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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

1. Historic Name (s) Barren River L + N RR Bridge at Bowling Green.

Original Owner _____

Present Name _____

3. Owner's Name Iron Railroad Bridge

4. Owner's Address Louisville + Nashville R + R

5. Location 908 W. Broadway, Louisville Ky

6. Open to Public Yes No

7. Visible from road Yes No

8. Ownership Private
 Local
 State
 Federal

9. Local Contact/Organization _____

22. ADD/County BAPV/WA

23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District

24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Bowling Green North

25. UTM Reference
Zone 116 Easting 550520 Northing 40951140

26. Prehistoric Site
Historic Site Structure
Building

27. District Yes No

28. Significance Evaluation NR

10. Site Plan with North Arrow _____

11. Architect _____

12. Builder _____

13. Date early 20th c.
late 19th c. -

14. Style Camelback

15. Original Use railroad bridge

16. Present Use railroad bridge

17. Condition Interior Exterior good

29. Status National Landmark
 National Register
 Landmark Certificate
 Kentucky Survey
 Local Landmark
 HABS/HAER

30. Theme Engineering
Primary metal truss bridges
Secondary railroads
Other transportation

31. Endangered Yes No

18. Description boundaries include entire structure
single span, camelback through truss with diagonals placed in both tension and compression



19. History * The original L+N bridge over the Barren River played an important role in the Civil War. After the CSA soldiers had had control of Bowling Green for 5 mos. in 1862 the Union Army came to take possession. While retreating they burned the railroad bridge. The L+N bridge was first to be restored after 1862.

Roll No. 32

Picture No. _____

Direction _____

20. Significance structure that strongly contributes to the expression of the form of the community; particularly clear illustration of a common structural technique; the principal Rail approach to Bowling Green;

33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____

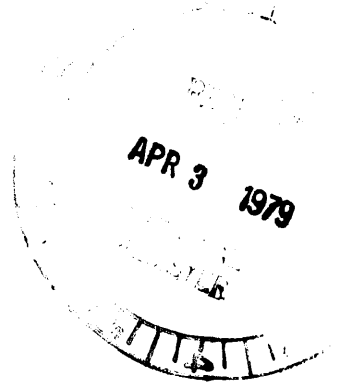
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35. Organization KHC

36. Date Spring 78

21. Source of Information *Beard, Old Homes In and Near Bowling Green, Ky.

37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____



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*Engineering and
Transportation:*

Wa-B-1. Consisting of a single span, camelback through truss with diagonals placed in both tension and compression, this railroad bridge is the only rail access into Bowling Green from the north across the Barren River. It is a symbol of the historic importance of the railroad to the county seat of Warren County. It is a good example of a popular truss type, it complements the two nearby highway bridges into Bowling Green, and it is a powerful visual focus of the riverscene.