

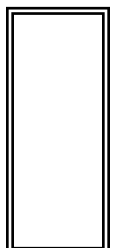


Internal Rating: CE (Crit. C.)

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address Northwestern Pike	Common/Historic Name/Both O O X Capon Bridge	Field Survey #	Site # (SHPO Only) HM-0802 Resurveyed
Town or Community Capon Bridge	County Hampshire	Negative No.	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder E.R. Mills	Date of Construction 1933	Style Pratt Through Truss	
Exterior Siding/Materials Steel	Roofing Material Steel	Foundation Concrete and Stone	
Property Use or Function Residence O Commercial O Other X	UTM# 17N 721210E 4352968N		
Survey Organization & Date TRC Environmental Corp. June 2016	Quadrangle Name Capon Bridge		
	Part of What Survey/FR# FR:16-945-HM		

Sketch Map of Property
Or Attach Copy of USGS Map



Site No.

Present Owners State of West Virginia Phone #	Owners Mailing Address
Describe Setting _____ >1 _____ Acres The Capon Bridge carries U.S. Route 50 Bridge over the Cacapon River in Capon Bridge. It is the fourth on the same site. The Pratt Through Truss bridge was built in 1933 by E.R. Mills of Charleston, WV. The Capon Bridge had its main members replaced in kind in 1978. The newer repairs are bolted instead of riveted. The first bridge was designed by Charles B. Shaw, engineer for the Northwestern Turnpike in 1834. The crossing of the Capon River was positioned by Shaw and Claudius Crozet for the construction of the Northwestern Turnpike. Two other river crossing existed prior to the construction of the Turnpike. The first was located about a mile to the north and was crossed by a ferry. The second was located about 1800 feet south of the current Capon Bridge. The second crossing remained in use by local residents during the nineteenth century when the Northwestern Turnpike, a toll road, was in operation.	
Description of Building or Site (Original and Present) _____ Stories _____ Front Bays Photos of the original 1834 bridge show a Burr arch Truss-type covered bridge. It does not match Shaw's original design but it was likely altered when built. It is unclear what happened to Shaw's bridge though it is normally assumed it was destroyed at some point during the Civil War. It was replaced by a second bridge, an iron pony truss with two simple spans. This second bridge remained until at least 1913 when it was last photographed. A third bridge, a Pratt Through Truss with two simple spans, which appears to have been raised, was in place by 1925. The current bridge also a Pratt Through Truss but with only one simple span was completed in 1933 by E.R. Mills. Mills also built the Buffalo Creek Arch Bridge in Marion County and the St Albans-Nitro Bridge in Kanawha County neither of which is still extant.	
Alterations ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe: Main members replaced in kind in 1978	
Additions ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, describe	
Describe All Outbuildings There are no outbuildings associated with this bridge. <i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>	
Statement of Significance The Capon Bridge was determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register under Criterion C in 2013 as result of the State-wide Bridge survey. It is not associated with significant events or persons within the broad patterns of history on the local, state, or national level and is not eligible for the National Register under Criterion A or B. Eligibility under Criterion D was not investigated as part of this study. <i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>	
Bibliographical References Mead & Hunt and KCI. West Virginia Historic Bridge Inventory Form for the Capon Bridge (HM-0802), 2013 <i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>	
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View of the Capon Bridge looking southwest



