**Title:** National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form

**State:** North Carolina

**County:** Catawba

**Date:** July 1969

### 1. Name

**Common:** Bunker Hill Covered Bridge

**And/or Historic:**

### 2. Location

**Street and Number:** Off US Highway 70, 1.9 miles east of jct. of US 70 and SR 1716

**City or Town:** Claremont (Tenth Congressional District)

**State:** North Carolina

**Code:** 37

**County:** Catawba

**Code:** 035

### 3. Classification

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**Present Use (Check One or More as Appropriate):**

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Park
- Museum
- Public Residence
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Other (Specify)
- Comments

### 4. Owner of Property

**Owner's Name:** Catawba County Historical Society

**Street and Number:** Box 73

**City or Town:** Newton

**State:** North Carolina

**Code:** 37

### 5. Location of Legal Description

**Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, Etc.:** Catawba County Courthouse

**Street and Number:**

**City or Town:** Newton

**State:** North Carolina

**Code:** 37

### 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

**Title of Survey:**

**Date of Survey:**

**Repository for Survey Records:**

**Street and Number:**

**City or Town:**

**State:**

**Code:**
Bunker Hill Covered Bridge is an eighty foot span that crosses Lyle's Creek near Claremont in Catawba County. Built on dry wall stone ramps, the bridge employs a combination of the multiple king post truss and the Haupt truss systems which are joined with trunnels. Vertical board and batten siding covers the structural members. A gable roof of standing seam tin protects the bridge. Plank tracks or treads run the length of the wooden floor.
Bunker Hill Bridge was originally built over Lyle's Creek as an open span in 1895. In October of the preceding year, the Catawba County Commissioners had brought action against the owners of Bunker Hill Farm for failure to build and maintain a bridge on the old Island Ford Road. Mary Lee Smith and the other owners erected the footings of the bridge the following spring with stone from a nearby quarry. The wooden span was probably built under the direction of Andy Ramsour with assistance of local laborers. In 1900 the bridge was covered, and in 1921 the old clapboards were replaced by a metal roof.

Part of the bridge property was sold to Rena Huitt Bolick in 1928 for $400 and other considerations. Mrs. Bolick maintained ownership until 1965.

The bridge is presently in the care of the Catawba County Historical Association, with assistance from the State Department of Archives and History.

The structure is of great importance as an example of late nineteenth century bridge construction in North Carolina and is one of the four remaining covered bridges in a state that once boasted hundreds.
## MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Catawba County Records, Catawba County Courthouse, Newton, North Carolina, Office of the Register of Deeds. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills, County Commissioners Records).

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### GEOPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 6 Acres

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

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FORM PREPARED BY

Survey and Planning Unit, John B. Wells, III, Supervisor

State Department of Archives and History

109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN: Raleigh

STATE: North Carolina

DATE: April 22, 1971

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 [X] Local [ ]

Name: H. G. Jones

Director, State Department of Archives and History

DATE: April 22, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

__________________________
Chief, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

DATE:

ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

DATE: