

1. Name of Bridge: Columbus Bridge

2. Location

Code 087County Lowndes USGS Quadrangle ColumbusTown/vicinity City of Columbus

UTM coordinates:

Zone 16 Easting 366780 Northing 3706730Acreage less than one Owner City of Columbus

Verbal boundary description:

Includes the 386 foot long bridge spanning the Tombigbee River at the crossing of old Highway 82 in Columbus.

3. Description

Number of spans 3 Length overall 386 ft (117.7 m)

Span types:

(1) Warren polygonal pony truss length 91 ft (27.7 m)(2) Swing through truss length 204 ft (62.2 m)(3) Warren polygonal pony truss length 91 ft (27.7 m)

Truss span components:

Top chords 2 channel beams and 1 plate laced underneathEnd posts 2 channel beams and 1 plate laced underneathBottom chords (spans 1 and 3) 2 channel beams
(span 2) 2 channel beams laced togetherHip verticals 1 I-beamIntermediate posts (spans 1 and 3) 1 I-beam
(span 2) I-beam unless noted otherwise on diagramDiagonals see diagram

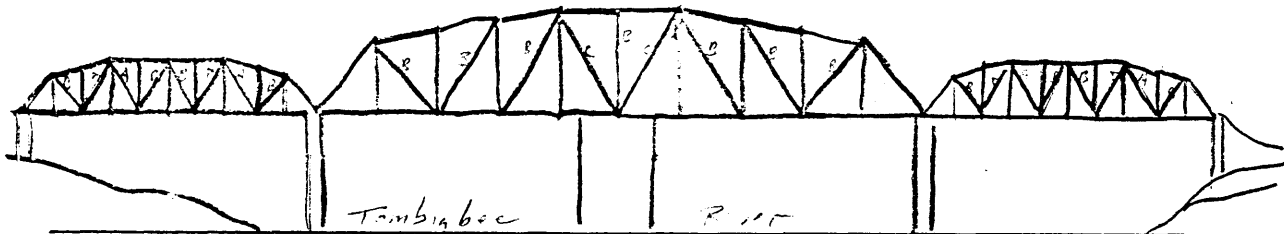
Counters _____

Connections rivetsPiers concreteAbutments concreteCondition fairDate of construction 1925-1927Builder State Highway DepartmentSource HAER records

4. Location of Legal Description

Courthouse, Office of the Chancery Clerk
Registry of Deeds, etc.: Lowndes County Courthouse
Street & Number: 501 2nd Avenue North
City, Town: Columbus State: Mississippi

Profile Sketch



- (a) 1 I-beam
- (b) 4 angle bars and 1 plate forming a composite I-beam
- (c) 2 channel beams and 1 plate, laced underneath

5. Significance

Level of significance:

Local ____; State x; National ____

Statement of significance:

This bridge consists of one swinging through truss span and two Warren polygonal pony truss spans, which were commonly used truss types during the early 20th century. This particular bridge is significant in that it embodies "the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction."

Furthermore, this bridge is associated, both spatially and historically, with two Columbus National Register Historic Districts: Columbus Central Commercial Historic District and South Columbus Historic District.

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