

LAKE COUNTY HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

NAME (Historic) <u>Stone Bridge</u>	THEME <u>Military</u>
NAME (Common) <u>(same)</u>	PRESENT OWNER <u>U. S. Government (?)</u>
ADDRESS <u>Hart Lake (south end)</u> <u>Plush, Ore.</u>	ADDRESS _____
T <u>37</u> S R <u>24</u> E Sec <u>24</u> ¼ <u>NE</u> of <u>NE</u>	ORIGINAL USE <u>Road Causeway</u>
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <u>1867</u>
	BUILDER/ARCHITECT <u>Lt. Col. George Crook</u>

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Description of property and statement of historical significance, including type, features, style and related history.

The Stone Bridge is a well-known feature in the Warner Valley. It was constructed during the summer of 1867 by U. S. Army forces who laboriously hauled tons of field stones from nearby Hart Mountain to build a causeway across the southern outlet of Hart Lake (at its connection with Crump Lake). The army commanders had concluded to move Camp Warner from its perilous position atop Hart Mountain to a new site on the headwaters of Honey Creek to the west of Plush, Oregon. Lt.-Col. George Crook was in charge of these operations. This causeway was later used by the Oregon Central Military Wagon Road Company for its access to the area east of Hart Lake.

The remains of the Lake County Historical Society marker--the stone base for the sign--are located at the east end of the causeway (see attached photograph).

This is a significant and extant feature from the era of U. S. Army presence in Lake County.

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T 37 S R 24 E Sec 24 $\frac{1}{4}$ NE of NE

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD



The Stone Bridge is a rubble stone causeway erected during the summer of 1867 by the U. S. Army relocating Camp Warner in the Warner Valley. It is located directly behind the fenced area in the foreground beyond the base of the former Lake County Historical Society historic marker. The marker has been vandalized--the base alone remains. This bridge is passable at low water as a route between Hart Lake and Crump Lake in an east-west direction. It was later used by the Oregon Central Military Wagon Road.