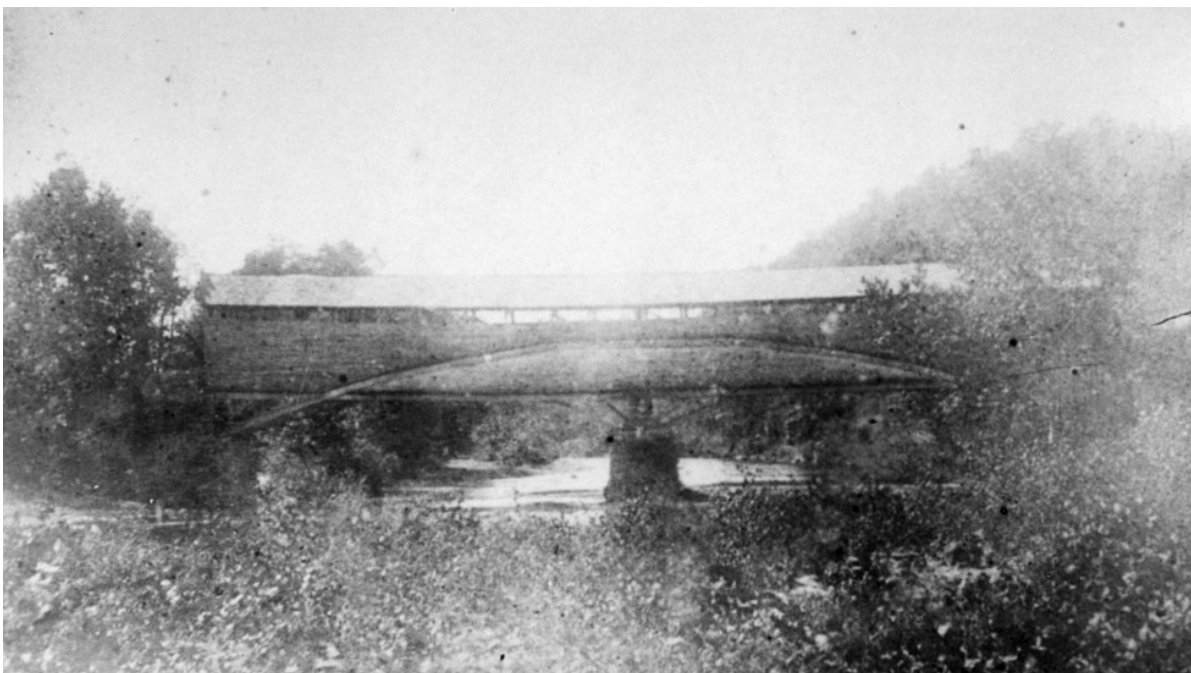
View of the Capon Bridge looking south

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View of the remaining stones that were part of the original central pylon



View of the original Burr Arch Truss Covered Bridge, built ca. 1834

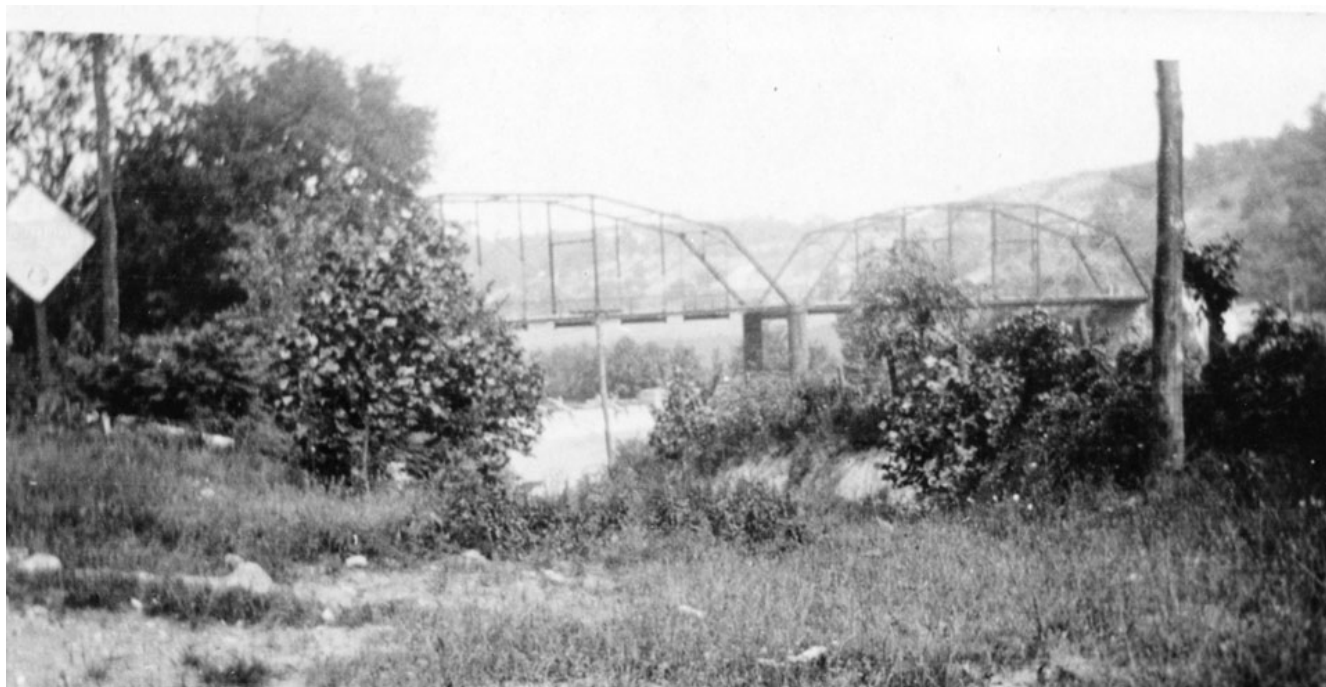
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View of the second Capon Bridge, a pony truss bridge



View of the third Capon Bridge, a two span Pratt Through Truss