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## Guide to the Beata Drake Covered Bridge Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Beata Drake Covered Bridge Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1927-1981
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0998
<b>Creator:</b>	National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges. Drake, Beata
<b>Source:</b>	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry
<b>Extent:</b>	3 Cubic feet (12 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Collection documents covered bridges, mostly in the eastern United States.

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection bequeathed to the Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering (now the Division of Work and Industry) by Beata Drake, through Richard H. Symons in 1982.

### Ownership and Custodial History

Collection transferred from the Division of Work and Industry to the Archives Center in 2007.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Alison Oswald, archivist, 2023.

### Preferred Citation

Beata Drake Covered Bridge Collection, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

### Restrictions

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## Biographical Note

Beata Drake (d. 1982) was a collector and covered bridge enthusiast.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection is comprised of materials assembled by Ms. Drake on the subject of covered bridges. It includes photographic prints and negatives she took, most of which are captioned with information about location and date of the photograph; postcards, some of them used and addresses to Ms. Drake; newsletters, guidebooks, and publications by various local and national covered bridge groups, including the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges; and published maps with information on where to find covered bridges. The collection relates mostly to covered bridges in the eastern United States. There are some postcards documenting foreign covered bridges.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged into five series.

Series 1: Covered Bridge Societies, 1954-1981

Series 2: Maps, 1958-1977 Series 3: Guidebooks and Ephemera, 1927-1973

Series 5: Postcards, circa 1950s-1960s

Series 6; Photographs and Negatives, 1938-1975

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Bridges
- Covered bridges
- Covered bridges -- United States

### Types of Materials:

- Ephemera
- Guidebooks
- Maps
- Newsletters
- Pamphlets
- Photographs -- 20th century
- Photographs -- Black-and-white negatives -- 20th century
- Postcards

### Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Covered Bridge Societies, 1954-1981

Scope and Contents: This series contains newsletters--monthly and quarterly--for covered bridge societies. The series is arranged alphabetically by name of society or association and then chronologically.

Box 1, Folder 1	Bedell Covered Bridge, Inc., New Hampshire, The Bedell Bridgehead, 1974-1978
Box 1, Folder 2	Connecticut River Valley Covered Bridge Society, Bulletin, 1954
Box 1, Folder 3	Connecticut River Valley Covered Bridge Society, Bulletin, 1958-1963
Box 1, Folder 4	Connecticut River Valley Covered Bridge Society, Bulletin, 1964-1969
Box 1, Folder 5	Connecticut River Valley Covered Bridge Society, Bulletin, 1970-1974
Box 1, Folder 6	Connecticut River Valley Covered Bridge Society, Bulletin, 1975-1979; 1981
Box 1, Folder 7	Connecticut River Valley Covered Bridge Society, newsletter, 1958-1963
Box 1, Folder 8	Connecticut River Valley Covered Bridge Society, newsletter, 1964-1971
Box 2, Folder 1	Connecticut River Valley Covered Bridge Society, newsletter, 1972-1980
Box 2, Folder 2	Connecticut River Valley Covered Bridge Society, membership list, 1965
Box 2, Folder 3	Connecticut River Valley Covered Bridge Society, constitution and by-laws, undated
Box 2, Folder 4	Covered Bridge Association of New Hampshire, newsletter, 1969-1972
Box 2, Folder 5	Kentucky Covered Bridge Association, Timbered Tunnel Talk, 1965-1971
Box 2, Folder 6	Kentucky Covered Bridge Association, Timbered Tunnel Talk, 1972-1974
Box 2, Folder 7	Kentucky Covered Bridge Association, miscellaneous ephemera, undated
Box 2, Folder 8	National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, Inc., Covered Bridges Topics, indices, 1972-1973
Box 2, Folder 9	National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, Inc., Covered Bridges Topics, 1957-1959
Box 2, Folder 10	National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, Inc., Covered Bridges Topics, 1960-1963

Box 2, Folder 11	National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, Inc., Covered Bridges Topics, 1964-1965
Box 3, Folder 1	National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, Inc., Covered Bridges Topics, 1966-1969
Box 3, Folder 2	National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, Inc., Covered Bridges Topics, 1970-1973
Box 3, Folder 3	National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, Inc., Covered Bridges Topics, 1974-1977
Box 3, Folder 4	National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, Inc., Covered Bridges Topics, 1978-1981
Box 3, Folder 5	National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, Inc., newsletter, 1957-1966
Box 3, Folder 6	National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, Inc., newsletter, 1967-1980
Box 4, Folder 1	New England College, Henniker, New Hampshire, The Scene, 1970, 1972
Box 4, Folder 2	Northern Ohio Covered Bridge Society, Buckeye Bridge Briefs, 1965-1967
Box 4, Folder 3	Northern Ohio Covered Bridge Society, Buckeye Bridge Briefs, 1968-1969
Box 4, Folder 4	Northern Ohio Covered Bridge Society, Buckeye Bridge Briefs, 1970-1973
Box 4, Folder 5	Northern Ohio Covered Bridge Society, Buckeye Bridge Briefs, 1974-1976
Box 4, Folder 6	Northern Ohio Covered Bridge Society, Buckeye Bridge Briefs, 1977-1981
Box 4, Folder 7	Southern Covered Bridge Association, North Carolina, Bridge Beat, 1969-1973 Notes: Includes a "Finer Carolina News" brochure branded with Reddy Kilowatt, November 1969.
Box 5, Folder 1	Souther Ohio Covered Bridge Association, Chatter, 1978-1981
Box 5, Folder 2	Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania, Inc., Portals, 1968-1969
Box 5, Folder 3	Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania, Inc., Covered Crossings, 1971-1973
Box 5, Folder 4	Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania, Inc., Wooden Covered Spans, 1976-1981

