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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Approximately 12 miles of temporary trestle (four - 40 foot piles per

bent) and 11 miles of permanent trestle (five - 70 foot piles per bent) were constructed in addition to the 10 miles of fill.

The permanent bents, which were spaced approximately 15 feet on center, were constructed of 5 fir piles tied together on the top with a $24^{\prime\prime}$ x $14^{\prime\prime}$ cap and on each side of the piles at approximately the water level with a sash brace and in addition with diagonal sway braces bolted in opposite direction on each side. More recently, circa 1932, two additional piles were placed (a total of seven) in an effort add stability to each bent.

The platform upon which the rails, ties and ballast are placed was constructed of 8° x 6° stringers and the later, c. 1932, addition of $4-8^{\circ}$ x 8° helper stringers with a redwood deck that was topped with a sealing membrane.

The present 11.88 mile trestle consists of the original permanent structure in addition to the engle siding which is built over the temporary trestle piling. Today the trestle supplements the adjacent causeway (c. 1959) with overload and emergency rail traffic.



PERIOD (Check One or More as	Appropriate)		
Pre-Columbian	16th Century	☐ 18th Century	20th Century
15th Century	☐ 17th Century	☐ 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicab	le and Known)	1902 - 1904	7 .
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The Ogden-Lucin Cut-Off, built 1902-1904, by the Southern Pacific Railroad across the Great Salt Lake is possibly the most noteworthy engineering achievement of bridge and fill work in the United States. William Hood, chief engineer of the Southern Pacific, supervised the construction which involved a magnitude of unique problems due to the unpredictability of the salt and mud lake bottom.

The cut-off eliminated 44 miles of extreme grades and curves found on the original transcontinental route through the Promontory Mountains. The new route ran 20 miles west from Ogden to the Great Salt Lake, crossed the lake at Promontory Point, and continued for 50 miles over the Great Salt Desert to Lucin.



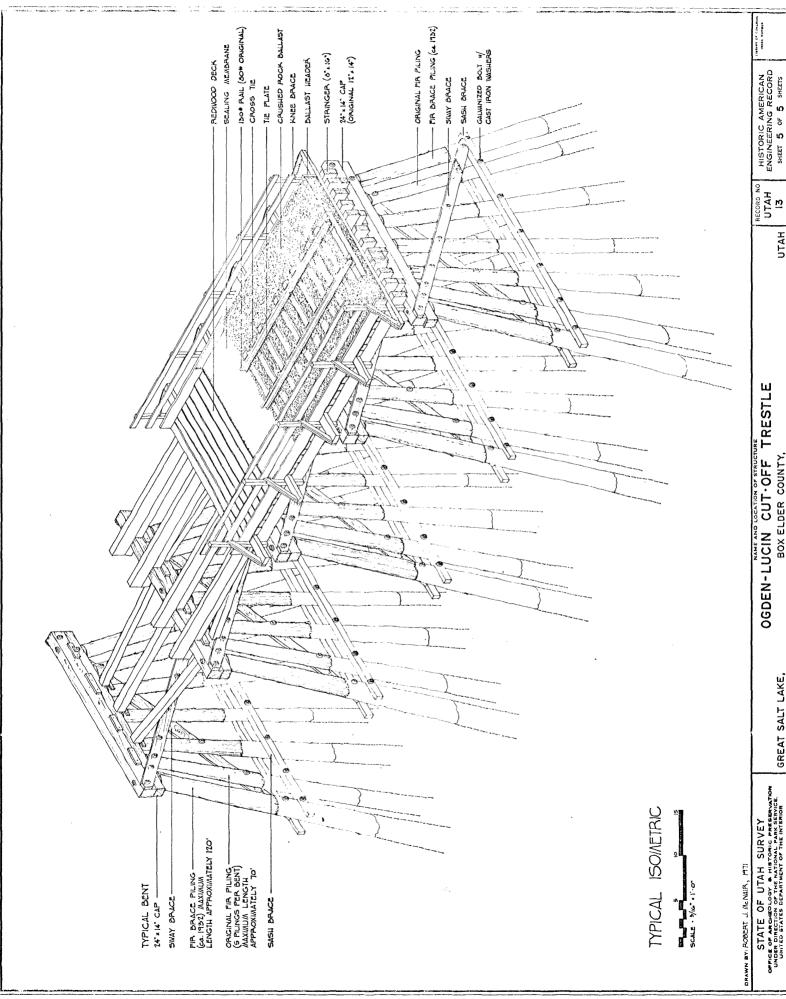
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