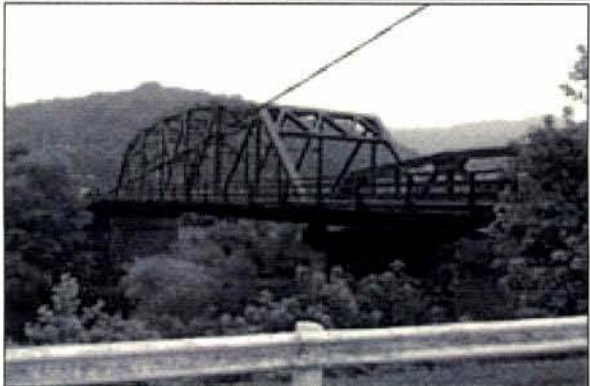



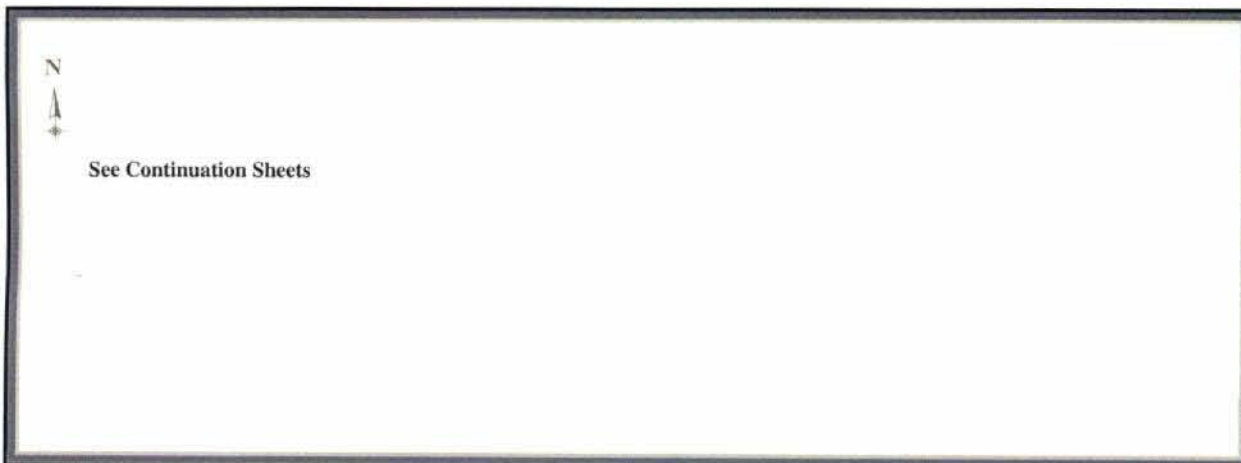


Internal Rating: CE

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY
INVENTORY FORM


Street Address Bridge File # 04-004/0017.86 Along WV 4 (Elk Street) on north end of town	Name of Property <input type="checkbox"/> Common <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both Upper Gassaway Bridge	Field Survey # FS 1	Site # (SHPO Only) BX-0015-0001
Town or Community Gassaway	County Braxton	Negative No.	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder WPA / SRC / Midland Structural Steel Company	Date of Construction 1935	Style 4 Steel Truss Through (Simple Span Riveted, Modified Pratt Truss) (3 Approaches - 1 Main Span)	
Exterior Siding/Materials N/A	Roofing Material N/A	Foundation Cut Stone	
Property Use or Function <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Bridge	UTM # Zone 17 0519897E 4280633N Quadrangle Name USGS 7.5' Gassaway, WV Topographic Map Part of What Survey / FR# Currently Unassigned		
Survey Organization & Date  Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc. 7/02/02			

Sketch Map of Property



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Present Owners WVDOH		Owners Mailing Address	
Phone #:			
Describe Setting Along WV 4, it spans the Elk River on the northern end of the Gassaway.		<input type="text" value="N/A"/> Acres	<input type="text" value="N/A"/> Archaeological Artifacts Present
Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present) See Continuation Sheets		<input type="text" value="N/A"/> Stories	<input type="text" value="N/A"/> Front Bays
Alterations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, describe See Continuation Sheets		
Additions <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, describe See Continuation Sheets		
Describe All Outbuildings None			
Statement of Significance See Continuation Sheets			
Bibliographical References Smith, Aaron 2002 A Windshield Survey of the Proposed Gassaway Wireless Telecommunications Tower Site Located Near Gassaway, Braxton County, West Virginia. Prepared for Terradon Corporation by Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc.: Hurricane, West Virginia. See Continuation Sheets – if necessary.			
Filing Information Form Prepared By: Aaron O. Smith  Name / Organization: Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc. Address: 3556 Teays Valley Road, Suite 3 Hurricane, West Virginia 25526 Phone: (304) 562-7233		Date: 7/11/02	




