**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

**STATE:** Virginia  
**COUNTY:** Alleghany

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**NAME**

**COMMON:** Humpback Bridge  
**AND/OR HISTORIC:** Humpback Bridge

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**LOCATION**

**STREET AND NUMBER:** Over Dunlop Creek, .2 mi. S of Rt. 60, .8 mi. SW of intersection of Rt. 60 and Rt. 651.

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**CLASSIFICATION**

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- Entertainment [ ]
- Museum [ ]
- Scientific [ ]

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**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

**OWNERS NAME:** Virginia Department of Highways

**STREET AND NUMBER:** 1401 E. Broad Street

**CITY OR TOWN:** Richmond  
**STATE:** Virginia  
**CODE:** 45

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**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:** Virginia Department of Highways

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**APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:** 5 acres

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**REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

**TITLE OF SURVEY:** Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

**DATE OF SURVEY:** 1958  
**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:** Library of Congress

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Humpback Bridge is constructed of hand-hewn oak timbers put together with locust pins rather than nails. The bridge's one hundred foot span has no middle support, and the center floor and roof are eight feet higher than the ends of the bridge giving it its characteristic humped appearance. The ends of the bridge are supported on high stone foundations. Since 1953 the bridge has served as part of a five acre wayside to Route 60 near Interstate-64 West of Covington across Dunlop Creek, and at present is used only for foot traffic.
Built in 1835 as part of the James River and Kanawha Valley Turnpike, Humpback Bridge is the oldest remaining covered bridge in Virginia and the only one of its type in the country. The bridge is both a skillful engineering feat and an example of fine craftsmanship. Its unique design and picturesque appearance make it a significant state as well as national landmark.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Free Lance-Star, Lynchburg, Virginia, June 8, 1968.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond
STATE: Virginia

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:
National [ ] State [ ] Local [ ]

Name

Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman

Title: Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date: June 2, 1969
1968
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