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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

Goshen Land Company Bridge

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Route 746 over Calfpasture River

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Goshen

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth (M. Caldwell Butler)

STATE

Virginia

VICINITY OF

CODE

51

COUNTY

Rockbridge

CODE

163

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY                                      | OWNERSHIP                                  | STATUS  | PRESENT USE                            |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" 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                 | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                  | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                     | <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

Va. Dept. of Highways and Transportation

STREET & NUMBER

1221 East Broad Street

CITY, TOWN

Richmond

VICINITY OF

STATE

Virginia

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

V.D.H.&T. (Structure No. 6145)

STREET & NUMBER

1221 East Broad Street

CITY, TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

V.D.H.&T.-Metal Truss Bridges in Va. (1865-1932) Staunton Construction

DATE

May 1975 (V.H.T.R.C. 75-R53)

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

District

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

V.H.&T. Research Council

CITY, TOWN

Charlottesville

STATE

Virginia

## 7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION                                     |                                       | CHECK ONE                                     | CHECK ONE   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD                 | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED              | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR                 | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A through Pratt truss consisting of two spans - one 138' 10" long and the other 120' 10". The bridge is on a 30° skew.

The trusses and end posts are two upright channels connected with cover plates and lacing bars. The posts are two vertical channels connected with latticing.

Portal has ornate cresting sign and end posts finials as well as latticed portal struts. Lateral and sway struts are closely spaced with lacing bar sway braces. For all this delightful detailing, the bridge has a simple 2-pipe railing. Floor planks are laid diagonally.

The limestone substructure includes coursed, tooled ashlar masonry piers of large limestone blocks. The abutments are coursed tooled ashlar masonry.

The following inscription is on the back side of the bridge plate

Goshen Land & Imp. Co.  
Col. R. P. Chew, President  
J. Fred Effinger, Vice President  
C. L. Cook, Secretary & Treasurer  
C. P. Ehrman, General Manager  
D. C. Humphries, Engineer.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW   |  |   |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC    | <input checked="" 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                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE               | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS                     | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE              | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION                     | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING        | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE       | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT        | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY           | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)           |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION                     |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Groton Bridge Company

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The bridge was built in 1890 by the Groton Bridge Company for the Goshen Land and Improvement Company, during the period when the valley area was undergoing a "boom" and the developers of Goshen hoped their own town would become "the Birmingham of America". Among several interesting features, this bridge has an ornate cresting sign listing the officers of the Goshen Company.

The 30° skew is very unusual for the bridges this size in Virginia.

Using the criteria for significance (June 1977) developed by the Research Council, 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) - Staunton Construction District (VHTRC-75-R-53)
- (2) Va. Cavalcade Magazine

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

|   |      |           |              |   |      |         |          |
|---|------|-----------|--------------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | 1,7  | 63,22,4,0 | 4,210,5105,0 | 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

Va. Dept. of Hwys. & Trans.

STREET & NUMBER

1221 East Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

DATE

TELEPHONE

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*

TITLE 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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

USGS 7.5' quadrangle (Scale: 1:24000)  
Goshen, Va. 1967

GOSHEN LAND COMPANY BRIDGE, ROCKBRIDGE CO., VA  
UTM Reference:

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