

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

File No:	
Theme(s):	34
Neg No(s):	
USGS Quad:	
UTM Ref:	17 451 780 4346380

DISTRICT..SITE..BUILDING..STRUCTURE..OBJECT

1. NAME(S), historic/common: Sixth Street Railroad Bridge
(Summit Parkersburg Rd)

2. LOCATION, street/road: ^{6th} Sixth Street

city/town: Parkersburg, WV 26101
(Incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: bridge

(public/private)
restricted

original: bridge

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: B&O Railroad
Office of the Chief Clerk

(public/private)

original: Chessie System
Depot street
Parkersburg, W.Va. 26101

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF: 8112-R2-F11 8201-R2-F4-57. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):

8. ACREAGE (approx): .75 acres

verbal boundary description: Includes stone piers, abutments, and bridge superstructure which are defined by Sixth Street upon which the bridge approach and appurtenances stand; and the bridge superstructure spanning the Ohio River.

COUNTY:	Wood
Survey Region:	_____
Planning District:	_____

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate): See attached

a. Exterior Fabric

stone X
 brick _____
 concrete _____
 stucco _____
 weatherboard _____
 clapboard _____
 board & batten _____
 shingle _____
 other _____

b. Structural System

masonry X
 frame _____
 log _____
 metal X
 other _____
 foundation _____

c. Roofing Material

wood N/A
 metal _____
 slate _____
 tile _____
 asphalt _____
 composition _____
 other _____

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings _____

 dependencies _____

 other _____

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated _____
 alterations _____

 additions _____

f. Condition:

excellent X
 good _____
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats:

None

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

W. E. Porter, Engineer

b. Style/Period:

c. Date(s): May 18, 1869-

Jan. 7, 1871

This bridge used 50,000 yds of stone. With 53 piers, it was the longest bridge of its type in the world when it was built.

The steel structure was rebuilt circa 1914-1917, and one span was rebuilt in 1972. The masonry work remains unchanged

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Parkersburg Sentinel, May 21, 1939.

Story of the B&O Railroad, by Edward Hungerford. G.P. Putnam's Sons Co., 1928.



12. FORM PREPARED BY

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b. Organization

Landmarks Planning, Inc.

Sixth Street Railroad Bridge
Sixth Street

1901
1913



State Street Railroad Bridge
State Street

1907-1908
H. G. S. SAGE, JR. 1907-1908

MAR 11 1908

THE STATE STREET RAILROAD CO.

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