

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

JENNY LIND BRIDGE

HAER NO. AR-54

LOCATION: Spans a small tributary of Vache Grasse Creek on County Road #8 (Howard Hill School Road), in the vicinity of the town of Jenny Lind, Sebastian County, Arkansas.

UTM: 15/3901975/381695
Quad: Barling

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1940

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE: This bridge is in good condition and is still being used for vehicular traffic. Recent road construction and drainage improvements at the bridge has completely covered both spandrel walls with fill material up to the parapets. The road deck and wing walls are the only bridge features currently visible.

STYLE: Two span, masonry arch bridge.

BUILDER: The Jenny Lind Bridge was built under the authority of the Federal Government's Works Projects Administration.

SIGNIFICANCE: The Jenny Lind Bridge is one of eight known masonry arch bridges in Arkansas. It is a good example of WPA bridge construction in the state.

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STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

This bridge uses coursed Ashlar masonry in its construction. Recent road construction activity at the bridge has completely covered both spandrel walls with fill material up to the parapets. It is not possible to make an accurate description of the bridge at this time.

DIMENSIONS

This bridge is 30 feet long with two arch spans each measuring 13 feet.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AHTD Bridge No. 16771, AHPP Resource No. SB0403.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Bridge Division Files, Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, Little Rock.

Historic Bridge File, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, Little Rock.

McClurkan, Burney B. Arkansas' Historic Bridge Inventory, Evaluation Procedures 1987 and Preservation Plan. Manuscript of file, Environmental Division, Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, Little Rock.