1. NAME

**COMMON:** Skeen's Mill Covered Bridge

**AND/OR HISTORIC:**

2. LOCATION

**STREET AND NUMBER:** 1.7 miles west on SR 1406 from junction with SR 1406

**CITY OR TOWN:** Tabernacle Township (Fourth Congressional District)

3. CLASSIFICATION

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**PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate):**

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertaiment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Museum
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

**OWNER'S NAME:** John B. Floyd

**STREET AND NUMBER:** 910 Kenreed Drive

**CITY OR TOWN:** Thomasville

**STATE:** North Carolina

**CODE:** 37

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:** Randolph County Courthouse

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

**CITY OR TOWN:** Asheboro

**STATE:** North Carolina

**CODE:** 37

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

**TITLE OF SURVEY:**

**DATE OF SURVEY:**

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

**CITY OR TOWN:**

**STATE:**

**CODE:**

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**FOR NPS USE ONLY**

**ENTRY NUMBER**

**DATE**
Skeen's Mill Covered Bridge, one hundred feet long, spans a branch of the Little Uwharrie River twenty-two feet above the river bed. Built on dry wall stone ramps and an auxiliary support, the wooden bridge is a one-span combination of the Ithiel Town lattice-truss and queenpost truss construction systems. The joints of the structural members have been fastened with trunnels. Skeen's Mill Bridge, once toppled during a flood, was set back up and stabilized with steel cables.

The sides of the bridge are covered with vertical board-and-batten sheathing and the gable roof with standing seam tin. Plank tracks or treads run the length of the wooden floor.
Of the scores of covered bridges built in Randolph County, only two survive. One of these is Skeen's Mill Bridge which crosses the Uwharrie River northwest of Asheboro. A map of Randolph County made by J. W. Bean about 1873 shows a Skeen's Mill. Although this map indicates various bridges throughout the county, no bridge is shown at or near Skeen's Mill. The minutes of the June, 1885, session of the county commissioners record a petition for a public road "from Isham Finch's by Widow Thayers, Skeens Mill, John Garrons; and to the Stage Public Road..." with John Skeen appointed overseer. It is likely that such a road would antedate a bridge in the area but at the same time create a future need for a bridge across the Uwharrie in this vicinity. County commissioners' minutes of March 5, 1900, show that C. T. Hughes was paid eleven dollars for "repairing bridge at N. R. Skeens," indicating the bridge was constructed sometime before 1900.

Ithiel Town, noted architect and early bridge engineer, built a bridge across the Yadkin River as early as 1818 and patented his "Town lattice mode" of trussing in 1820. Skeen's Mill Bridge incorporates the use of his lattice truss, and is called "the last of the Town lattice bridges in the state in which they were first built."
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 Acres

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Survey and Planning Unit, John Wells, Supervisor
ORGANIZATION: State Department of Archives and History
STREET AND NUMBER: 109 East Jones Street
CITY OR TOWN: Raleigh

12. STATE LIASON 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: H. G. Jones
Title: Director, State Department of Archives and History
Date: May 6, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date
Skeen's Mill Bridge
SR 1406
Tabernacle township, North Carolina
State Highway Commission
Scale: 1"/1 mile
July 1, 1967

Latitude
35° 45' 52"

Longitude
79° 59' 37"

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