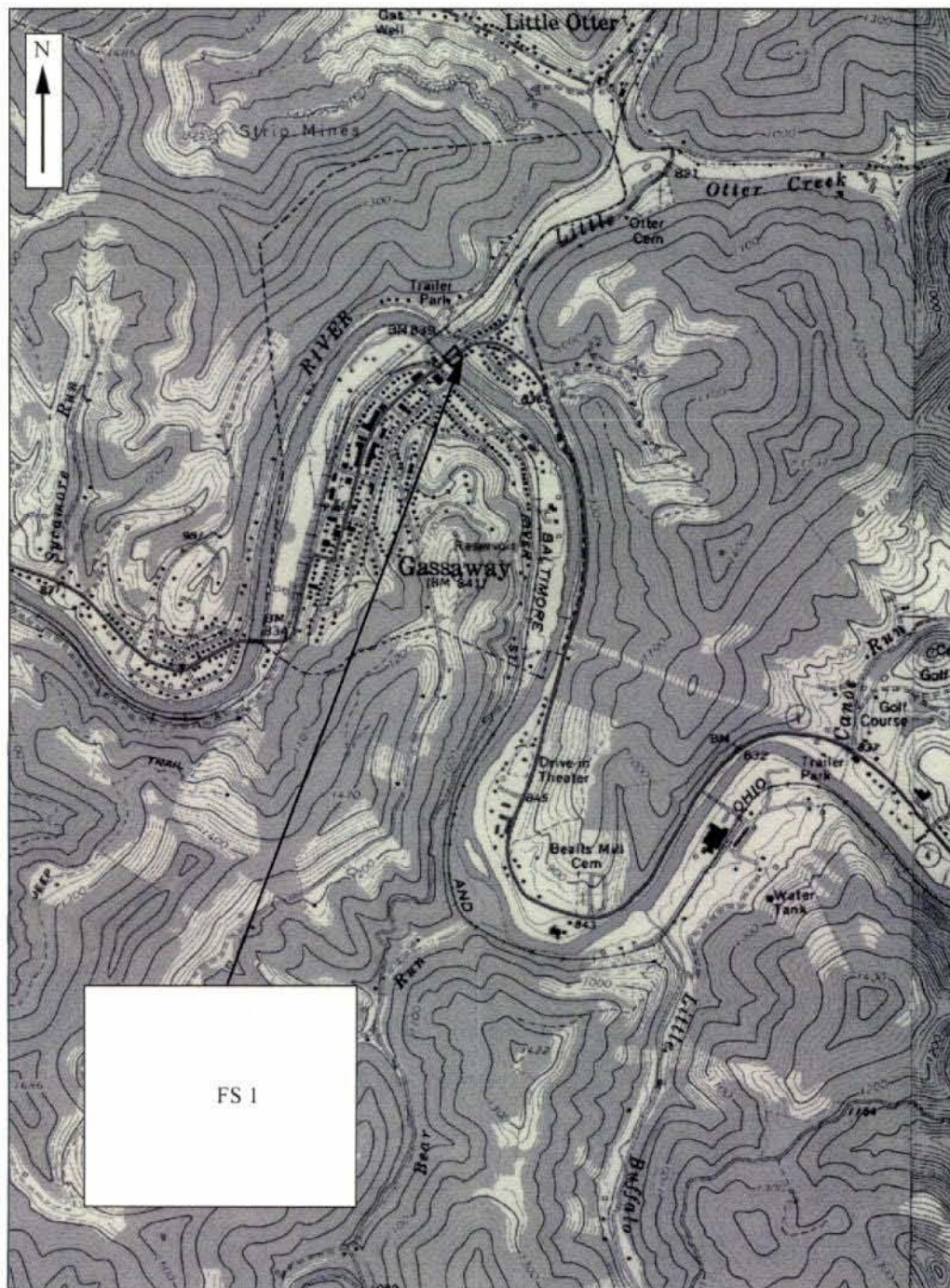
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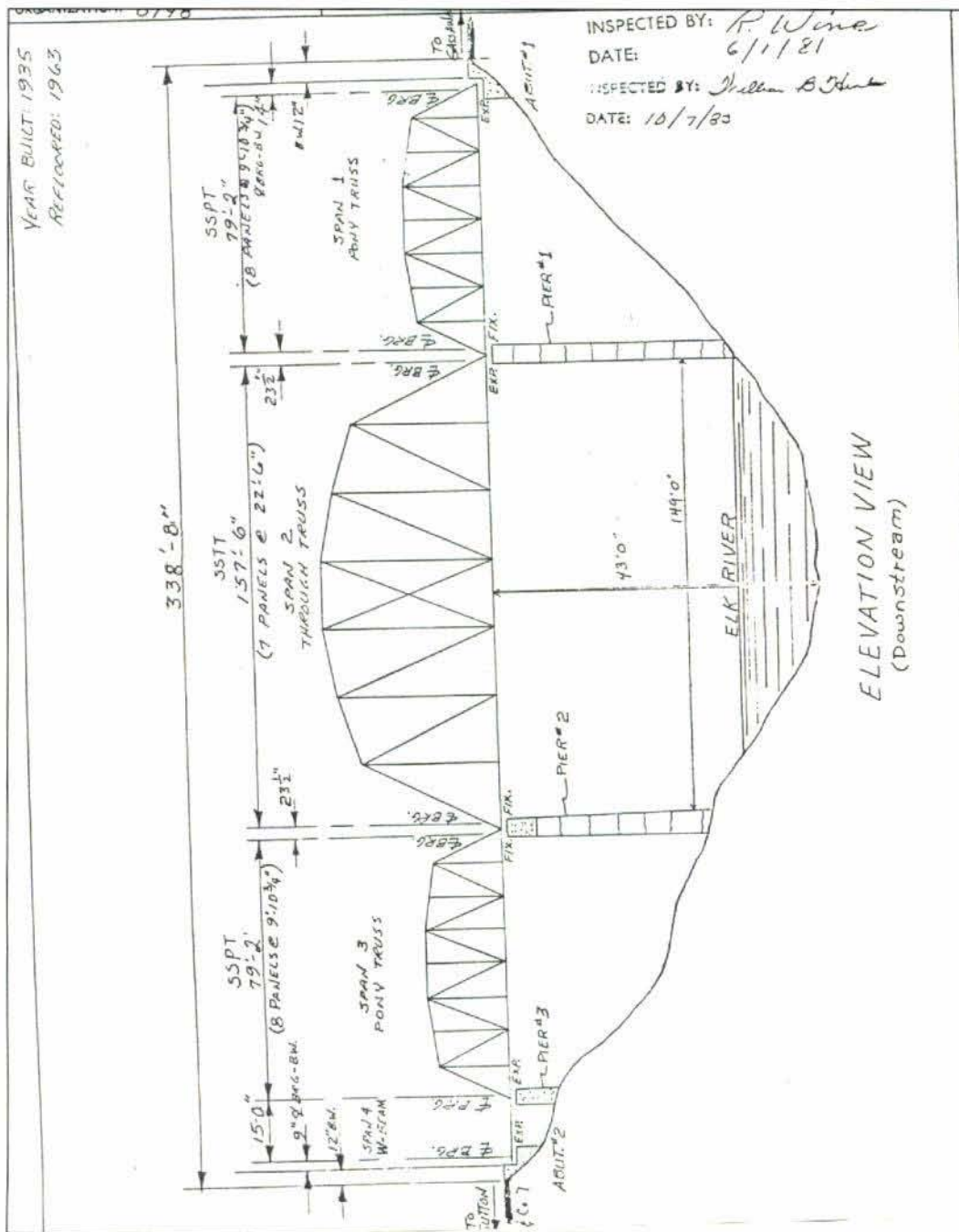
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Portions of USGS 7.5' Gassaway, West Virginia Topographic Quadrangle showing the location of the historic property. Not to Scale.


