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 Pawnee River Tributary Bridge

and/or common Pawnee River Tributary Bridge

2. Location

street & number Eight miles south of Bazine

city, town Bazine

state Kansas

code 20

3. Classification

Category

Ownership

Status

Present Use

Public Acquisition

Accessible

Present Use

__x__ occupied

__x__ unoccupied

__x__ work in progress

__x__ yes: restricted

__x__ yes: unrestricted

__x__ no

4. Owner of Property

name Ness County

street & number Ness County Courthouse

city, town Ness City

state Kansas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Ness County Courthouse

city, town Ness City

state Kansas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Survey of Historic Bridges—

Kansas Dept. of Transportation

has this property been determined eligible? __ yes __ no

date 1980-83

depository for survey records Kansas State Historical Society

city, town Topeka

state Kansas
The Pawnee River Tributary bridge is 25 feet long and 25 feet wide curb to curb. The roadway lies 14.5 feet above the bed of the stream.

Two stone arches spring from and are disposed between the stone abutments and piers. Both the abutments and pier taper outward at the base. Stone wing walls are situated at each approach. The stone spandrel walls rise above the roadway to form guard rails. They are capped with large stone slabs. The ring stones feature a large dressed keystone at the crown.

The Voussoirs, spandrel walls, wing walls, abutments and piers are made from local post rock limestone.
The Pawnee River 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 namely the construction of a roadway supported by a stone arch which is loaded by an earthen fill which, in turn, is retained by stone spandrel walls. This bridge may yield information important to the history of engineering.

The stone arch bridge was popular in Kansas because the stone and construction expertise was locally available. In this instance it was post rock limestone.

Research has failed to reveal any construction details about the bridge but its refined style and massive almost Romanesque design suggests it was built during the third decade of the 20th century.
9. Major Bibliographical References


10. Geographical Data

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| Quadrangle scale | 1:24,000 |

Verbal boundary description and justification

That property on and over which the bridge is built including bridge structure and abutments. SW 1/4 SW 1/4 S7 - T20S - R21W

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

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11. Form Prepared By

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date | 2/20/85 |
street & number | 120 West Tenth |
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city or town | Topeka |
state | Kansas |

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national  X 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

title | 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