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

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

HISTORIC

Bradley's Covered Bridge

AND/OR COMMON

Long Cane Covered Bridge

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3.2 miles west of Troy, on S. C. 36

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Troy

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

* VICINITY OF

#3

STATE

South Carolina

CODE

045

COUNTY

McCormick

CODE

065

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<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 RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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

South Carolina Highway Department

STREET & NUMBER

Post Office Box 191

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

VICINITY OF

STATE

South Carolina

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE

1973 (update)

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

S. C. Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED (minor)

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Long Cane Covered Bridge in McCormick County remains virtually unchanged since its construction in 1892. The bridge, built in the Howe style, is 30 feet high and spans 163 feet over Long Cane Creek. It rests on two stone abutments with four supporting piers in the creekbed.

The bridge consists of a series of 13 boxed "X" panel trusses in which iron turn-buckles were added for stability. The vertical board and batten siding used to cover these panel trusses is unpainted and irregularly cut. The portals are covered with unpainted wooden clapboard; a tin roof covers the bridge. A single roadway laid on the lower chords was once utilized for through traffic.

Since it has taken over the maintenance of the bridge, the South Carolina Highway Department has replaced the tin roof and a few boards in the portal. Two small barriers have been placed on either end of the bridge to limit traffic to pedestrians only. The approach to the bridge has also been reconstructed to approximately half its original width to discourage vehicular traffic.

Form No. 10 (Rev. 1-1-60)
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS

8 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" 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 1892 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Y. P. Reagan

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Long Cane Covered Bridge is one of three remaining covered bridges in South Carolina.

One of the foremost enemies of wooden bridges in the 19th Century was weather. Bridges therefore began to be covered largely to protect their main structural timbers and to insure greater stability. The Long Cane Bridge is a covered bridge built in the Howe style -- a type of construction which introduced iron rods into the bridge trusses. This design proved to be both popular and influential and served as a means of transition from wooden bridges to those built of iron and steel.

Long Cane Covered Bridge was constructed in the summer of 1892 by Y. P. Reagan to replace an earlier bridge that had been washed away in January of that same year. (Long Cane was also known as Bradley's Bridge because it was built in close proximity to John Bradley's mill.)

In 1964 the South Carolina Highway Department was authorized by an act of the General Assembly to maintain and preserve three covered bridges in the state: Long Cane Covered Bridge, Prathers Bridge (National Register, 1970), Chapman Bridge (destroyed by fire). Since that time the Long Cane Bridge has been closed to vehicular traffic but accessible to pedestrians.

Long Cane Covered Bridge is a well-known and popular historical site in McCormick County. It stands as an example of an era in transportation that no longer exists yet deserves to be recognized and preserved.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sanders, Richard Allen. Covered Bridges of the South. Brattleboro, Vermont: Stephen Greene Press, 1970.

Thomas, Charles E. "The Kissing Bridges." Sandlapper, II, No. 10 (October 1969), 8-12.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA Less than one acre

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____
UTM REFERENCES

A	1,7	37,584,0	37643,40	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bridge crosses Long Cane Creek & includes land on both banks

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

(Mary Ann Eaddy/Steve Smith
Historic Preservation Division)

Ruth LaForge, Historic Preservation Planner, Upper Savannah Council of Governments

