STATE OF ALABAMA



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ALABAMA INVENTORY AND WORKSHEET FOR LANDMARKS

	COUNT
PRESENT NAME	E Stracener Bridge HISTORIC NAME
LOCATION (S	treet and number) Blount County 14
TOWN (Give	directions if rural) 2½ miles southwest of Sneads Crossroads
PRESENT USE	Transportation HISTORIC USE Transportation
OWNERSHIP:	Public (X) Private () Public acquisition being considered ()
	OWNER'S NAME Blount County
	MAILING ADDRESS
CONDITION:	Execllent () Good () Fair (x) Ruins ()
INTEGRITY:	Original Site () Moved (x) When? 1943
	From where? Give details in significance.
THREATS:	No () Yes (X) By What? New Bridge Construction
RESTORATION	WORK: Being considered () Underway () Completed () Not planned (χ
SURROUNDING	ENVIRONMENT: Open land () Woodland (_X) Scattered buildings () High building density () Commercial () Industrial () Residential () Rural (X)
	re are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a ic District?
SIGNIFICANCE	E: Why is this important () associated with events, persons, or movements Local () State () National () (X) a good example of a type or style of structure () other
gi	expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant, are details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the symmetry's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend person related to the building's importance.)

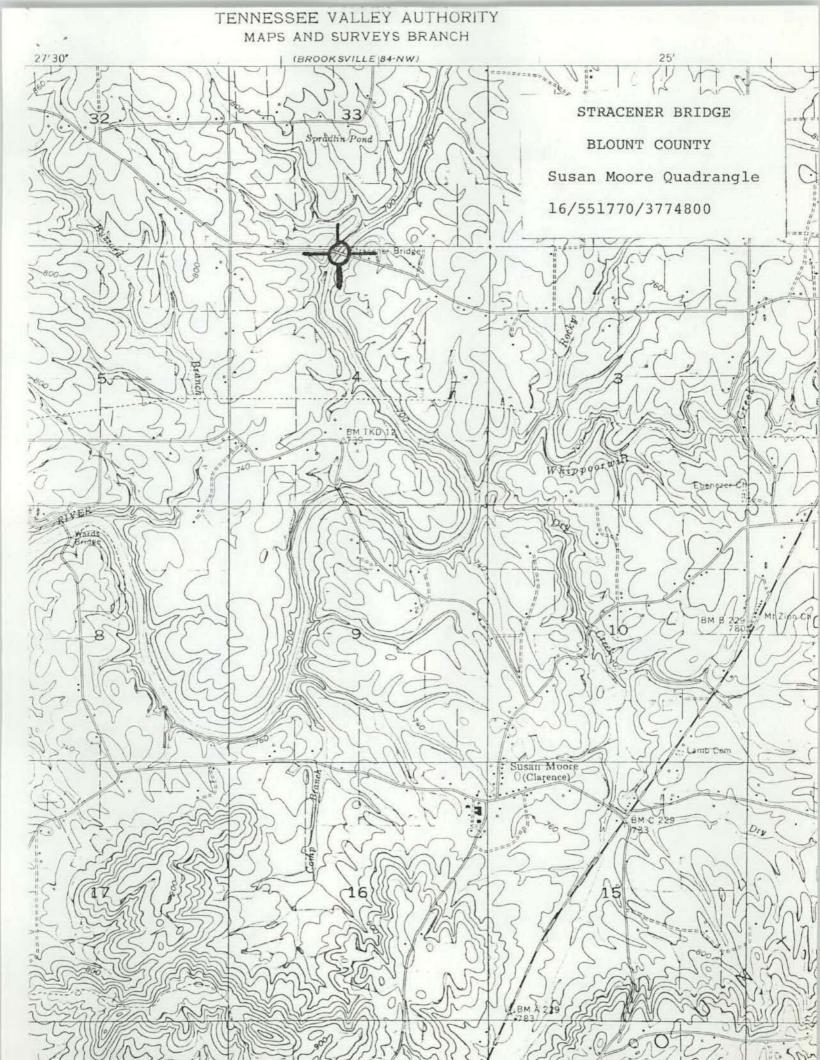
A good example of an early steel truss bridge.

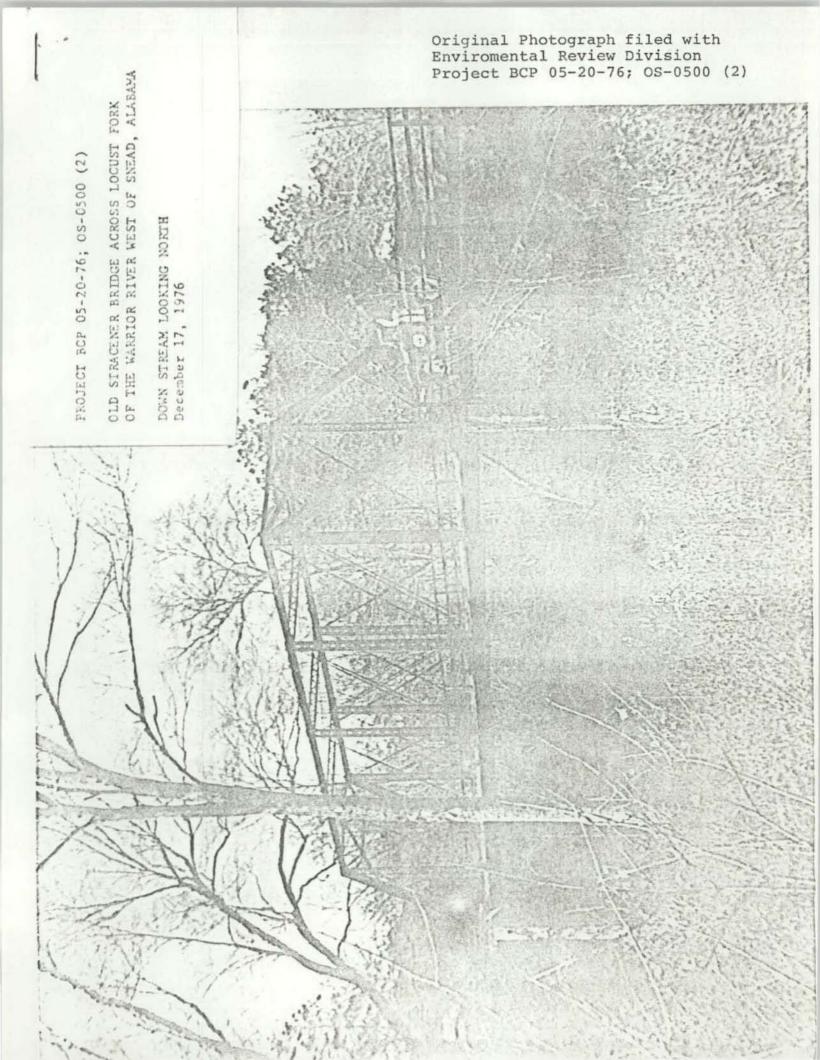
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