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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 04000774

Date Listed: 8/05/2004

First Street Bridge

Napa

CA

Property Name

County

State

Highway Bridges of California MPS

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature of the Keeper

8/5/04

Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Resource Count:

The Resource Count should read: *One (1) contributing structure.*

Significance:

Transportation is deleted as an area of significance.
[Bridges evaluated under Criterion C alone are normally judged significant under the area of Engineering; transportation is acknowledged under historic functions.]

These clarifications were confirmed with the CA SHPO office.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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REGISTRATION FORM**

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name: First Street Bridge

other name/site number: Bridge No. 21C-95

2. Location

street & number: First Street across the Napa River

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Napa vicinity:

state: California code: CA

county: Napa code: 055 zip code: 94559

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Steph D. Mikese
Signature of certifying official

6/15/04
Date

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION
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

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Concrete Girder Bridge

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation

concrete

roof

walls

concrete

other

deck: concrete

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- 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.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- 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.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Engineering

Transportation

Period of Significance 1914

Significant Dates 1914

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Leonard and Day (designer)

Gildersleeve, C. H. (contractor)

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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: Cultural Studies Office, California Department of Transportation,
1120 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>10</u>	<u>563109</u>	<u>4239326</u>	3	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____	_____

_____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Organization: Napa Landmarks, Inc.

Date: March 31, 2003

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DESCRIPTION

This reinforced concrete bridge, which uses four T-girders, measures approximately 155 feet long and 61 feet wide. It has three spans. The center span is 50 feet long; those on each side are 35 feet long. In elevation the bridge displays a central pseudo-three-centered arch and two half-arches. The center arch is flanked on each side by a closed, incised spandrel and a slightly raised pilaster. Beneath each pilaster are a stubby buttress and a pier with a projecting top band. The half-arches have a single spandrel. Each of their spans ends in a wall, the edge of which has been scored to simulate quoins. Above the arches is a flat parapet wall with recessed oblong panels. On the deck are a two-lane, asphalt-covered roadway and sidewalks. The railings are formed by the inner sides of the parapet walls. Each is plain except for short posts, one at each end and two in the center which mark the edges of the central span. Topping each end post is a short pylon that has a wide base and narrow shaft with a recessed vertical panel. Beneath the pylon on the southwest is a plaque giving the date of construction and the names of those responsible for the bridge—the mayor, city council members, engineering firm, and contractor. Except for the layer of asphalt on the deck, the structure appears unaltered. The bridge is located in an area of mixed uses about a half-mile from the center of downtown Napa. Copia, a tourist attraction focusing on food and wine, is immediately adjacent on the west.

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SIGNIFICANCE

The First Street Bridge meets the standards for National Register listing as set forth in the multiple property submission for historic highway bridges of California. Specifically, the structure satisfies the registration requirements for concrete girder bridges.

The State Department of Transportation undertook a survey of such bridges in 1986 as part of an effort to identify all the state's historic bridges. Hundreds of concrete girder bridges were documented and evaluated. The survey found only six examples that were more important than the First Street Bridge.

The evaluation system considered several factors in determining a bridge's overall significance. The First Street Bridge rated highly for its early construction date and technological merit. Concrete girder bridges only began to make an appearance in California around 1910. They were still on the cutting edge of bridge technology in 1914, when the First Street Bridge was constructed. The bridge was also credited for its aesthetic appeal—both of the structure itself, notable for its sweeping central arch, and of its remarkably bucolic setting in the center of Napa. Finally, the bridge received credit because of the importance of its designers, the engineering firm of Leonard and Day. The senior partner, John B. Leonard, was perhaps the state's most important designer of concrete bridges in the first two decades of the last century.

