



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

historic name: Pearl River Bridge on Mississippi Highway 28
other names/site number:

2. Location

street & number: Mississippi Highway 28
city or town: Georgetown vicinity X
state: Mississippi code: MS county: Copiah code: 029 zip code: 39078
Simpson 127

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally X statewide ___ locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Pore APRIL 20, 2005
Signature of certifying official Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
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

4. 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): _____

Edson H. Beall 6/10/05
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:
Public-state

Number of Resources within Property:
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Category of Property:
Structure

Contributing	Noncontributing
	buildings
	sites
1	structures
	objects
1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Historic Bridges of Mississippi _____

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:
TRANSPORTATION/road-related (vehicular)

Current Functions:
TRANSPORTATION/road-related (vehicular)

7. Description

Architectural Classification(s):
N/A

Materials:
foundation:
roof:
walls:
other: (bridge truss) steel

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- 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.
- x 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.

Areas of Significance
ENGINEERING

Period of Significance
1940

Significant Dates
1940

Criteria Considerations:

Property is:

- 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.

Significant Person(s)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation(s)

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance: see continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

Bridge Inventory, Office of State Aid Road Construction, Mississippi Department of Transportation

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:

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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Pearl River Bridge on Mississippi Highway 28
Copiah and Simpson Counties, Mississippi

Narrative Description:

The Pearl River Bridge is located on State Highway 28 near Georgetown on the line between Copiah and Simpson Counties.

The bridge was designed by the Nashville Bridge Company for the Mississippi Highway Department and erected in 1940 by the contractor E.W. Hable. It is a two-lane, three-span cantilevered through-truss bridge of steel construction with a total length of 550 feet, consisting of individual span lengths of, respectively, 150 feet, 250 feet, and 150 feet, with a steel grid deck surfaced with asphalt paving. It is approached at both the west and east ends by elevated roadways with asphalt paving.

The top chords of the structural truss consist of two channels and one plate connected underneath by small rectangular plates. The posts consists of I-beams. The bottom chords, diagonals, and counters consist of two channels connected underneath by small rectangular plates. The metal truss span is supported beneath by poured concrete piers.

The bride is well-maintained, unaltered, and in very good condition.

Narrative Statement of Significance:

The Pearl River Bridge, built in 1940, is locally significant under Criterion C in the area of Engineering, because it is one of the most intact surviving examples in Mississippi of a cantilevered through-truss bridge.

Verbal Boundary Description

This structure is located in the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, on State Highway 28 on the line between Copiah and Simpson Counties, Mississippi. It consists of a 550-foot long truss bridge located at UTM coordinates 15-770740-3530000.

Boundary Justification:

The nominated property consists only of the steel truss bridge itself, which is significant as a representative example of its type of bridge construction.