

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY
 HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS
 Oregon State Highway Department, Salem 97310

2. County Lincoln

Town _____

Name
 (Common) Ben Jones Bridge

(Historic) (Same)

Original Use Bridge

Present Use (Same)

Present Owner State of Oregon

Date 1927 Style Concrete Arch

Source of Date See References

Architect _____

Builder State of Oregon

Site/Structure is historically significant
 to: Town _____ County Lincoln State _____ Nation _____

Site/Structure has historical associations
 with the following themes:

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| Aboriginal man | <u>Transportation/Com-</u> |
| Maritime exploration | <u>munication</u> |
| Overland exploration | Military/Indian Affairs |
| Fur trade | Government |
| Missionary frontier | Arts and Sciences |
| Oregon Trail migration | Religion/Philosophy |
| Mining frontier | Social/Humanitarian |
| Cattlemen's empire | <u>movements</u> |
| Agriculture | Ethnic immigration |
| <u>Commerce/Industry</u> | <u>Travel/Recreation</u> |
| Development town/city | Conservation |
| Other _____ | |

3. CONDITION: Good Fair Poor Re-sited Altered Restored _____
 (Site) Open Overgrown Developed Obliterated by _____

NEIGHBORING LAND USE: Commercial/Industrial Residential Blighted Undeveloped

SITE ENDANGERED BY _____ ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC: Yes No

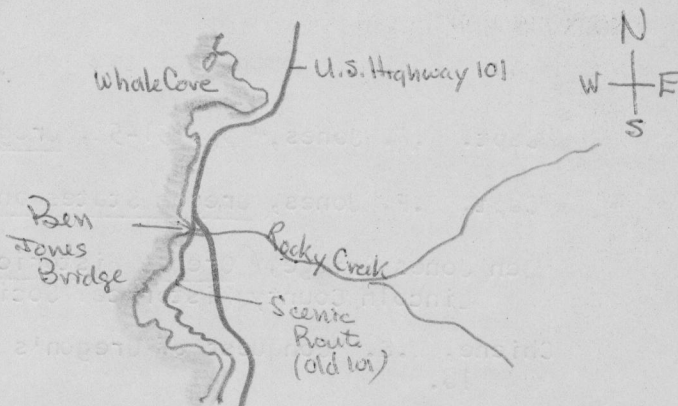
On what basis Free Access

Indicate North

4. DESCRIPTION

- Frame: Wood Iron Steel
 Wall cover: Rough-hewn timber
 Lap/Tongue-in-groove siding
 Brick/Stone masonry Concrete Glass
 Stories: Basement 1 2 3 _____ Attic
 Roof: Gable Gambrel Hipped Mansard
 Dormers _____ Cupola Tower Spire Dome
 Other _____
 Chimneys: 1 2 3 4 _____ Stone Brick
 Interior trim:
 Paneling: Milled Carved
 Wainscot Baseboard Chair-rail
 Interior Walls: Boards Brick Plaster
 Ornament: Molded plaster Wood-carved
 Decorative painting _____
 Original: Fixtures Hardware Furniture
 Stairs: Central stair-hall Straight flight
 Geometric Dog-legged Double-return
 Enclosed Wood Iron
 Openings: Regular Irregular
 Attachments: Simple Porch Double Piazza
 One/Two-story portico Veranda(s)
 Side/Center ell Wing(s) Shed
 Outbuildings: Wood shed Bath/Cook house
 Smoke house Carriage house Barn
 Other _____
 Landscaping: Formal Forecourt Informal
 Date executed _____ By _____

5. LOCATION DIAGRAM (Refer to known points)



Road or Highway Otter Crest Scenic Loop at
Rocky Creek (Old U.S. 101)

