

**DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY  
OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**

**HISTORICAL NAME:** Winchester Bridge

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** 1906

**COMMON NAME:** Winchester Bridge

**ORIGINAL USE:** Railroad Bridge

**ADDRESS:** North Umpqua River

**PRESENT USE:** Railroad Bridge

**CITY:** Winchester, OR 97495

**ARCHITECT:**

**OWNER:** Southern Pacific Railroad

**BUILDER:**

**THEME:** Transportation

**STYLE:** Pratt Truss

**BLOCK:**

**LOT:**

**QUAD:**

**PROPERTY I.D. NO.:** R/W

**MAP NO.:** T26S, R6W, SEC. 25

**PLAN TYPE/SHAPE:**

**NO. OF STORIES:**

**FOUNDATION MATERIAL:** Concrete

**BASEMENT (Y/N):**

**WALL CONSTRUCTION:**

**STRUCTURAL FRAME:** Steel truss

**ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS:**

**PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE:**

**OTHER:**

**CONDITION:**      **GOOD** ☒      **FAIR** ☐      **POOR** ☐      **Moved** ☐      **DATE**

**EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATE):**

**NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES:**

**ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES:**

**KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES:**

**SETTING:** The Southern Pacific Railroad bridge at Winchester is a major span crossing the North Umpqua River.

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY):** It is of steel construction and has three spans set on concrete piers in the river. The date "1906" is cut in the steel work of either end of the bridge.

This bridge replaced an earlier bridge constructed by the Oregon and California Railroad in 1872. That line reached south from Portland to terminate at Roseburg in 1872. A.G. Walling, writing in 1884, commented: "The advent of this road into Southern Oregon, although it penetrated only to the center of Douglas County, was an event of supreme importance. The whole region brought within the circle of its influence was invigorated and entered upon a season of unwanted prosperity." Commencing in 1882 this line was then extended to the Rogue River Valley, over the Siskiyou Mountains, and into California.

**SOURCES CONSULTED:** Chapman. "Rev. Robert Booth." *Portrait and Biographical Record of Western Oregon*. Chicago, IL: Chapman Publishing Co., 1904, p. 527.