Box 5, Folder 4

Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania, Inc., Pennsylvanian  
Crossings, 1981

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## Series 2: Maps, 1958-1977

Box 5, Folder 5	Covered bridge maps, Georgia, undated
Box 5, Folder 6	Covered bridge maps, Maine, 1960
Box 5, Folder 7	Covered bridge maps, Maryland, undated
Box 5, Folder 8	Covered bridge maps, Massachusetts, 1958, undated
Box 5, Folder 9	Covered bridge maps, New Brunswick, Canada, undated
Box 5, Folder 10	Covered bridge maps, New Hampshire, 1965, 1969, 1971
Box 5, Folder 11	Covered bridge maps, North Carolina, undated
Box 5, Folder 12	Covered bridge maps, Ohio, 1967, undated
Box 5, Folder 13	Covered bridge maps, Pennsylvania, 1958, 1964, 1976
Box 5, Folder 14	Covered bridge maps, Tennessee, 1971
Box 5, Folder 15	Covered bridge maps, West Virginia, 1962, 1971
Box 5, Folder 16	Covered bridge maps, Vermont, 1961, 1973, 1977
Box 5, Folder 17	Covered bridge maps, Virginia, 1968, undated

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## Series 3: Guidebooks and Ephemera, 1927-1973

Box 6, Folder 1	Alabama's Covered Bridges, undated
Box 6, Folder 2	Relics of the Road (Georgia), 1964
Box 6, Folder 3	Bucks County Traveler, Covered Bridge Supplement, 1955
Box 6, Folder 3	The Houghton Line, 1968-12
Box 6, Folder 4	Rare Old Bridges of Windsor County, Vermont, 1962
Box 6, Folder 4	Annual Report of the Town of Windsor, Vermont, 1965
Box 6, Folder 5	Guide to the Covered Bridges of the United States, 1956
Box 6, Folder 6	World Guide to Covered Bridges, 1959
Box 6, Folder 7	Notes about covered bridges, 1963, 1972-1973
Box 6, Folder 8	Newsclippings, 1927, 1965, undated
Box 6, Folder 9	Ephemera, 1946, 1962, 1965

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## Series 4: Postcards, circa 1950s-1960s

Scope and Contents: Series consists of postcards, predominantly color, collected by and addressed to, Beata Drake. Arranged alphabetically by location.

Box 6, Folder 10	Oversized postcards, New Hampshire, undated
Box 6, Folder 11	Oversized postcards, New York, undated
Box 6, Folder 12	Oversized postcards, Vermont, undated
Box 11	Postcards, United States (Alabama- South Carolina)
Box 12	Postcards, United States (Tennessee- West Virginia and foreign)

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## Series 5: Photographs and Negatives, 1938-1975

**Scope and Contents:** This series includes black and white photographs (predominantly 3 in x 3 in) documenting covered bridges in the United States. The photographs are arranged alphabetically by location and were presumably taken by Beata Drake, the collector. Many of the photographs appear to have been removed from a scrapbook and are identified and dated. The 35 mm negatives are arranged chronologically.

Box 6, Folder 13	Alabama, 1961, 1972
Box 6, Folder 14	California, undated
Box 6, Folder 15	Connecticut, 1953, 1961
Box 6, Folder 16	Delaware, 1948-1965
Box 6, Folder 17	Georgia, 1957, 1962, 1968
Box 6, Folder 18	Indiana, 1958-1963
Box 7, Folder 1	Kansas, 1958
Box 7, Folder 2	Kentucky, 1960, 1964
Box 7, Folder 3	Maryland, 1938-1966
Box 7, Folder 4	Massachusetts, 1953-1972
Box 7, Folder 5	New Hampshire, 1954-1965
Box 7, Folder 6	New Hampshire, 1947-1966
Box 7, Folder 7	New Jersey, 1950-1964
Box 7, Folder 8	New York, 1949-1965 Notes: Includes a Christmas card with a covered bridge.
Box 7, Folder 9	North Carolina, 1958, 1962
Box 7, Folder 10	Ohio, 1955-1967
Box 8, Box 1	Oregon, 1956-1957
Box 8, Box 2	Pennsylvania, 1954-1975
Box 8, Box 3	Pennsylvania, 1956-1966

Box 8, Box 4	Pennsylvania, 1951-1965
Box 8, Box 5	Pennsylvania, 1959-1966
Box 8, Box 6	Pennsylvania, 1947-1961
Box 8, Box 7	Rhode Island, 1955
Box 8, Box 8	South Carolina, 1958, 1968
Box 8, Box 9	Tennessee, 1959, 1972
Box 9, Folder 1	Vermont, 1954-1966
Box 9, Folder 2	Vermont, 1954-1966
Box 9, Folder 3	Virginia, 1952-1972
Box 9, Folder 4	West Virginia, 1962
Box 9, Folder 5	Unidentified, 1956, undated
Box 9, Folder 6	Foreign, 1947, undated
Box 9, Folder 7	35 mm negatives, 1953-1959
Box 9, Folder 8	35 mm negatives, 1960
Box 10, Folder 1	35 mm negatives, 1961-1962
Box 10, Folder 2	35 mm negatives, 1963-1966; 1968, undated
Box 10, Folder 3	35 mm negatives, index

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