



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

historic name: Lucien Bridge
other names/site number:

2. Location

street & number: Over McCall Creek on Stewart Road, at Lucien
city or town: McCall Creek vicinity X
state: Mississippi code: MS county: Franklin code: 037 zip code: 39647

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. Pool APRIL 28, 2005
Signature of certifying official 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.)

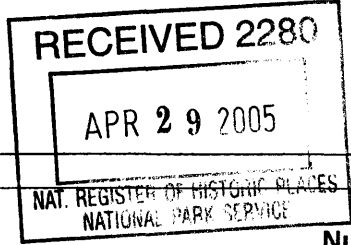
Signature of commenting or other official Date

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):

Edson H. Ball Date of Action 6/16/05
Signature of the Keeper



Lucien Bridge

Franklin County, Mississippi

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:
Public-local

Number of Resources within Property:
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Category of Property:
Structure

Contributing	Noncontributing
	buildings
	sites
1	structures
	objects
1	Total

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: (truss) steel
(deck) wood

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
1938

Significant Dates
1938

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 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:	Zone	Easting	Northing
	15	721615	3488440

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification:

See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

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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: Franklin County Board of Supervisors	telephone: 601-384-2330
street & number: POB 297	zip code: 39653
city or town: Meadville	state: Mississippi

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

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
CONTINUATION SHEET**

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Lucien Bridge, McCall Creek vicinity
Franklin County, Mississippi

Narrative Description:

The Lucien Bridge is located on Stewart Road, where it crosses McCall Creek, on the southern edge of the community of Lucien in Franklin County.

Built in 1938, it is a single-lane, two-span bridge of steel construction, consisting of two identical Pratt through-truss spans, each 151 feet in length and 18 feet in width. Together the spans are 302 feet in length.

The top chords of the structural trusses consist of two channels and one plate connected underneath by small rectangular plates. The posts consist of two channels connected underneath by small rectangular plates, while the hip verticals consist of two angle bars. The bottom chords consist of two rectilinear eye-bars. The diagonal members consist of two rectilinear eye-bars, and the counters consist of single cylindrical eye-bars. The metal truss spans are supported beneath by I-beam piers.

Although not regularly maintained, this bridge has not been altered nor has it been damaged.

Narrative Statement of Significance:

The Lucien Bridge, built in 1938, 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 one-lane Pratt through truss bridge. Bridges of this type were commonly built on rural roads throughout Mississippi from around 1900 through the 1930s, but surviving examples are now becoming very rare.

A comprehensive survey of all known truss bridges in the state of Mississippi pre-dating 1953, conducted in 1986, revealed 35 surviving examples of the Pratt through truss type, the oldest being the Tibbee Creek Bridge in Clay County, built in 1896 (listed on the National Register in 1988). By the time these bridges were re-surveyed in 2002, eleven had been demolished, and another six had been abandoned. The continued survival of many others is problematic.

The Lucien Bridge is an intact surviving example of this increasingly rare type of bridge, and it is one of the best examples of the few surviving through truss vehicular bridges in Franklin County.

Verbal Boundary Description

This structure is located in the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 6 North, Range 5 East, on a county road in Lucien, Franklin County, Mississippi. It consists of two identical 18-foot by 151-foot truss spans with a total length of 302 feet located at UTM coordinates 15-721615-3488440.

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.



Lucien Bridge

Franklin County, Mississippi

photo by Jack D. Elliott, Jr.

February 1986; field checked in 2002

negative: MS Dept. of Archives & History

side view of the bridge from the west,
view to east.

photo 1 of 2

A black and white photograph of a wooden truss bridge. The bridge is constructed with dark wood and features a complex truss structure of metal beams. It spans across a wooded area with many bare trees. A sign is attached to the railing on the left side of the bridge. The sign is rectangular and contains the text "5 TON LIMIT" in bold, capital letters. The bridge deck is made of wooden planks, and the railing consists of two horizontal wooden rails. The background is filled with a dense forest of leafless trees, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The sky is overcast and grey.

5 TON
LIMIT

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south end of the bridge, viewed from
southwest, looking toward northeast

photo 2 of 2