

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

historic name: Abiaca Creek Bridge
other names/site number:

2. Location

street & number: Nebo Road, about .3 mile north of Mississippi Route 430, near Black Hawk
city or town: Vaiden vicinity X
state: Mississippi code: MS county: Carroll code: 15 zip code: 39176

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Kenneth H. P. Paul Signature of certifying official FEBRUARY 9, 2004 Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register, ___ See continuation sheet.
___ determined eligible for the National Register ___ See continuation sheet.
___ determined not eligible for the National Register
___ removed from the National Register
___ other (explain): _____
Edson H. Beall Signature of the Keeper 3/23/04 Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:
Public-local

Number of Resources within Property:
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Category of Property:
Structure

Contributing	Noncontributing	
		buildings
		sites
1		structures
		objects
1		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register**

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:
TRANSPORTATION/road-related (vehicular)

Current Functions:
TRANSPORTATION/road-related (vehicular)

7. Description

Architectural Classification(s):
N/A

Materials:
foundation:
roof:
walls:
other: steel truss
wood deck

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Areas of Significance
ENGINEERING

Period of Significance
1930

Significant Dates
1930

Criteria Considerations:

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Significant Person(s)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation(s)
N/A

Architect/Builder
unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance: see continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

Bridge Inventory, Office of State Aid Road Construction, Mississippi Department of Transportation

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References:	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Easting</u>	<u>Northing</u>
	16	225477	3691850

11. Form Prepared By

name/title:	Jack D. Elliott, Jr./Historical Archaeologist	date:	July 18, 2002
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city or town:	Jackson	state:	Mississippi

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner(s)

name:	Carroll County Board of Supervisors	telephone:	662-237-9660
street & number:	P.O. Box 60	state:	Mississippi
city or town:	Carrollton	zip code:	38917

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**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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CONTINUATION SHEET**

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Abiaca Creek Bridge
Carroll County, Mississippi

Narrative Description:

The Abiaca Creek Bridge is located on a narrow, unpaved county road in a remote, heavily-wooded area of Carroll County, about a third of a mile north of Mississippi Highway 430, about eleven miles south of Carrollton and about eleven miles west of Vaiden, roughly four miles east of the small community of Black Hawk.

Built about 1930, it is a one-lane, single-span Pratt through-truss bridge of steel construction, 100 feet in length and 14 feet in width, with a deck surfaced in wooden planking.

The top chords of the structural truss consist of two channels and one plate connected underneath by small rectangular plates. The end posts are constructed in the same manner. The intermediate posts consist of two channels latticed together, and the hip verticals have two angles. The bottom chords consist of two rectilinear I-bars. The diagonal members consist of two rectilinear I-bars, and the counters consist of single rectilinear I-bars.

Although not regularly maintained, this bridge has not been altered nor has it been damaged.

Narrative Statement of Significance:

The Abiaca Creek Bridge, built about 1930, is locally significant under Criterion C in the area of Engineering, because it is one of the most intact surviving examples in Mississippi of a one-lane Pratt through truss bridge. Bridges of this type were commonly built on rural roads throughout Mississippi from around 1900 through the 1930s, but surviving examples are now becoming very rare.

A comprehensive survey of all known truss bridges in the state of Mississippi pre-dating 1953, conducted in 1986, revealed 35 surviving examples of the single-span Pratt through truss type, the oldest being the Tibbee Bridge in Clay County, built in 1896 (listed on the National Register in 1988). By the time these bridges were re-surveyed in 2002, eleven had been demolished, and another six had been abandoned. The continued survival of many others is problematic.

The Abiaca Creek Bridge is an intact surviving example of this increasingly rare type of bridge, and it is now the only surviving through truss bridge in Carroll County.

Verbal Boundary Description

This structure is located in the southeast quarter of Section 14, Township 17 North, Range 3 East, in Carroll County, Mississippi. It consists of a 14 foot by 100 foot bridge located at UTM coordinates 16-225477-3691850.

Boundary Justification:

The nominated property consists only of the steel truss bridge itself, which is significant as a representative example of its type of bridge construction.