United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Labette Creek Tributary Bridge

and/or common Labette Creek Tributary Bridge

2. Location

street & number 2.3 miles west of Parsons

n/a not for publication

city, town Parsons

vicinity of

state Kansas

code 20

county Labette

code 99

3. Classification

Category

ownership X public

X occupied

unoccupied

work in progress

Public Acquisition

in process

being considered

Accessible

yes: restricted

yes: unrestricted

no

4. Owner of Property

name Labette County

street & number Labette County Courthouse

city, town Oswego

vicinity of

state Kansas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Labette County Courthouse

city, town Oswego

state Kansas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Survey of Historic Bridges—

Kansas Dept. of Transportation

has this property been determined eligible? yes X no

date 1980-83

federal X state county local

depository for survey records Kansas State Historical Society

city, town Topeka

state Kansas
The Labette Creek Tributary bridge is 22 feet long and 16 feet wide curb to curb. The roadway lies seven feet above water level.

The bridge consists of a concrete arch reinforced by steel ribs which spring from and are disposed between reinforced concrete abutments. The concrete guard rails are incised with rectangles. A portion of the railing is cracked on the north side of the west approach.
### 8. Significance

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**Specific dates** 1915  **Builder/Architect** Topeka Bridge and Iron Co.

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Labette Creek Tributary bridge retains its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, feeling and association. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and method of construction no longer being used and may yield information important to the history of engineering.

Topeka Bridge and Iron was responsible for the construction of a great number of reinforced concrete bridges in Kansas. They employed both the designs developed by Daniel Luten of the National Bridge Company and were general agents for Luten's designs, as well as designs developed by Lloyd E. Smith of Topeka.

The company discontinued the fabrication of metal bridges in 1914, and progressively shifted their operation to concrete structures.

This bridge is an example of many such bridges built for Labette county by Topeka Bridge and Iron and representative of the good roads movement of the period as well as a small stream crossing bridge.

**THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**
9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see attached.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property: Less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Parsons West, Kansas

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

That property on and over which the bridge is built including bridge structure and abutments. SE NE, S16-T31S-R19E

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

Larry Jochims, Research Historian and Michael Snell

organization: Kansas State Historical Society

date: 2/20/85

street & number: 120 W. Tenth

telephone: (913) 296-2973

city or town: Topeka

state: Kansas

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society

date: 3/4/85

For NPS use only

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

date:

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration
Labette Creek Tributary Bridge
Parsons, Kansas

UTM Reference 15/293960/4135350