Oregon Historic Site Record

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LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 14th Ave historic name: Weddle Covered Bridge

Sweet Home, Linn County current/other names: Weddle Bridge; Devaney Covered Bridge

assoc addresses: Kelly Rd; Thomas Creek; Ames Creek block/lot/tax lot:

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: Structure height (stories): 1.0 total elig resources: 0 total inelig resources:

elig evaluation: eligible/significant NR Status: Delisted

prim constr date: 1937 second date: 1990 date indiv listed: 11/29/1979

primary orig use: Road Related (vehicular) orig use comments:

second orig use:

Sankey Park over Ames Creek

primary style: Other / Undefined prim style comments: 120 Ft Howe Truss

secondary style: sec style comments: primary siding: Vertical Board siding comments:

plan type: Covered Bridge architect: Unknown

builder: Unknown

comments/notes:

secondary siding:

location descr:

delisted in 1991, but ODOT thinks it's eligible for re-listing in its new location. See Historical Narrative. Section 106 evaluation 5/9/2007. ODOT: eligible; SHPO concurred. (CC-5/9/2007)

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

Survey/Grouping Included In: Type of Grouping Date Listed Date Compiled

 Oregon Covered Bridges (TR)
 MPS
 11/29/1979
 1977

SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: 11/29/1979 106 Project(s): None
ILS survey date:
RLS survey
RLS survey
RLS survey

RLS survey
date:

Federal Tax
Project(s):

None

ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)

Refer to scanned documents links.

HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)

This bridge, originally constructed in 1937 over Thomas Creek north of Crabtree, was dismantled in 1987 and re-erected in 1990 over Ames Creek in the City of Sweet Home. The bridge was moved approximately 20 miles and remains in Linn County. The bridge retains a good level of integrity and appears to meet eligibility requirements under Criterion C. The bridge has seen replacement of materials in-kind, including the siding and roof system, portions of the truss, and portions of the floor system are also replacements, essentially in-kind, with minor dimensional differences. The general appearance of the structure is as it was originally, and it is a good example of its type (Howe Truss) both within the county context and state context. The bridge has some features that are fairly uniqe to Linn County, including its large windows. The bridge portals and portal framing are also as they were originally (based on exterior historic photographs). The bridge is currently propped up on temporary supports due to problems with the lower chord on the truss (which was broken and is the reason the bridge was dismanteled in the first place). Even though the integrity of location and setting have been compromised, and the structure has been converted to pedestrian used, the bridge retains sufficient integrity to be considered eligible for listing in the NRHP. (Alex McMurry, ODOT, 5/9/2007)

RESEARCH INFORMATION

Title Records Census Records Property Tax Records Local Histories
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 Obituaries
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 City Directories
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Local Library: University Library:
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