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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

OMB No. 1024-0018



**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
state: Mississippi code: MS county: Copiah Simpson code: 029 127 vicinity X zip code: 39078

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. Paul
Signature of certifying official

APRIL 28, 2005
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):

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Edson H. Beall 6/10/05

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

structures

objects

Total

1

1

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

0

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

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 Dates
1940

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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References:	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Easting</u>	<u>Northing</u>
	15	770740	3530000

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification:

See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title:	Jack D. Elliott, Jr./Historical Archaeologist	
organization:	Mississippi Department of Archives and History	date: July 2004
street & number:	P. O. Box 571	telephone: 601-576-6940
city or town:	Jackson	state: Mississippi
		zip code: 39205

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner(s)

name:	Mississippi Department of Transportation	
street & number:	P. O. Box 1850	telephone:
city or town:	Jackson	state: Mississippi
		zip code: 39215

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

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
CONTINUATION SHEET**

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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.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Pearl River Bridge on Mississippi Highway 28
NAME:

MULTIPLE Historic Bridges of Mississippi TR
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MISSISSIPPI, Copiah

DATE RECEIVED: 4/29/05 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/26/05
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/10/05 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/12/05
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 05000566

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 6/10/05 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



Pearl River Bridge on Miss. Hwy. 28.
Copiah and Simpson Counties, Mississippi
Photo by Jack Elliott, Jr.

January 1986; field checked in 2002
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view from south
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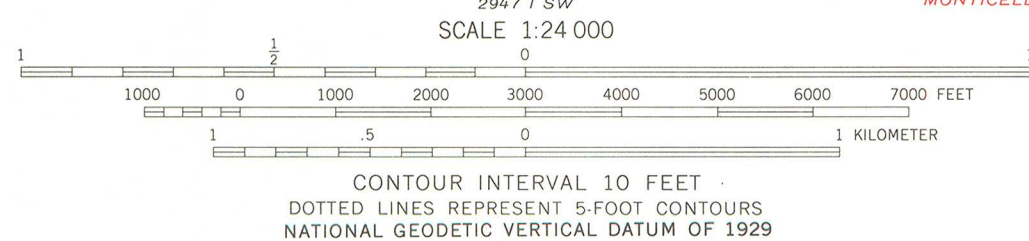
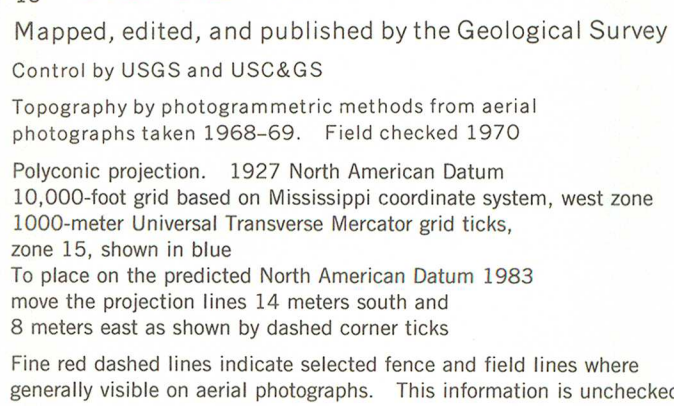
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Pearl River Bridge on Miss. Hwy. 28
Copiah and Simpson Counties, Mississippi
Photo by Jack D. Elliott, Jr.
January 1986; field checked in 2002
Negative: Miss. Dept. of Archives & History
View from South west
Photo 2 of 2

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January 5, 2005

Mr. Kenneth H. P'Pool
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Mississippi Department of Archives and History
P.O. Box 571
Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0571

Re: Truss bridges proposed for listing in the National Register

Dear Mr. P'Pool:

This is in response to your letter, dated November 9, 2004, to MDOT Executive Director, Larry L. "Butch" Brown, concerning the Mississippi Historic Preservation Professional Review Board meeting in January. At that time the National Register of Historic Places eligibility of the Bayou Pierre Bridge on Mississippi Highway 18 in Copiah County and the Pearl River Bridge on Mississippi Highway 28 in Copiah and Simpson Counties will be considered.

The SR 18 Bridge was constructed in 1940 and currently has a sufficiency rating of 26.1. It is scheduled for replacement in 2010. The SR 28 Bridge was also built in 1940 and has a sufficiency rating of 52.2. Whenever a bridge reaches a sufficiency rating of 50 or less it is scheduled for replacement.

While we agree that these truss bridges are potentially eligible for the National Register we are concerned that an NRHP listing will complicate our efforts to replace them with safer structures. We would be delighted to work with your office to devise a plan for mitigation of these bridges, perhaps similar to the one our agencies cooperated on for the removal of the U.S. Highway 49W Bridge over the Yazoo River several years ago. At that time MDOT provided MDAH with complete photo documentation, original construction plans, and dedication plaques.



Mr. Kenneth P'Pool
January 5, 2005
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We very much appreciate your informing us of the Review Board agenda and we look forward to discussing this issue with you in the near future. Please contact me or my staff at any time if you need assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Claiborne Barnwell', with a stylized, flowing script.

E. Claiborne Barnwell
Environmental Division Engineer

ECB/bjg

Cc: Mr. Larry L. "Butch" Brown, Executive Director
Mr. Harry Lee James, Chief Engineer
Mr. David Foster, Assistant Chief Engineer
Ms. Melinda McGrath, Assistant Chief Engineer
Mr. Walter Lyons, District Engineer
Mr. Mitch Carr, Bridge Division Engineer

February 2, 2005

Mr. Larry L. "Butch" Brown
Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Transportation
P. O. Box 1850
Jackson, Mississippi 39215-1850

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am writing to inform you that the Mississippi Historic Preservation Professional Review Board, at its meeting on January 20, 2005, approved the nominations for the **Bayou Pierre Bridge on Mississippi Highway 18**, near Carpenter, in Copiah County, and the **Pearl River Bridge on Mississippi Highway 28**, near Georgetown, in Copiah and Simpson Counties, to the National Register of Historic Places.

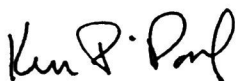
We had received a letter from Mr. Claiborne Barnwell, Environmental Division Engineer, Mississippi Department of Transportation, dated January 5, 2005, expressing concern about the proposed nominations. Mr. Barnwell's letter was presented to the Review Board at their meeting and was discussed as a part of their consideration of the nominations. We were pleased that Bruce Gray and John Underwood of the MDOT Environmental Division were able to attend the meeting and to participate in the discussion.

While the Review Board appreciated the concerns that Mr. Barnwell expressed in his letter, they also realized that, because both bridges are *eligible* for the National Register, the *listing* of these two bridges would not impose any responsibilities upon MDOT beyond those that exist already, and that the listing of the bridges on the National Register would actually streamline the process of reviewing any proposed undertakings by eliminating the need to take time in the future to formally determine eligibility.

All the necessary forms, maps, and photographs will be mailed to the National Register office in Washington, DC, as expeditiously as possible. The review of the nominations must then occur within forty-five days after they are received by the National Register office. We will keep you advised as to any information we receive concerning the nominations.

If you have any questions about the National Register program, please feel free to contact us at the above address or by phone at (601) 576-6940.

Sincerely,



Kenneth H. P'Pool
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

c: Mr. Claiborne Barnwell