

MISSISSIPPI HISTORIC BRIDGE SURVEY

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1. Name of Bridge: Homochitto River Bridge

2. Location

Code 029
County Copiah USGS Quadrangle Caseyville
Town/vicinity Hazlehurst vicinity

UTM coordinates:
Zone 15 Easting 721085 Northing 3510845
Acreage less than one Owner Copiah County

Verbal boundary description:
Includes the 13.6 by 111 ft. bridge spanning the Homochitto River at the crossing of the county road in Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 5 East.

3. Description

Number of spans 1 Length overall 111 ft. (33.8 m)

Span types:
(1) Pratt through truss length 111 ft. (33.8 m)
(2) _____ length _____
(3) _____ length _____

Truss span components:
Top chords 2 channel beams and 1 plate
End posts 2 channel beams and 1 plate
Bottom chords 2 rectilinear eye-bars
Hip verticals 2 channel beams laced together
Intermediate posts 2 channel beams laced together
Diagonals 2 rectilinear eye-bars
Counters 1 cylindrical eye-bar

Connections pins
Piers concrete-filled metal caissons

Abutments _____
Condition truss is in fair condition. Wooden deck is rotten, and the approaches are no longer extant.

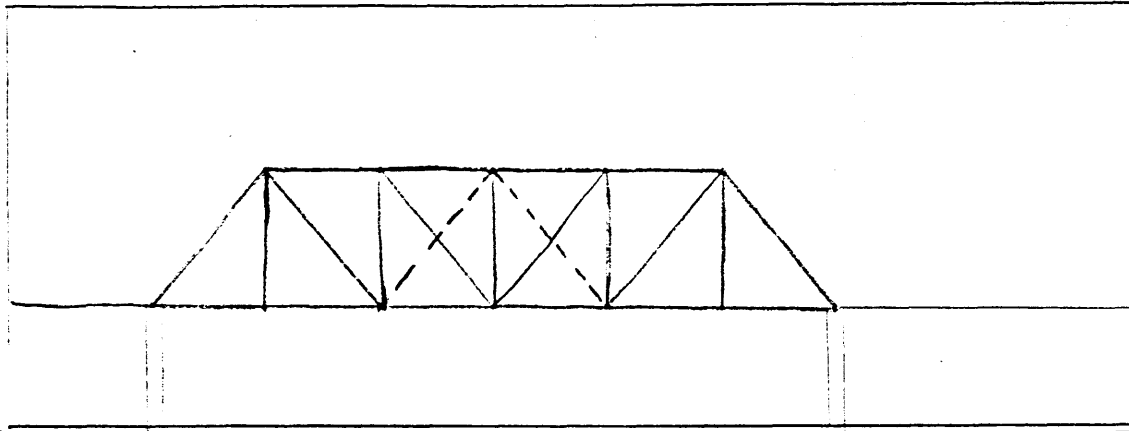
Date of construction 1909

Builder _____
Source State Highway Department Bridge Inventory

4. Location of Legal Description

Courthouse, Office of the Chancery Clerk
Registry of Deeds, etc.: Copiah County Courthouse
Street & Number: Courthouse Square
City, Town: Hazlehurst State: Mississippi

Profile Sketch



5. Significance

Level of significance:

Local ____; State x ; National ____

Statement of significance:

This bridge consists of one Pratt through truss span, which is a type of truss that was commonly used in Mississippi during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is significant in that it embodies "the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction." Despite the deteriorated condition of the deck and the absence of approaches, an agreement was made in 1983 between the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and the Copiah County Board of Supervisors, wherein the Board stated in writing that they would preserve the bridge and would restore it to use.

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