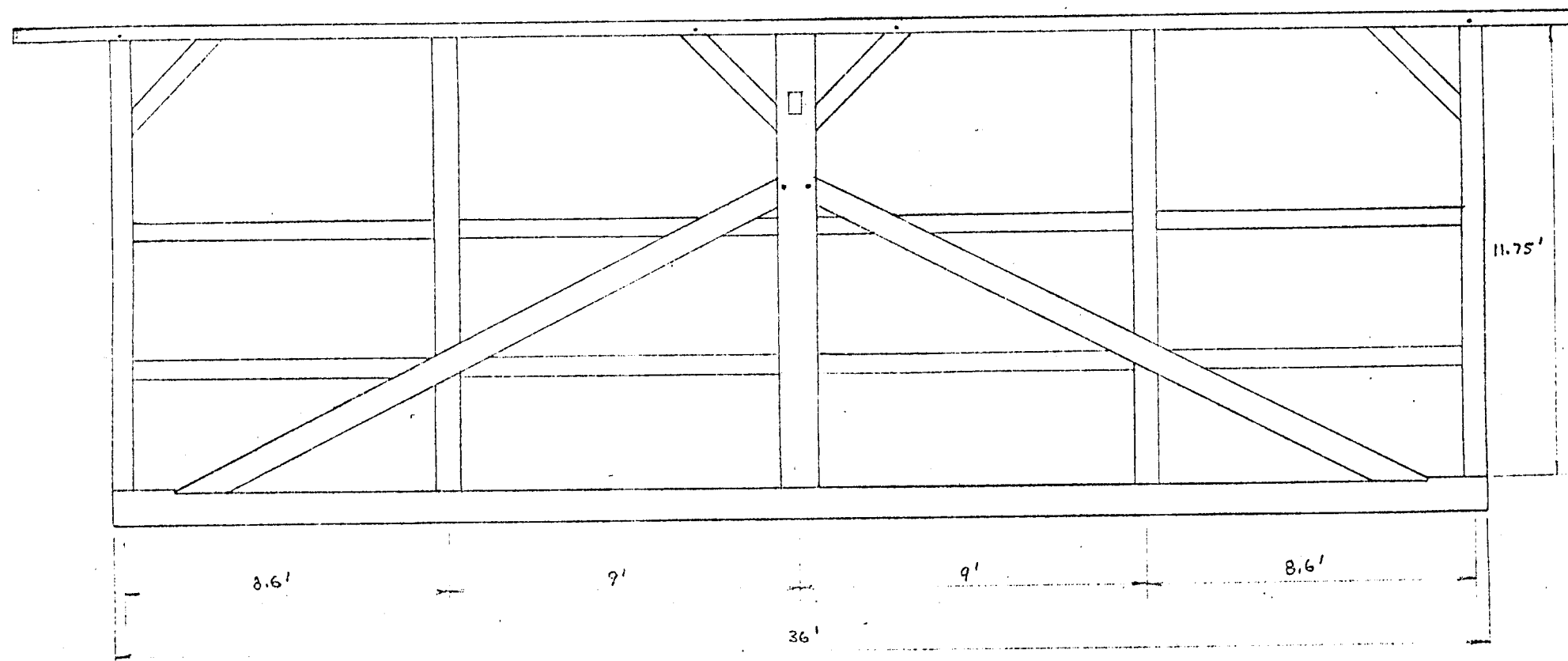




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