

what **Historical Services Unit** does

- 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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mccubbins ford
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The McCubbins Ford Bridge in Berkeley County was constructed in 1890 at an unknown location and was later moved around 1929 by an unknown contractor. The bridge was located on a section of roadway that carries County Route 22 over Back Creek. County Route 22 is functionally classified as a State Local Services road with no posted speed limit, an 18-foot wide roadway, and minimal shoulders. The road follows portions of Back Creek which is a tributary of the Potomac River. The bridge consisted of a simple span riveted wrought iron through truss supported by full-height reinforced concrete abutments. The McCubbins Ford Bridge had minimal but detailed architectural features at each corner of the portal struts and was the shortest spanning example of its type. Therefore, the McCubbins Bridge is considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for its local significance as a wrought iron pin truss bridge, its span length, and architectural detail.

McCubbins Ford History

The McCubbins Ford Bridge was fabricated by the Buckeye Bridge Works of Cleveland, Ohio. The Buckeye Bridge Works Company was formed in 1875 in association with Mahlon Miller and William Jamieson. Mahlon Miller received a patent for a truss bridge design in 1870. The bridge was constructed five years later. Eleven aluminum/wrought iron through truss bridges erected prior to 1925 remain standing in West Virginia. These remaining bridges were constructed mainly between 1890 and 1912 with two examples constructed during the early 1920s. The oldest of these bridges was the McCubbins Ford Bridge, constructed in 1890 in Berkeley County. Construction of a replacement bridge is scheduled to begin in 2015.



Location: County Route 22 in Berkeley County, approximately .07 of a mile south of County Route 22/1

Type: Simple Span Riveted Wrought Iron Through-Truss

Length: 86 feet

Year constructed: 1890 **Year reconstructed and moved:** 1929