**RECORDED BY:** Chuck Perino

**DATE:** September 1, 2002

**INITIAL INVENTORY:** Stephen Dow Beckham

**DATE:** April 19, 1976

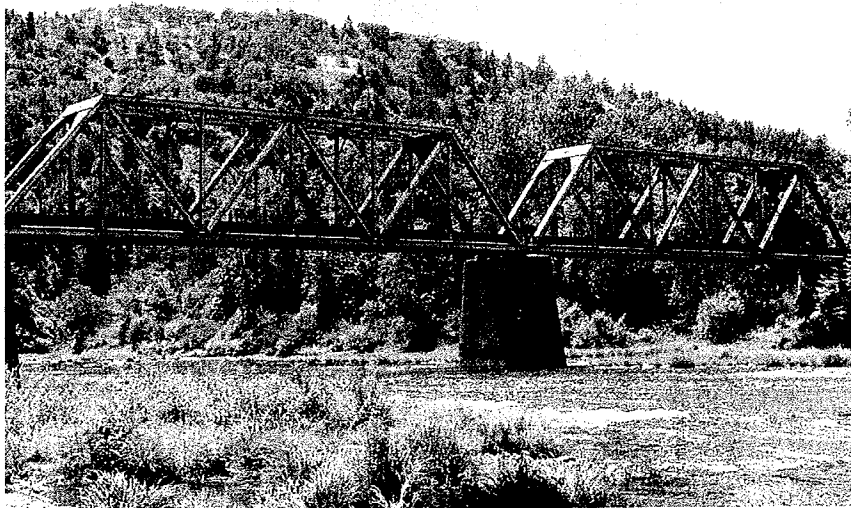
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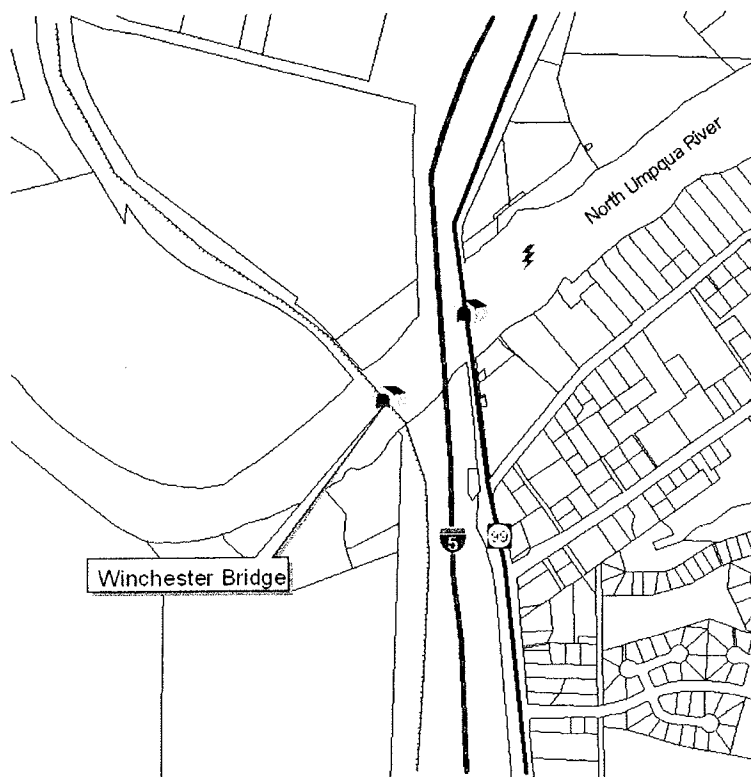
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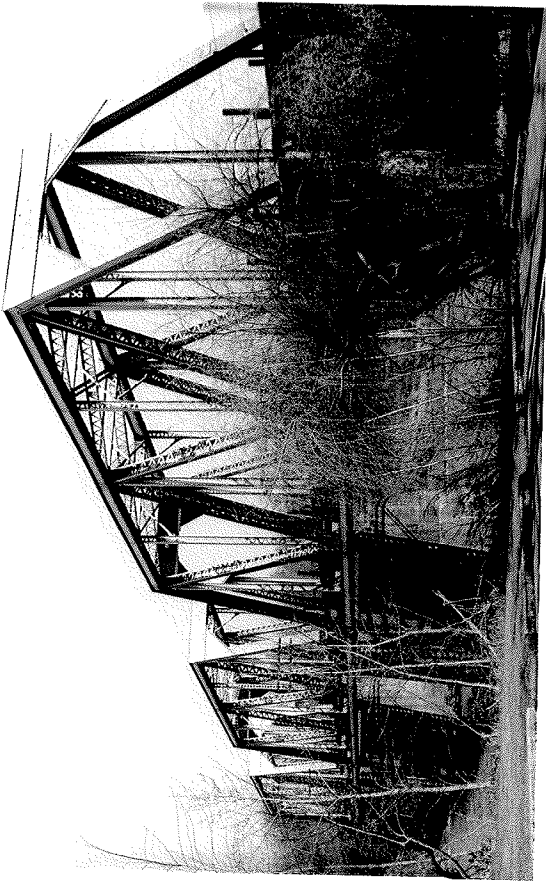
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Physical

County Douglas

Theme 5-A

Name  
(Common) Winchester Bridge

(Historic) (same)

Address North Umpqua River  
Winchester, Ore.

Present Owner Southern Pacific Railroad

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

Original Use Railroad Bridge

Date of Construction 1906

historical significance:

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Oregon State Historic Preservation Office

Walling, A.G. History of Southern Oregon.  
Portland, Ore.: A.G. Walling, 1884,  
pp. 381-82.

Please enclose map Township 26 <sup>N</sup> <sub>S</sub> Range 6 <sup>E</sup> <sub>W</sub> Section 25

