

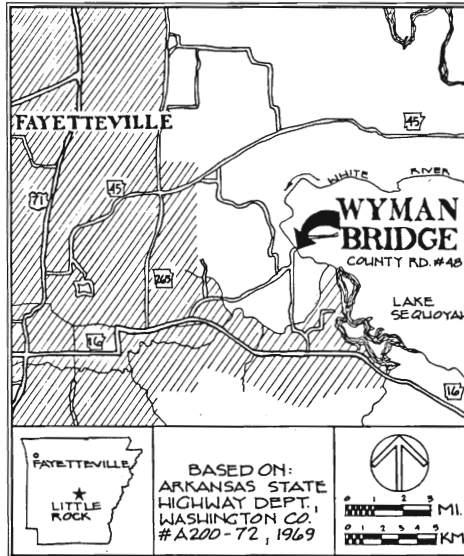
W Y M A N B R I D G E

FAYETTEVILLE VICINITY, ARKANSAS 1908

THIS 170 FOOT SPAN OVER THE WHITE RIVER IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS IS ONE OF SIX PARKER TRUSSES LEFT IN THE STATE. PARKER TRUSSES ARE VERY SIMILAR TO THE MORE COMMON PRATT TRUSS, EXCEPT WITH THE PARKER, THE TOP CHORD IS POLYGONAL RATHER THAN STRAIGHT. THE WYMAN IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF THE BRIDGE TYPE BECAUSE IT APPEARS, BASICALLY, IN ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION THE ONLY CHANGE THAT HAS BEEN MADE IS A CONCRETE DECK IN 1956.

THE WYMAN BRIDGE WAS BUILT BY THE VINCENNES BRIDGE COMPANY OF INDIANA, WHO SHORTLY AFTER 1908 DEVELOPED INTO A MAJOR BRIDGE BUILDING COMPANY BY FOCUSING ON MAKING STANDARDIZED BRIDGES SIMPLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

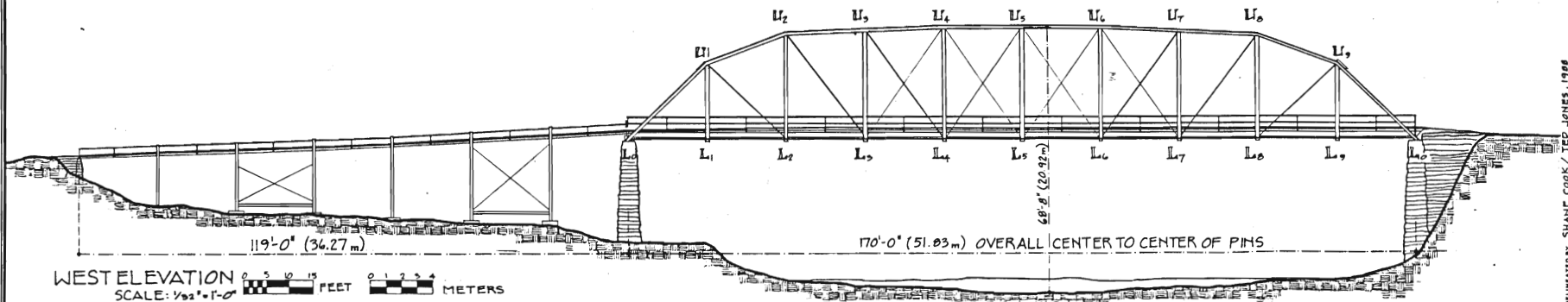
THE BRIDGE IS LOCATED IN WYMAN TOWNSHIP IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. ONCE A SMALL TOWN WITH A PROMISING FUTURE IN LUMBER, WYMAN HAS DISAPPEARED IN ALL BUT NAME NOT MORE THAN 150 FEET FROM THE HIGHWAY BRIDGE ARE REMNANTS LEFT OVER FROM A SHORT RAILWAY SPUR THAT RAN FROM THE COUNTY SEAT, FAYETTEVILLE, EAST TWELVE MILES TO WYMAN IN THE 1880's.

