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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

HISTORIC

Springwood Truss Bridge

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 630 over James River

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Springwood

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Virginia

VICINITY OF

Sixth (M. Caldwell Butler)

CODE

51

COUNTY

Botetourt

CODE

023

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation

STREET & NUMBER

1221 East Broad Street

CITY, TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. V.D.H.&T. (structure No. 6077)

STREET & NUMBER

1221 East Broad Street

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6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

(Report in Preparation)

V.D.H.&T. Metal Truss Bridges in Virginia 91865-1932)

DATE

Surveyed in Summer 1975

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS V.H.&T. Research Council

CITY, TOWN

Charlottesville

STATE

Virginia

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Three span truss composed of two 144' and one 96' 6" spans. The superstructure is entirely timber design, except for the bottom chord, hip verticals and diagonals, which are wrought iron. The abutments are cut stone masonry set in hydraulic cement mortar.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1883-1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Richmond and Alleghany
R.R. Co. (now. C.&O.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is the only remaining example of a wooden truss structure in Virginia still in use. Located at its original site, it was completed in 1884 by the Richmond and Alleghany R.R. Company for Botetourt County, under terms of an agreement dated May 20, 1883. A copy of the agreement is attached, which includes the specifications. The bridge designated to be built at Jackson is now called the Springwood Bridge. The Richmond and Alleghany R.R. is the successor to the James River and Kanawha Canal Company. Under the agreement, the V.D.H.&T. acquired ownership of the bridge when it took over the County roads in 1932. Also, under the terms of the 1883 agreement, the C.&O. R.R. has continued to maintain the structure.

The bridge exhibits an excellent balance between environmental and technological considerations.

Using the criteria for significance developed by the Research Council (June 1977), this bridge received a rating of 24.0 out of a possible 27.0 points.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- (1) V.D.H.&T. Metal Truss Bridges in Virginia (1865-1932)
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- (2) DB42, Pg. 471 - Botetourt County Clerk's Office and in the
Roads and Bridges Special Clerk's Book in Botetourt County

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,7	6,1,1,2,3,0	4,1,5,5,9,0,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Limits of Structure

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
None			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

W. S. G. Britton, III

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

1221 East Broad Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Tucker Hill, Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE NOV 15 1977

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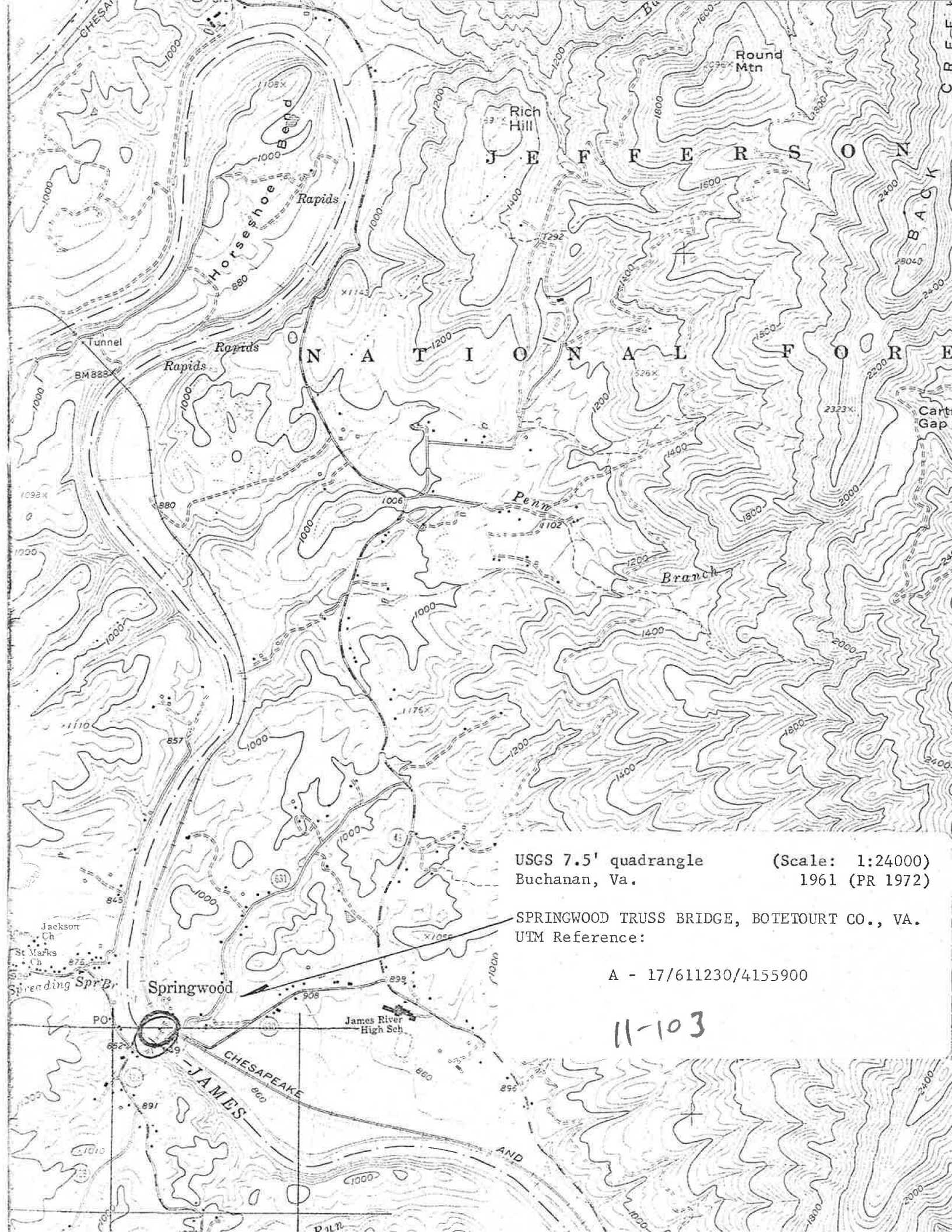
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE APR 15 1978

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE APR 15 1978

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



USGS 7.5' quadrangle (Scale: 1:24000)
Buchanan, Va. 1961 (PR 1972)

SPRINGWOOD TRUSS BRIDGE, BOTETOURT CO., VA.
UTM Reference:

A - 17/611230/4155900

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CHESAPEAKE
JAMES
AND
P. 117
Springwood
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Jackson Ch
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