

## what Historical Services Unit does

- Research and Write History Reports
- Determine National Register Eligibility
- Determine Historic Boundaries
- Determine Effects to Historic Properties
- Mitigate Adverse Effects to Historic Properties
- Complete Historic Documentation 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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shavers fork  
**bridge**  
*randolph county*



Shavers Fork Bridge was built in 1914 by the Farris Bridge Company of Charleston, West Virginia. The contracting company, incorporated by Charleston engineer William Farris in 1908, is considered a master builder of concrete bridges in West Virginia. The Shavers Fork Bridge consisted of three spandrel filled simple reinforced arch spans supported on concrete skewbacks and solid concrete piers. There was a concrete parapet railing (with incised rectangular motif) along each side of the structure.

The bridge's overall measurements were 175'-4" long (end to end of railing) by 15'-8" wide. It was used as a single-lane bridge and had a roadway width of 13'-3" wide (curb to curb).

## Shavers Fork Bridge History

By the end of 2015 Shavers Fork Bridge was the oldest of six remaining concrete deck arch bridges in Randolph County that were built between 1909, when state standards were first set for roads built by county engineers, and 1920, when the Good Roads Amendment established a state supervised and funded road system.

Shavers Fork Bridge was determined eligible to the National Register of Historic Places for its local significance as a representation of early 20th century road development and as a noteworthy example of a concrete arch bridge constructed by a master builder distinguishable on a state level. Demolition of this bridge was completed in early 2016.



**Location:** County Route 9/3, over Shavers Fork of the Cheat River  
**Type:** Spandrel Filled Simple Reinforced Concrete Deck Arch Spans  
**Length:** 175 feet 4 inches  
**Year constructed:** 1914  
**Contractor:** Farris Bridge Company of Charleston, West Virginia