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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Southern Railroad Bridge
other names/site number Southern Railroad Bridge (BL-1912)

2. Location

street & number Along the right-of-way of the Southern Railroad at N/A not for publication
city, town the Little River near Rockford - Rockford vicinity
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37853

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>1</u>	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	_____ Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount Co.

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Herbert L. Hagen 6/8/89
Signature of certifying official Date
Deputy SHPO, Tennessee Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. 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:)

Alonzo Byrum 7/25/89

Entered in the
National Register

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/Rail Related

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/Rail Related

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Limestone

walls N/A

roof N/A

other Steel

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Southern Railroad Bridge is a double span Pratt truss bridge of steel construction erected in 1900. The bridge is typical of Pratt Truss designs with both vertical and diagonal posts and riveted construction. The stringers along the deck have wooden cross ties and iron tracks. The bridge is supported by limestone block piers on both the south and north banks of the river and by a central pier which has its footing midway in the river. The bridge spans approximately 225' across the Little River in a rural area north of Rockford.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Engineering

Period of Significance

1900

Significant Dates

1900

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Edgemoor Bridge Works - Builder

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Southern Railroad Bridge is significant under criterion C as the only representative example of an early 20th century Pratt steel truss bridge remaining in the county. The bridge was erected in 1900 at the Little River crossing by the Edgemoor Bridge Works of Wilmington, Delaware. This bridge replaced an earlier bridge at this location on the railroad line connecting Maryville and Knoxville. The bridge is the only example of a steel truss bridge in Blount County and no other significant rail or vehicular bridge of this type of construction survives.

During the late 19th and early 20th century many of the original vehicular and rail wood bridges in the county were replaced with steel truss bridges. Steel truss bridges signified advances in bridge technology and provided more stable and load resistant construction. Steel construction was used for many bridges in the county during the early 20th century but all of these have been replaced with modern bridges over the past several decades. The Southern Railroad Bridge is the only representative example of this type of bridge form and construction in the county.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Blount County Deed Records. 1800 - 1989. Blount County Courthouse, Maryville, Tennessee.

Burns, Inez E. History of Blount County, Tennessee: From War Trail to Landing Strip. Tennessee Historical Commission, Mary Blount Chapter DAR, 1957.

Morgan, John. Blount County Cultural Resource Survey. Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

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

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Approximately 1 acre.

UTM References

A

1	7	2	3	3	9	4	0	3	9	7	0	8	8	5
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D

Zone				Easting				Northing						

Maryville Quad

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the Southern Railroad Bridge is illustrated on accompanying Blount County map 9, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary for the Southern Railroad Bridge includes the limestone support piers, steel truss span, and approaches to the bridge.

See continuation sheet

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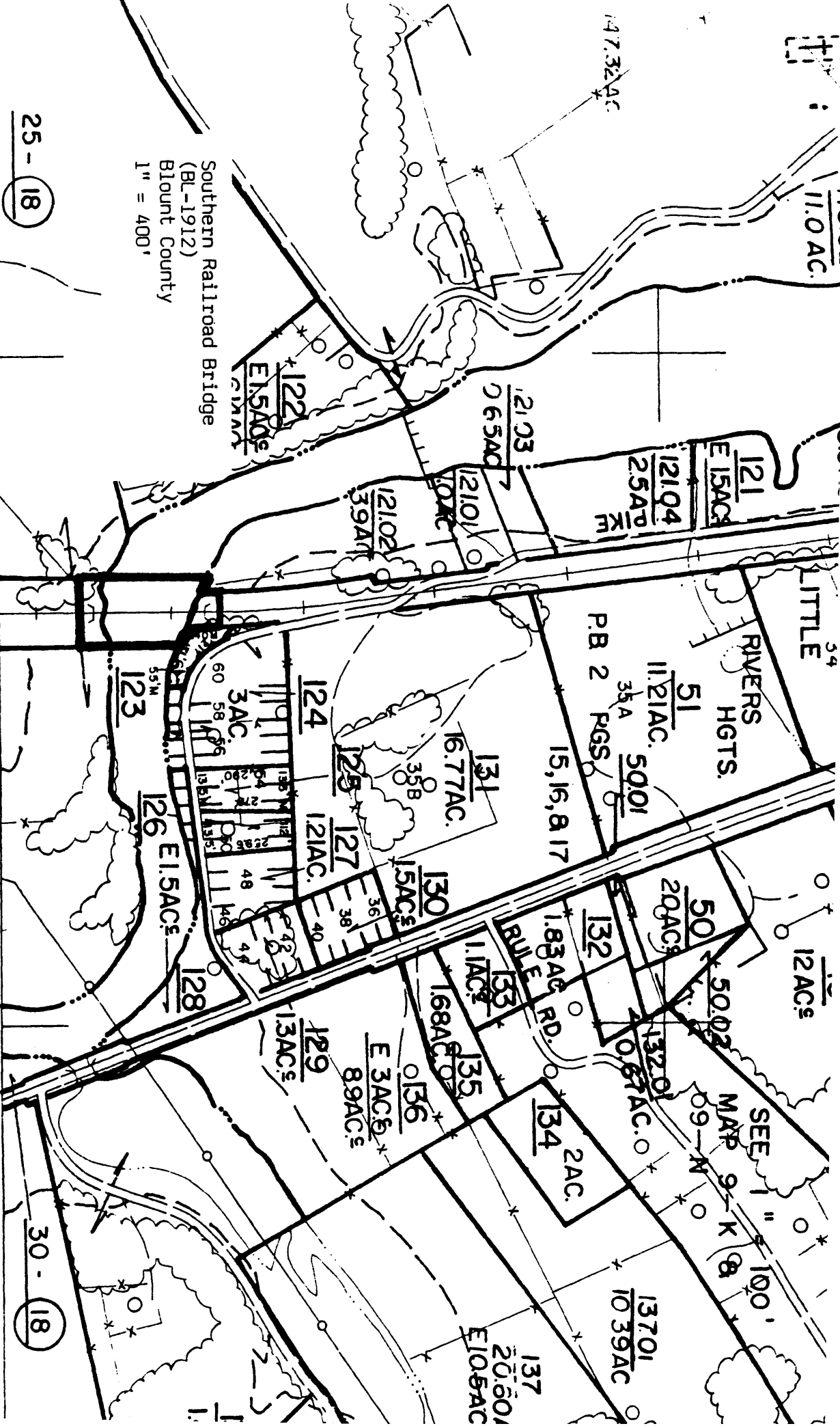
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Continuation Sheet**

Section number _____ Photographs Page 1 Hist. and Arch. Resources of Blount Co.

Southern Railroad Bridge
Off Highway 33, Rockford vic., Blount County, TN
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.
Date: Fall, 1988
Location of Neg: THC

View: South.
Photo # 1

View: Southwest.
Photo # 2



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37 (40) PARCEL & CONTROLLING MAP No
 IMPROVEMENT
 X-X FENCE
 (---) CEMETERY

CREEK
 STATE LINE
 CO LINE
 CORPS LIMITS
 TRANSMISSION LINE



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