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Mr. Berry Bennett
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Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs
State Historical Society of Iowa
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Dear Mr. Bennett:

Thank you for your letter of March 28, 2012, requesting that the McDowell Bridge in Poweshiek County, Iowa, be removed from the National Register of Historic Places. The McDowell Bridge was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on May 15, 1998, for its engineering significance.

You have informed us that this 19th century bridge was washed off of its abutments during a flood and that the bridge was then moved to Michigan (where it remains today) for a planned restoration. National Register of Historic Places regulations, 36 CFR Part 60.14 (Changes and Revisions to Properties Listed in the National Register), stipulate that if a property listed in the National Register is moved from its original location without getting prior approval from the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, the property will be automatically deleted from the National Register when moved [36 CFR 60.14 (b)(3)].

An exception to the automatic delisting of a moved property from the National Register occurs when properties are moved as part of a memorandum of agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in accordance with the Council’s procedures [36 CFR Part 800]. Your staff has informed us that the move was not undertaken as part of such an agreement and that the owners of the bridge did not seek prior approval for the move of the bridge from the Keeper. Thus, as stipulated in Section 60.14 of the National Register regulations, the McDowell Bridge has been automatically removed from the National Register of Historic Places.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this action.
Sincerely,

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