

Cheat Bridge carries US Route 250 over Shavers Fork in Randolph County. It was built in 1934 by Monty Brothers Company. The steel was fabricated by Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company. The bridge consists of a 110-foot simple span rivet connected pony truss (Camelback Warren) supported on concrete abutments.

Cheat Bridge is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A for association with the development of US Route 250, a major east-west transportation route. It is also eligible under Criterion C for its engineering significance and association with Monty Brothers Company, an important bridge builder in WV. Cheat Bridge is also associated with Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company, a nationally known bridge fabricator. Cheat Bridge is listed on the 1990 Final List of Historic Bridges in WV.

Cheat Bridge was constructed in 1934 when US Route 250 was expanding into Virginia. US Route 250 was created in 1928 and traveled from Grafton, WV to Norwalk, Ohio. In 1934 it expanded to Richmond, VA and roughly followed the route of the Staunton Parkersburg Turnpike. US Route 250 was a spur of US Route 50 and became a major east-west transportation route. This bridge is scheduled for replacement in 2019.

Cheat Bridge History



Location: carries US Route 250 over Shavers Fork in Randolph County

Type: Simple Span Rivet Connected Pony Truss

Length: 110 feet

Year constructed: 1934

Contractor: Monty Brothers Co.

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