

IDENTIFICATION	Historic name: <u>Kings Mill Bridge</u>	STATUS	Open to public: <u>Yes X No Restricted</u>
	Common name: <u>Kings Mill Bridge</u>		Visible from road: <u>Yes X No</u>
	Address: <u>Big Sewee Road</u> <u>Decatur, Tennessee</u>		Occupied: <u>N/A</u> <u>Yes No</u>
	Owner's name: <u>Meigs County Highway Dept.</u>		Present use: <u>Transportation</u>
	Owner's address: <u>Eaves Ferry Road</u> <u>Decatur, Tennessee</u>		Current condition: <u>Fair</u>
	Classification: <u>Structure-public</u>		Alterations: <u>N/A</u>
	Tax map reference: <u>Dist. 3, Map 28</u>		Site features: <u>Located on Big Sewee Creek</u> <u>in ghost community of Kings Mill.</u>
	Acreage: <u>Less than one acre</u>		
UTM reference: <u>Zone 16 N 3939240</u> <u>E 703020</u>			
HISTORY	Date of construction: <u>1884 or 1885</u>	SOURCES	Bibliographical data: <u>"Old Grist Mill Was Known Site." Daily</u> <u>Post-Athenian, July 2, 1976, p. 9-G.</u> <u>Meigs County Court Minutes, Volumes 7-9</u> <u>and 11.</u>
	Architect/builder: <u>Champion Bridge Company</u> <u>Wilmington, Ohio</u>		Form prepared by: <u>Ann Toplovich</u>
	Original or previous owners: <u>Meigs County Highway Dept.</u>		Title: <u>Cultural Resource Surveyor</u>
	Original use: <u>Transportation</u>		Organization: <u>Tennessee Historical Commission</u>
	Theme/s: Primary <u>Transportation</u>		Date: <u>9/4/81</u>
	Secondary <u>N/A</u>		
Other <u>N/A</u>			
DESCRIPTION	Oriented on a northwest-southeast axis across Sewee Creek, the Kings Mill Bridge is a single span through truss bridge that utilizes a Pratt truss configuration of diagonals in tension and verticals in compression. The pin connected steel structure has inclined end posts extending from the top chord to ground level where they rest on stone foundations and coursed stone abutments. The bridge's top chords, bottom chords, and inclined end posts are channel beams, the diagonals and hip verticals are rods, and the three center posts on each side are twin bars with lattice bracing. An auxiliary stabilizing element of the bridge consists of rods running along the middle of the trusses. The bridge has a metal deck with wood plank treads and wood hand rails. The portal bracing incorporates decorative latticework with a circle motif below the latticework. Finials top the inclined end posts. An ornate plaque on top of each end of the bridge reads "Champion Bridge Co.; Wilmington, O."		
SIGNIFICANCE	Built in 1884 or 1885 by the Champion Bridge Company of Wilmington, Ohio, the Kings Mill Bridge is the only iron truss bridge as well as the oldest bridge in Meigs County. The Kings Mill Bridge crosses Big Sewee Creek, one of the major secondary streams of northern Meigs County. In 1873, a committee was appointed by the county court to look into building a bridge at Kings Mill (Meigs County Court Minute Books, Vol. 7:148). In 1883, another committee submitted plans and bids for the bridge (Vol. 8:535). In April, 1884 a bid was accepted from the Champion Bridge Company, who would build the superstructure for \$1395 (Vol. 9:63). In 1886, final accounts on the construction were in the process of settlement (Vol. 9:318). At the time of the construction		

PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA

Photographer: Ann Toplovich
Date: 3/14/79
Negatives on file: Tennessee Historical
Commission
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Photograph number 22 of 55 .
23 of 55-Facing North

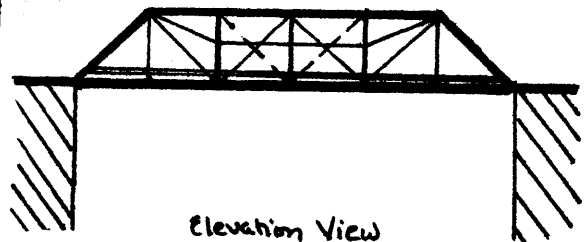
CONTINUATION

Significance:
of Kings Mill Bridge, the community of Kings Mill was a commercial center with a mill, stores, and houses. The Kings Mill Bridge is now all that remains in Kings Mill.


SITE PLAN - Include North Arrow



End View

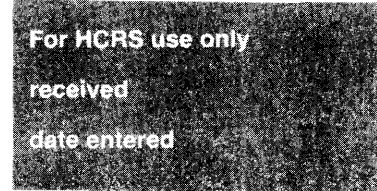


Elevation View

 Coursed Stone

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MEIGS COUNTY MULTIPLE RESOURCE NOMINATION - Kings Mill Bridge (#19)

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

19. The boundaries include the bridge, which is 98' x 12' in length, located on Sewee Creek on the Euchee-Decatur Road.

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Historic Resources of Meigs County,
Tennessee
(Partial Inventory: Historic and
Architectural Resources)

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