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Sketch map of property taken from WDOH Bridge Inspection Report (Hinter et. al. 1999)

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The following was completed as part of a reconnaissance level survey. Exhaustive or intensive archival or historic research and intensive architectural examination was considered beyond the scope of the project. When possible local informants were consulted, and their recollections are included below. Readily available county histories and historic maps were also consulted. Property boundaries are estimated. However, further scholarly review may produce more accurate information concerning the properties architectural or cultural history.

Description of the Buildings or Site (Original and Present): The bridge is classified as a 4 span Steel, Simple, Modified Pratt Thru Truss. The bridge has three approaches, two of which are pony trusses, and one main simple stringer span. It is supported by reinforced concrete stub abutments, two cut stone masonry piers and one reinforced concrete pier with concrete and steel pier caps (Hinter et. al. 1999). The dimensions are as follows:

Overall Length: 339'.0" (back to back walls)

Span Lengths: Pony Truss (approach) = 79'.2"

Simple Stinger Span (main) = 157'.6"

Pony Truss (approach) = 79'.2"

Non-Truss (approach) = 15'.0"

Roadway width: 24'.0" (curb to curb)

Number of Traffic Lanes: 2

Approach roadway width: 39'.0" (including shoulders)

Deck width: 25'.0"

Horizontal clearance: 25'.2"

Vertical clearance: 14'.5"

Sidewalk width: 5'.0" (left side)

Skew: None (Hinter et. al. 1999)

Plaques are located on the upstream end post at pier # 1, and the downstream end post at pier #2 on the main span (Hinter et. al. 1999).