Street and No. _____

Township 9 ^N _S Range 11 ^E _W Section 20

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham

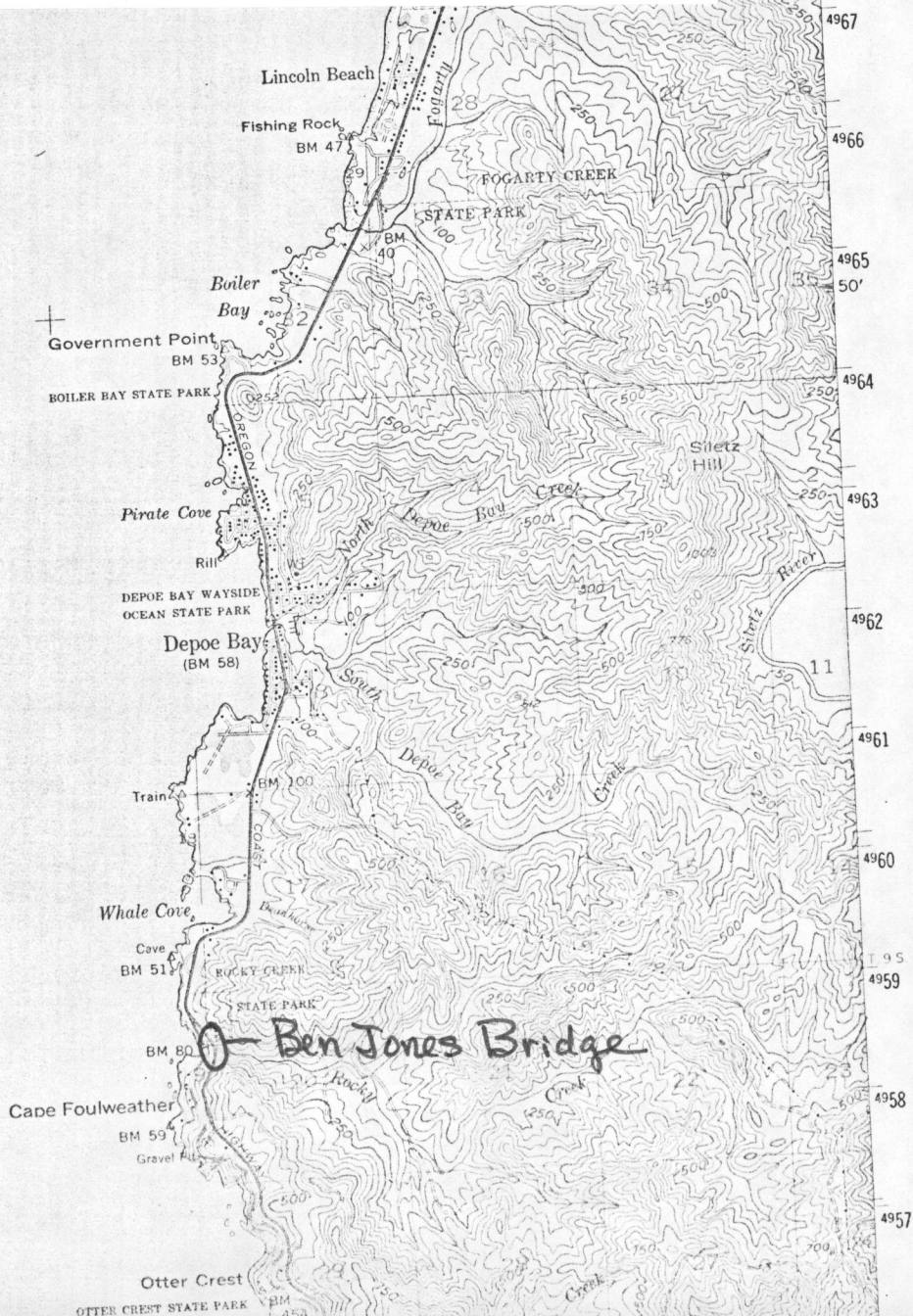
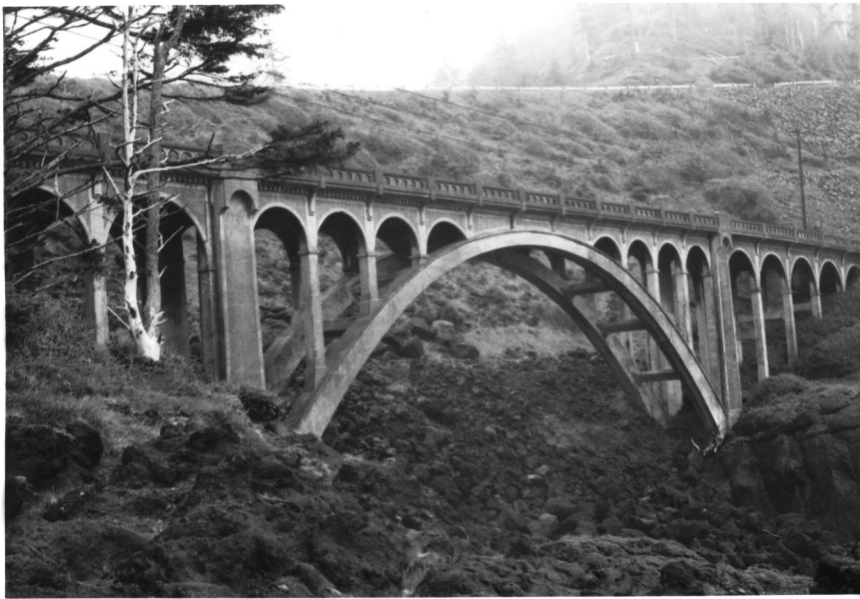
For OCCDC and State Parks Division

Date 1 August 1974

Attached

Photo: Available _____

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (Comment on original condition, alterations, and notable features)

The bridge is a concrete arch span that cross Rocky Creek and a chasm of the Pacific Ocean on the north side of Cape Foulweather. The bridge is narrow and is now bypassed by U.S. Highway 101 but is open for traffic on the Otter Crest Scenic Loop Road (former U.S. 101).

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Elaborate on the historical theme circled on front of form)

The bridge is named for Ben Jones, "Father of the Roosevelt Highway," the present U.S. Highway 101. Jones was born in Kansas in 1858. In 1870 he located on Yaquina Bay with his mother. The family homesteaded at the townsite of Toledo, Oregon. In 1882 he married Ella Miller. Ben Jones, a developer, lumberman, and steamboat operator, was mayor of Toledo and in 1919 mayor of Newport. He served in the state legislature 1907-09, 1919, and 1923 where he was a consistent advocate of good roads. The bridge was named in his honor.

SOURCES CONSULTED (Existing surveys, publications, records)

"Capt. B.F. Jones," pp. 51-52, Oregon Voter 16 (Jan., 1919).

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District-Site Boundaries _____

Approximate acreage of site _____

Location of current property title(s) _____

_____ County Assessor's Map No. _____ attached.