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David A. Simmons, senior editor of TIMELINE, has over forty years of experience in the evaluation and documentation of historic structures. He holds two degrees from Miami University and, since joining the Ohio Historical Society in 1976, has been active in public and private efforts to preserve historic engineering structures. While employed by the state historic preservation office in Ohio, he worked closely with the National Register of Historic Places and 106 review processes, eventually overseeing the department responsible for the state inventory and national nominations. Beginning in 1983, he advised and was a contributing writer for the four statewide historic bridge inventories, including evaluation and preservation plans, prepared by and for the Ohio Department of Transportation. He served on the review committee for ODOT's historic enhancement programs. His extensive research on the history of Ohio bridges led to a regular column — "Historically Speaking" — in the County Engineer's Association of Ohio's quarterly magazine. Since 1985, he has helped assemble the program for eight historic bridge conferences that provided a forum for exchanges between engineers and historic preservationists. Simmons is president of the Ohio Historic Bridge Association, for whom he directed the restoration of an 1876 covered bridge in eastern Ohio.