Alterations: A new deck was added in 1963. The back wall has been secured by a placed plate and hole in 1970. In 1990, the back wall, lower chords, sway bracings, and floor beams were repaired. In 1992 the stringer was repaired and in 1995 the pier cap was repaired. In 1996, the lower chords were plated. The property has also been cleaned, painted and washed several times (Hinter 1999 et. al.).

Additions: None

Outbuildings: None

Statement of Significance: The property was constructed in 1935 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and the State Roads Commission (SRC) with the use steel from the Midland Structural Steel Company (Hinter et. a. 1999). A 1986 significance rating of the bridge, gives the property a 29 out of 50 possible points. Usually a 30 is required for the bridge to be considered eligible. However, in speaking with Tina McClung, a historian with the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH), it was learned that this bridge was the only modified Pratt truss built by the WPA on record with WVDOH.

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NRHP Eligibility: Eligible

While the property has suffered minor alterations due to its upkeep, as the only modified Pratt truss bridge built by the WPA on file with the WVDOH (McClung 2002: Personal Communication), it is considered eligible for the NRHP, under **Criterion A**.

Given current information, the property is not known to be associated with the lives of persons significant to our past. Therefore, the property is not currently recommended as eligible for inclusion on the NRHP under **Criterion B**.

The property has suffered only minor alterations, and exhibits a brand of bridge construction common to the early 20th century. Specifically the riveted construction, the combination four span length, and cut masonry abutments suggest the property is considered eligible for the NRHP, under **Criterion C**.

From a material perspective, the architectural qualities of the property do not convey information important to the history of the region. Therefore, its lack of distinction suggests that the property is not considered eligible for inclusion on the NRHP under **Criterion D**, from an architectural perspective. However, as the property was only evaluated for visual impacts, an assessment of archaeological deposits located on the property was not undertaken. Therefore, it is unknown if the property contains archaeological data that would qualify it for inclusion on the NRHP under **Criterion D**.

References Cited

Hinter, William B., Donald L. Williams and W. Richard White

1999 Bridge Inspection Report: Bridge No. 04-4-17.86 (1248), BARS No. 04A012, SSTT, Upper Gassaway Truss over Elk River, WV Route 4 (F) Surveyed North, Located 0.06 mile north of County Route 13/3 (SLS), Braxton County, District Sever, NON NHS (STP), ADT 3,000 – 1990. On file with West Virginia Division of Highways: Charleston, West Virginia.

McClung, Tina


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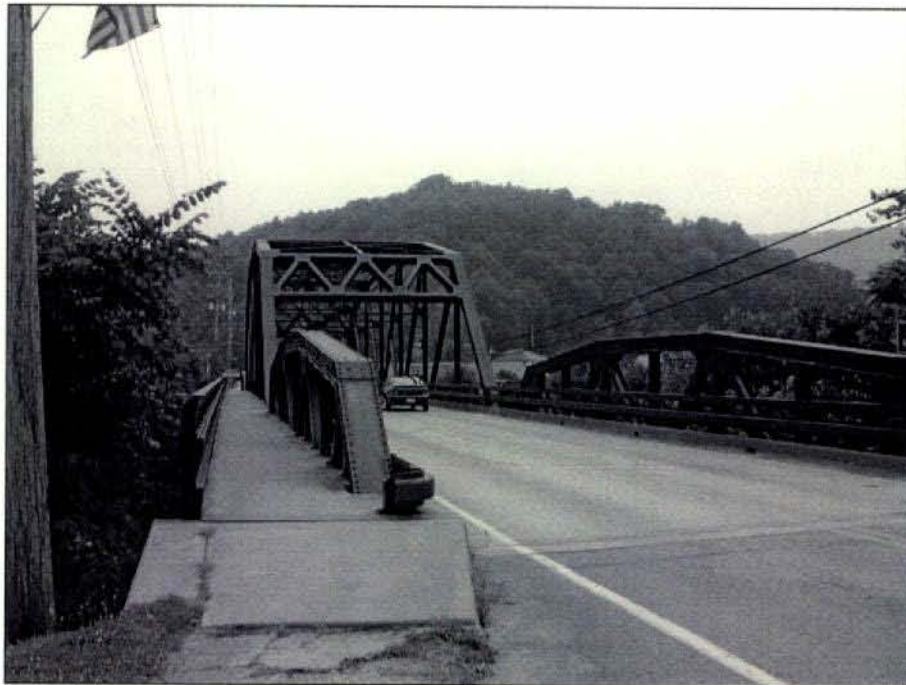


Photograph of bridge from northern approach heading into Gassaway.

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Photograph of bridge from southern approach heading out of Gassaway.



Photograph of bridge showing supports, facing northeast.

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Photograph of modern Dairy Queen along northern approach to FS 1, facing west by southwest.