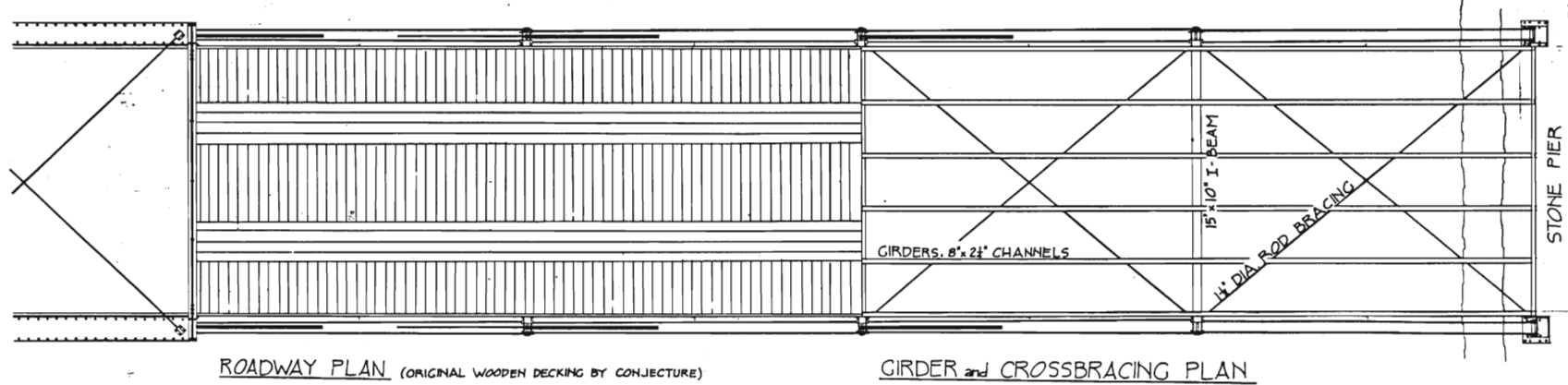
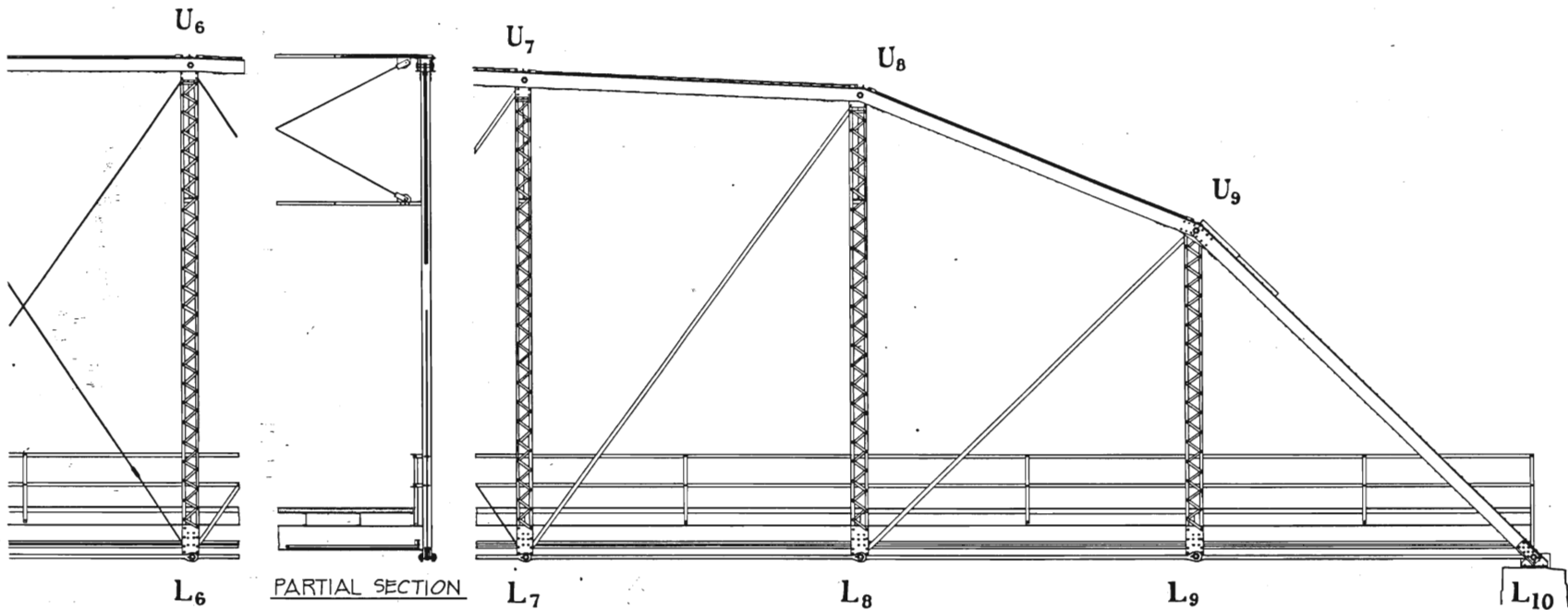


THE WYMAN BRIDGE WAS DOCUMENTED DURING THE SUMMER OF 1988 AS PART OF THE ARKANSAS HISTORIC BRIDGE RECORDING PROJECT, BY THE HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD (HAER), A LONG-RANGE PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TO DOCUMENT HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT ENGINEERING AND INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES IN THE UNITED STATES THE ARKANSAS HISTORIC BRIDGE RECORDING PROJECT WAS CO-SPONSORED BY THE ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM AND THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

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 HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD
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