

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY Olive Branch Bridge  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Highway Bridges in Nebraska MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEBRASKA, Lancaster

DATE RECEIVED: 11/15/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/01/14  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000739

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REMOVED  
from  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove

REVIEWER Golson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 12-31-13

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October 28, 2013

Keeper of the National Register  
National Park Service – National Register of Historic Places  
1201 "I" Street NW, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Keeper:

In September 2000, the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office (NeSHPO) presented the *Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office Guidelines for Removing Properties from the National Register of Historic Places* to the Nebraska Historic Preservation Board. The Board subsequently adopted these guidelines.

The Olive Branch Bridge (LC00-103), a National Register listed property located in Otoe County, Nebraska, is no longer extant due to its collapse after the river flooded. The qualities that caused this property to be listed in the National Register have been destroyed. As documented in 36 CFR 60.15 (a) (1), loss of integrity supplies grounds for removing properties from the National Register.

#### **Olive Branch Bridge (LC00-103)**

A cast iron cap on the northwest endpost read "W.I.B.Co. 1897," providing the name of the designer, Wrought Iron Bridge Company, and year of construction. The bridge was designed without provision for expansion and contraction, leading to the quickly weakening bedstead structures, making them prone to buckle under the simple pressure of early fill. In 1987 the bridge was taken out of service. Despite removal of deck, stringers, and approach spans, the basic structure of this bridge was well preserved and maintained the integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship, feeling and association. The bridge was technologically significant as the earliest and one of the best-documented bedstead trusses remaining in Nebraska.

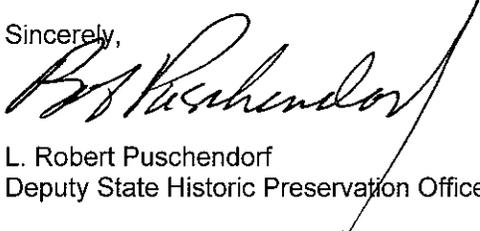
#### **Current Physical Description**

The Olive Branch Bridge washed out in a severe flood. Those characteristics that caused this bridge to be eligible for listing no longer exist.

On September 13, 2013, the NeSHPO presented this information to the Nebraska Historic Preservation Board and recommended removal of the Olive Branch Bridge from the National Register. The Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

Please remove the Olive Branch Bridge (NeHBS LC00-103) from the National Register of Historic Places, pursuant to 36 CFR 60.15 (a) (1). You may direct any questions regarding the removal of this property to Jill Dolberg, 402-471-4773. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
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