

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM updated 3 July 2018/3 October 2018
CONTINUATION SHEET

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NAME South Side Bridge SITE# KA-1376 Survey Blevins Charleston (2013, 2014, 2016) & New Deal Survey (2017)



Looking South on the east side of the bridge from the plaques near Virginia Street.
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S. CLYDE JARRETT - CLERK
JOHN D. PRICE - TREASURER
PHILIP H. HILL - SOLICITOR
HARRY L. CAMPBELL - ENGINEER
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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
IN
WEST VIRGINIA

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT - PRESIDENT U.S.A.
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COOPERATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION, MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON TO RECEIVE THIS BRIDGE, AFTER ALL OTHER APPARENT SOURCES HAD FAILED. IT REPLACED THE OLD SOUTH SIDE BRIDGE ON THE SAME SITE BUILT IN 1891, WHICH LONG HAD BEEN OBSOLETE AND INADEQUATE. ITS CONSTRUCTION GAVE WORK TO THE OTHERWISE UNEMPLOYED MEN OF THIS COMMUNITY.

TO THIS PROJECT THE WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION CONTRIBUTED APPROXIMATELY \$312,000, OF WHICH \$153,000 WENT FOR STEEL AND THE REMAINDER FOR LABOR.

THE CITY OF CHARLESTON PAID ITS SHARE OF THE COSTS FROM A \$330,000 BRIDGE BOND ISSUE, PASSED ON DECEMBER 5, 1935.

THE SPAN OVER THE TRACKS OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD WAS FINANCED WITH \$40,000 FROM FEDERAL WORKS PROGRAM GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ROAD COMMISSION AS PROJECT NUMBER W. P. G. M. 277.

PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION WAS BEGUN JANUARY 20, 1936, AND THE BRIDGE WAS COMPLETED IN APRIL, 1937.

STEEL WAS FABRICATED AND THREE MAIN SPANS ERECTED BY THE WISCONSIN BRIDGE & IRON COMPANY, OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. ALL OTHER WORK WAS DONE BY CITY OF CHARLESTON FORCES.



South Side Bridge/Dickinson Street with view North toward Virginia Street.
Note 900 Virginia Street, white building foreground on right does not have the
penthouse addition added to the roof at this time.

Photographed 13 March 2014 by Ernest Everett Blevins, MFA



South Side Bridge east side from MacCorkle Avenue. Note New Deal stonework for riverbank erosion on north side of the Kanawha River.

Photographed 3 April 2017 by Ernest Everett Blevins, MFA



South Side Bridge west side view from MacCorkle Avenue at Wallace Way
Photographed 15 March 2017 by Ernest Everett Blevins, MFA



South Side Bridge east side from Kanawha Boulevard
Photographed 29 November 2013 by Ernest Everett Blevins, MFA



South Side Bridge looking north from Ferry Street near Amtrak Station.
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