

Pocatalico River Road Truss Bridge



Roane County

The Pocatalico River Road Truss Bridge is located in Roane County and carries County Route 34 over the Pocatalico River. The Pocatalico River Road Truss Bridge is an 1899 Pratt Truss Bridge with a laminated wood deck, a steel girder substructure, cut stone abutments, and V-Lacing throughout the bridge. The bridge is 103 feet long and 12 feet wide. The main members have "Carnegie" stamps, indicating that the metal superstructure was sourced from Carnegie Steel. The bridge is a well-preserved example of an early truss bridge type in West Virginia and was constructed by the Canton Bridge Company of Canton, Ohio, a company that is a known builder of historic bridges in the region. The Canton Bridge Company was founded in 1892 by Canton native John R. Reed and became a large regional bridge company before it was bought by the American Bridge Company in the early 20th Century.

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