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- Research and Write Historic Reports
- Determine National Register Eligibility
- Determine Historic Boundaries
- Determine Effects to Historic Properties
- Mitigate Adverse Effects to Historic Properties
- Complete Historic Documentations for Specific Historic Properties
- Historic Turnpike Research and Analysis
- Coordinate with Federal, State, and Local Resource Agencies
- Conduct Public Workshops for Specific Bridge and Highway Projects

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McClung Bridge



Morehead Bridge

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bridges
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In 1873, an English immigrant, John Bradbury opened a small blacksmith shop in Oregonia, Ohio. Thomas Spencer later became a partner in the shop, and by 1888 the firm, Bradbury and Spencer, had built its first iron bridge. In 1896, the company was renamed, the Oregonia Bridge Company to reflect its evolution from a humble blacksmith shop to a full-scale bridge construction firm. In 1950, the company was acquired by the Dave Steel Company, which continues to operate today.

The McClung and Morehead Bridges are simple span riveted steel through trusses that were constructed as part of WV 14 in 1923 by the Oregonia Bridge Company. The construction of WV 14 and these two bridges were the result of the legislation of 1921, part of it authorized by the constitutional amendment of November 2, 1920 which marked the beginning of a new era in roads for West Virginia. Known as the Good Roads Movement, it allowed the State Road Commission to establish a state road system, sell bonds, and designate revenue from motor vehicle licenses and other provisions.

National Register of Historic Places recognizes those places that are worthy of preservation because of their association with important events, people, architecture or data potential. Both the Morehead and McClung Bridges were determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places because of their association with the Good Roads Movement as well as their construction by a master bridge builder. Both bridges supplied a much needed local transportation route for the citizens of Wirt County and allowed an easier and safer route for movement of goods and people .

For more information on Wirt County and the West Virginia National Register properties, please refer to the following website: www.wvculture.org/shpo/nr/index.html

McClung & Morehead History



McClung Bridge



Morehead Bridge

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Location: WV 14, 20 miles south of Elizabeth
Type: Simple Span Riveted Steel Through Truss
Length: 120'
Year constructed: 1923
Contractor: Oregonia Bridge Company

morehead

Location: WV 14, Right Fork of Reedy Creek
Type: Simple Span Riveted Steel Through Truss
Length: 120'
Year constructed: 1923
Contractor: Oregonia Bridge Company