NAME
HISTORIC
5. HOKES MILL COVERED BRIDGE
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER: Secondary Route 62
at the Hokes Mill Crossing of Second Creek
CITY, TOWN: X. VICINITY OF Ronceverte
STATE: West Virginia

CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY
DISTRICT
BUILDINGS
STRUCTURE
SITE
OBJECT

OWNERSHIP
PUBLIC
PRIVATE
BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
IN PROCESS
BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS
X OCCUPIED in service
UNOCCUPIED
WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
YES, RESTRICTED
X YES: UNRESTRICTED
NO

PRESENT USE
AGRICULTURE
COMMERCIAL
PARK
EDUCATIONAL
PRIVATE RESIDENCE
ENTERTAINMENT
RELIGIOUS
GOVERNMENT
INDUSTRIAL
TRANSPORTATION
MILITARY
OTHER

OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME: West Virginia Department of Highways
STREET & NUMBER: 1900 Washington Street, East
CITY, TOWN: Charleston
STATE: West Virginia

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
STREET & NUMBER: Greenbrier County Court House
CITY, TOWN: Lewisburg
STATE: West Virginia

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE: None
DATE: None
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: FEDERAL
CITY, TOWN: STATE

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

REV. 11/77
The Hokes Mill Covered Bridge is 12 feet wide and measures 81.6 feet between the insides of the endposts. It has board-and-batten siding painted barn red and a standing seam metal roof. The truss is a modified long truss. The three 11 foot 10 inch high center panels of variable lengths, contain double diagonals consisting of two-4 x 8 inch members and 4½ x 8 inch single diagonals, which fit between and are pinned to the double diagonals. The 9 foot 8 inch long panel has a double diagonal made up of two-4½ x 7 inch members and a 4 x 6 inch single diagonal. The end diagonals are secured to the bottom chord, which consists of three-4 x 9½ inch members, by the bolt and rod system. Shear keys, which are small 2 x 3 inch blocks of wood that fit into notches made between the bottom chord members, help to transfer shear uniformly along the bottom chord.

The recent major modifications to the bridge include the replacement of the wooden transverse floor beams with steel girders and the addition of two wide flange beams, a W 36 x 194 and a W 36 x 182, which have been placed at either side of the deck and extend along the length of the bridge.
In 1897, during the April term of the Greenbrier County Court, it was ordered that B. F. Mann, R. A. McPollaw and Austin B. Erwin be appointed commissioners to have a covered bridge built on stone abutments across Second Creek above Smith's Mill (formerly Hoke's Mill) for a cost of $700.00. The court records do not pinpoint the date of the completion of the bridge, but various drafts were issued between the terms of January 1898 and March 1899 for road repairs in the Irish Corner district. A draft for $175.00 was the only one specifically referenced to the construction of the bridge. Therefore, the bridge was probably completed between April 1897 and March 1899.

The Hokes Mill Covered bridge is one of Greenbrier County's two remaining covered bridges, and has a superstructure consisting of a modified version of the patented Long truss. The bridge is in a deteriorating condition, and although the two large wide flange beams help to support the bridge, they have adversely affected its aesthetic value and historic integrity. This bridge deserves a better fate and should be restored.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Order Book #6, Greenbrier County Court, pp. 260, 300, 323, 336, 372.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Not Applicable

QUADRANGLE NAME Fort Spring QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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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 99-655), 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 DATE

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION
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