ORGANIZATION

DATE

S. C. Department of Archives & History

March 10, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Columbia

South Carolina

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

Charles E. Lee

TITLE Charles E. Lee, State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

4/12/77

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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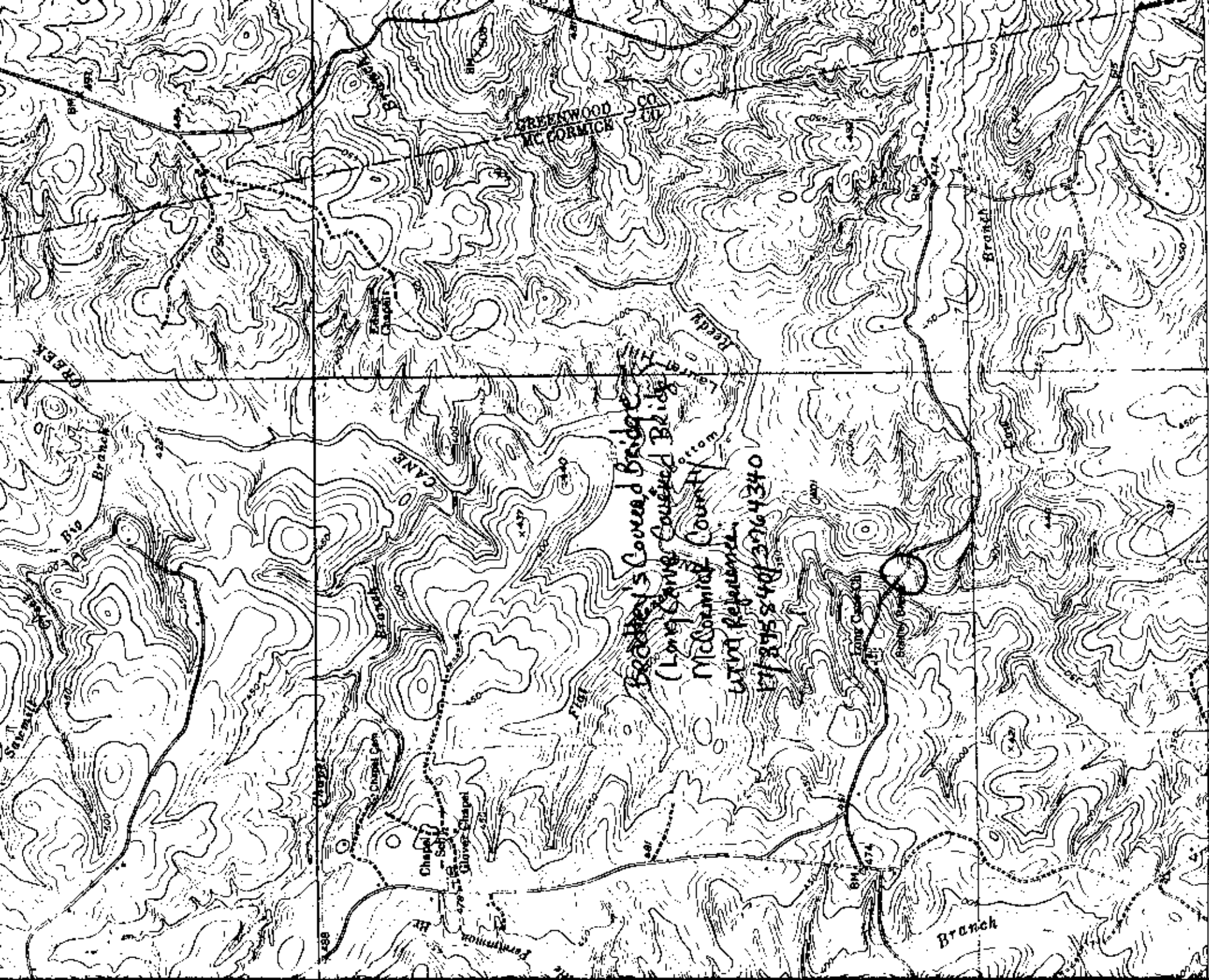
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Abbeville Press and Banner. 20 January 1892; 24 February 1892; 30 March 1892;
20 April 1892; 29 June 1892; 27 July 1892.

Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina.
Regular Session of 1964, p. 2088-2089.



Bearden's Covered Bridge
(Lowey Cane Covered Bridge)
McCormick County
With Reference
252-4340 873-875540

(M.C. CO. 445)

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376

590,000 FEET

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