In 1986 the First Street Bridge was determined eligible for listing in the National Register. This conclusion came as part of a larger consensus determination between the California State Historic Preservation Officer and the Federal Highway Administration. They determined that all of the fourteen concrete girder bridges evaluated as meeting register standards by the Department of Transportation were eligible for the register.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A rectangle 155 feet by 60.9 feet, which conforms to the deck of the bridge on First Street across the Napa River and which includes the bridge as well as the river and riverbed beneath the deck.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary includes the historic resource and its immediate setting.

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PROPERTY OWNER

City of Napa
P. O. Box 660
Napa, CA 94559

PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying photographs have the following information in common:

Photographer: Donald S. Napoli. Date of Photographs: March 2003.

Location of original negatives: Napa Landmarks, Inc., 822 Brown Street, Napa, CA.

The views of the accompanying photographs are as follows:

Photo No. 1
North elevation, from the northwest

Photo No. 2
South elevation, from the southeast

Photo No. 3
South elevation, from the east

Photo No. 4
Deck, from the west

Photo No. 5
Pylon and plaque, from the north

Photo No. 6
South elevation and Napa River, from the south

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Prints are included separately.



Photo No. 1
North elevation,
from the northwest

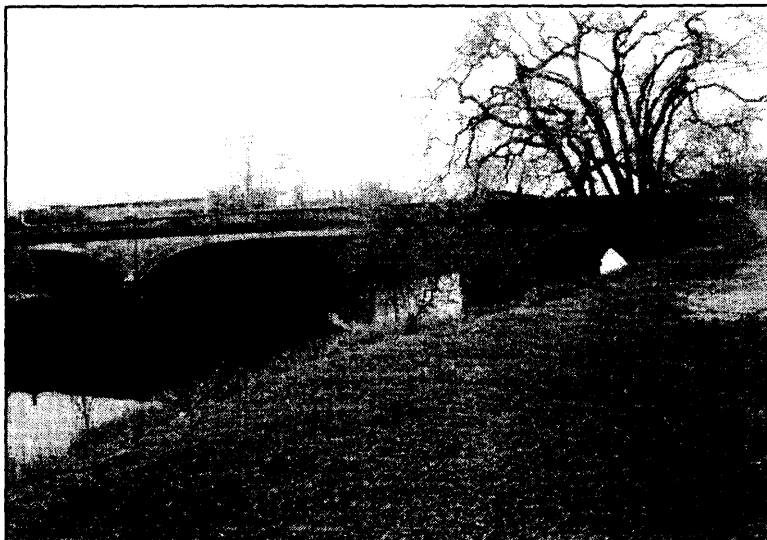


Photo No. 2
South elevation,
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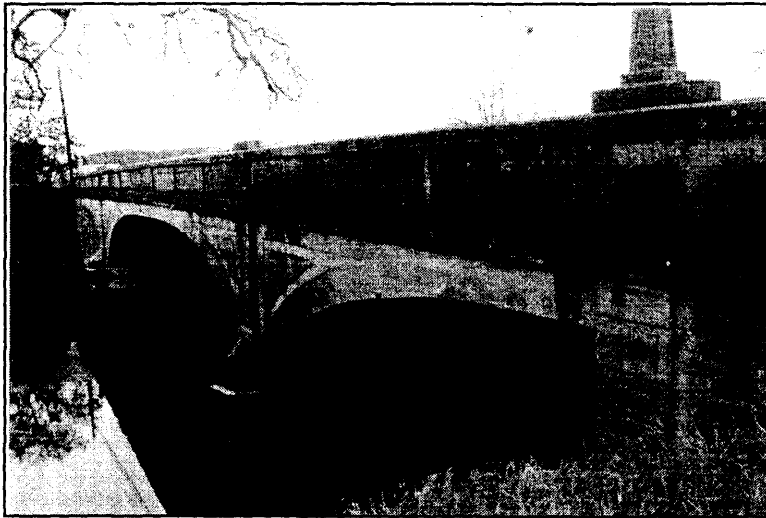


Photo No. 3
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Photo No. 4
Deck, from the west

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Photo No. 5
Pylon and plaque,
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LOCATION MAP

A topographic map is included separately.

