

## MISSISSIPPI HISTORIC BRIDGE SURVEY

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OCT 03 19881. Name of Bridge: Motley Slough Bridge

## 2. Location

Code 087County Lowndes USGS Quadrangle ArtesiaTown/vicinity Columbus vicinity

UTM coordinates:

Zone 16 Easting 358820 Northing 3700800Acreage less than one Owner Lowndes County

Verbal boundary description:

Includes the 17.9 by 80 ft. bridge spanning Motley Slough on Shaeffer's Chapel Road in Section 10, Township 18 North, Range 17 East.

## 3. Description

Number of spans 1 Length overall 80 ft (24.4 m)

Span types:

(1) Pratt pony truss length 80 ft. (24.4 m)(2)  length (3)  length 

Truss span components:

Top chords 2 channel beams and 1 plateEnd posts 2 channel beams and 1 plateBottom chords 2 rectilinear eye-barsHip verticals 4 angle bars laced togetherIntermediate posts 4 angle bars laced togetherDiagonals see diagramCounters Connections pinsPiers concreteAbutments concreteCondition fair. Bridge is supported in middle by wooden posts.Date of construction 1920Builder unknownSource State Highway Department Bridge Inventory

## 4. Location of Legal Description

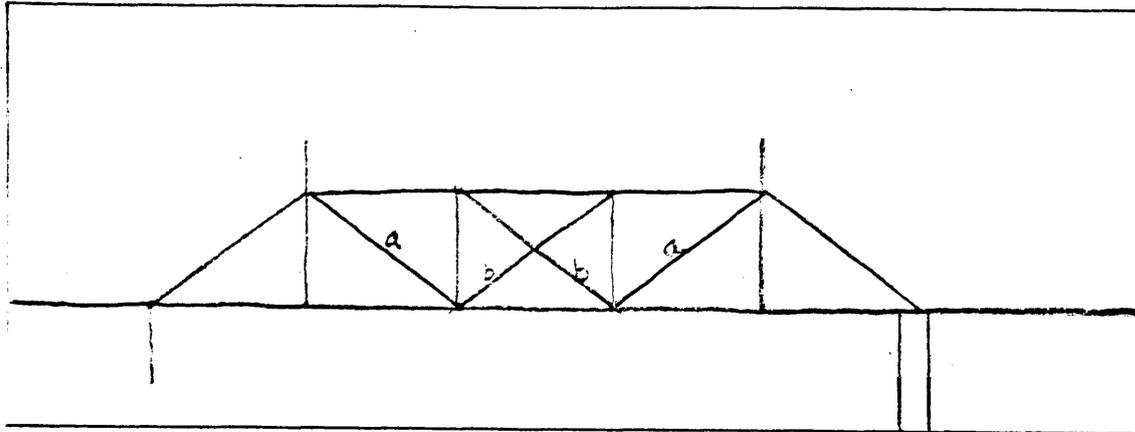
Courthouse, Office of the Chancery Clerk

Registry of Deeds, etc.: Lowndes County Courthouse

Street &amp; Number: 501 2nd Avenue North

City, Town: Columbus State: Mississippi

## Profile Sketch



- (a) 2 cylindrical eye-bars
- (b) 2 rectilinear eye-bars

### 5. Significance

Level of significance:

Local \_\_\_\_; State x; National \_\_\_\_

Statement of significance:

This bridge consists of one Pratt pony truss span, which was a commonly used type of truss span in Mississippi during the early 20th century. It is significant in that it embodies "the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction." An agreement to preserve this bridge was made in 1983 with the Lowdes County Board of Supervisors.

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