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Please sign our visitor's book. We love to read your comments. Many mention childhood memories of walking or riding across the bridge. Some folks return regularly to hear the gurgling, musical water, the chirping birds and the squawking geese and the wooden bridge's unique smell. Many comment on the bridge's massive size and structure and the amazing workmanship of the 19<sup>th</sup> century using hand tools, like the ax, saw and sledgehammer.



## *Juniata County Historical Society*

### **About Us**

Founded in 1931, the year of the County's Centennial celebration, the Juniata County Historical Society's Mission is the discovery, preservation and publication of Juniata County's history.

Our Archives Room is located in the lower level of the County Library in Mifflintown, where all of the Society's resources for historical and genealogical research are located.

The Society utilizes an all-volunteer staff to provide public hours of operation on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM to 3 PM except for the winter months.

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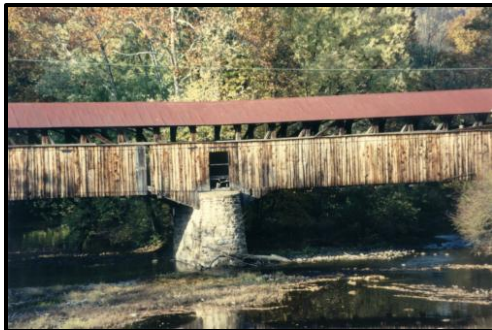
# The Academia Pomeroy Covered Bridge

*Built  
1902*



*Enjoy Your Visit!*

Thank you for visiting the Pomeroy Academia Covered Bridge! We're sure you'll agree this is a peaceful and serene setting, perfect for Pennsylvania's longest covered bridge. Built in 1902 by James N. Groninger, it is a double span, Burr Arch Truss Bridge built on the designs of Theodore Burr [1771-1822] who was the preeminent bridge architect and builder of his time. Burr developed an arch and truss design that was patented in 1804 that came to be known as the Burr truss. The bridge is 278'4" long and originally cost \$6484. Its restoration was completed in 2008 by the Juniata County Historical Society after an 8 year \$1.4 M project.



One questions consistently asked is why there are surveillance cameras on the bridge; the answer is sobering. Within weeks of its completion someone set fire to a piece of clothing; fortunately it charred only a few of the floorboards before it went out. Several days later several individuals came onto the bridge and spray painted graffiti. The Historical Society decided at that time that we had to invest in a surveillance system to protect the bridge from this kind of vandalism.

Covered bridges are targets for arsonists and arson is the number one cause for the decreasing number of covered bridges in Pennsylvania. Recently in November 2014 an arsonist destroyed the Dellville Bridge in Perry County, PA.



"I come here a lot. The covered bridge has become a safe place, life hasn't always been kind or clear or warm. I don't know whose idea it was to keep, restore and maintain the bridge but I want to thank them personally now and this note is how I'll do it. This bridge is so much more than just a bridge."

We welcome you and hope you enjoy our beautiful bridge. If the spirit moves you to make a donation to the bridge maintenance fund we will certainly appreciate it. Covered bridges are like old houses, there is always something to fix, mend or replace. Because of the dual threat of arson and insect damage we plan within 5-6 years to treat the bridge again with an insect deterrent and a fire retardant. This is an expensive project to undertake as the chemicals must not get into the Tuscarora Creek; the special precautions necessary to prevent contamination of the creek make this project costly. Likewise maintenance of the stone pier and abutments is ongoing and in the future we must plan for a refurbishment of the stonework.

The last page of this brochure has an address to send any donations to as well as contact information.

