**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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### NAME

**HISTORIC**

FISH CREEK COVERED BRIDGE

**AND/OR COMMON**

...

### LOCATION

**STREET & NUMBER**

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

**CITY, TOWN**

CHARLESTON

**STATE**

West Virginia

### CLASSIFICATION

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### 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**

Wetzel County Court House

**STREET & NUMBER**

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**CITY, TOWN**

New Martinsville

**STATE**

West Virginia

### REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

**TITLE**

None

**DATE**

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

**REPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**

... STATE

**CITY, TOWN**

...
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-inch 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 center-post. Knee braces at the center-post 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.
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 Points Run covered bridge, the Fish Creek bridge is one of the two remaining bridges in West Virginia having the single kingpost truss design.
1. Order Book #1, Wetzel County Court.
2. Postcard Depicting the Fish Creek bridge, Hundred, West Virginia

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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