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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Petit Jean River Bridge

other name/site number: L00043

2. Location

street & number: State Highway 109 at crossing of Petit Jean River

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Sugar Grove

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Logan code: AR 083 zip code: 72927

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-state

Category of Property: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	buildings
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	sites
<u>  +  </u>	<u>          </u>	structures
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	objects
<u>  +  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Bridges of Arkansas

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**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**  
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Slatu  
Signature of certifying official

4-11-95  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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**5. National Park Service Certification**  
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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 Keeper      Date  
   of Action

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**6. Function or Use**  
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Historic: TRANSPORTATION      Sub: Road-related  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Current: TRANSPORTATION      Sub: Road-related  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

Other
\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: Pratt thru-truss \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation Stone/concrete roof N/A
walls Metal handrailing other Timber over
steel
substructure

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Local \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Significance: ENGINEERING
\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1938-1939 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates: 1938 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s): N/A \_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Unknown \_\_\_\_\_
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\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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See "Historic Bridges of Arkansas" MPS Nomination, Section H.

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property: Less than one

Table with 6 columns: UTM References, Zone Easting, Northing, Zone Easting, Northing. Rows A, B, C, D with numerical values and blank lines.

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the western edge of State Highway 109 with a perpendicular line running parallel with the northern end of the bridge and located approximately 25 feet to the north thereof, proceed westerly for a distance of approximately 25 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the bridge's western side; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 323 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 74 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 323 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line; thence proceed southwesterly to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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### **Description**

Located on Highway 109 at its crossing of the Petit Jean River (approximately .5 miles south of County Road 738 and Highway 109, approximately one mile north of Sugar Creek), the Petit Jean River Bridge is a Pratt through-truss steel bridge. The bridge itself extends between two pair of poured concrete piers placed away from each shoreline and which connect the bridge structure itself with the approach spans. The entire bridge measures 273 feet in length, with a deck width of 19 feet and an overall width of 24 feet. The abutments that support the ends of the approach spans are stone masonry and the piers are concrete. The deck material is timber over a steel substructure. A simple metal handrailing also runs the length of each side of the deck.

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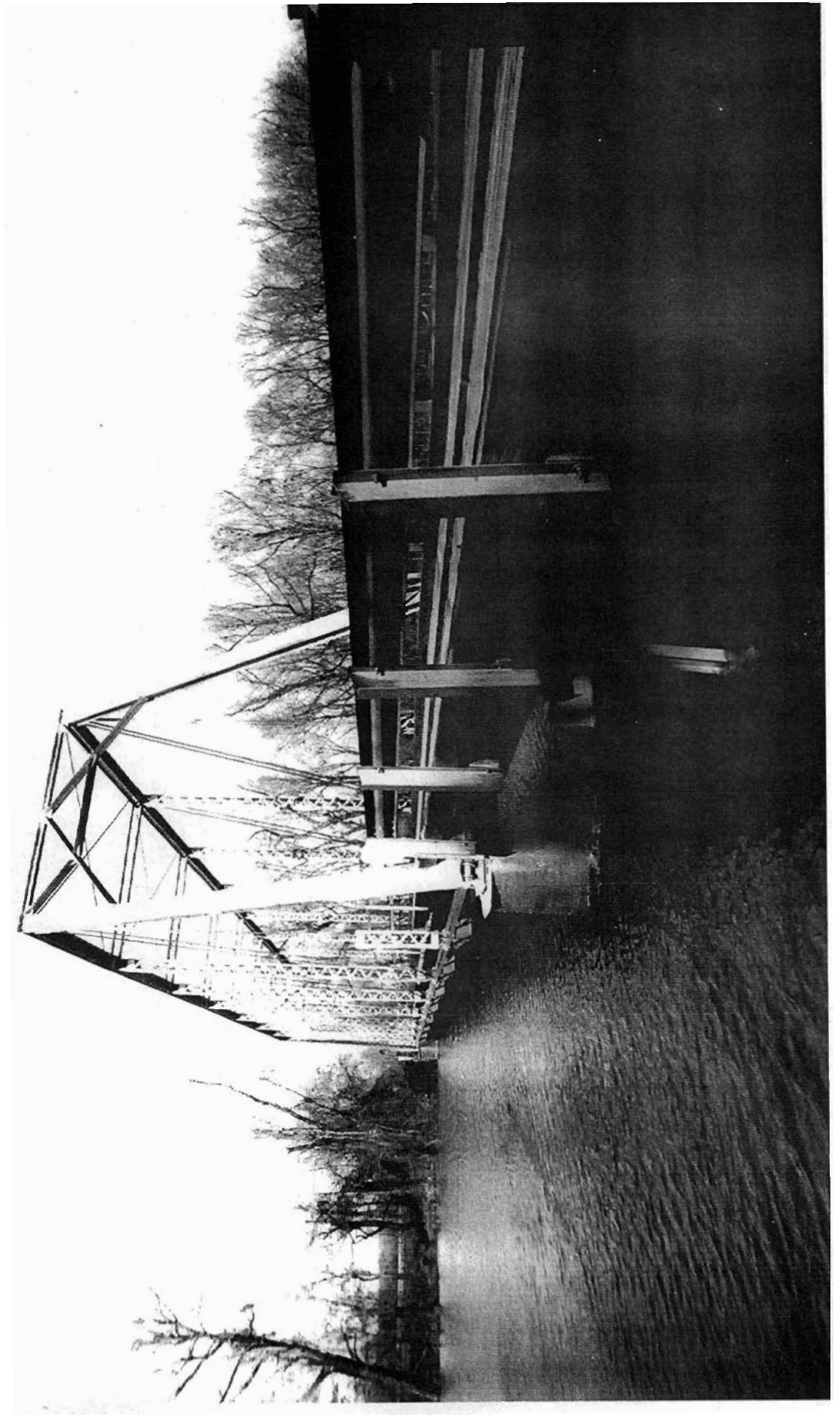
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### Significance

Constructed in 1938, the Petit Jean River Bridge is associated with the *Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era* historic context and is of the steel Pratt through-truss type. Though the identity of its original designer does not survive, it was constructed in conjunction with the Arkansas State Highway Commission and thus may well have been designed by one of that state agency's engineers. Given its relatively intact condition it retains sufficient integrity to remain associated with its historic period and is thus locally eligible under Criterion C.







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