

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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(Staff Use Only)

File No: 34
Theme(s):
Neg No(s):
USGS Quad:
UTM Ref: 17/45/780/4346380

DISTRICT, SITE, BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OBJECT

1. NAME(S), historic/common: Sixth Street Railroad Bridge

2. LOCATION, street/road: Sixth Street

city/town: Parkersburg, WV 26101
(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: bridge

original: bridge

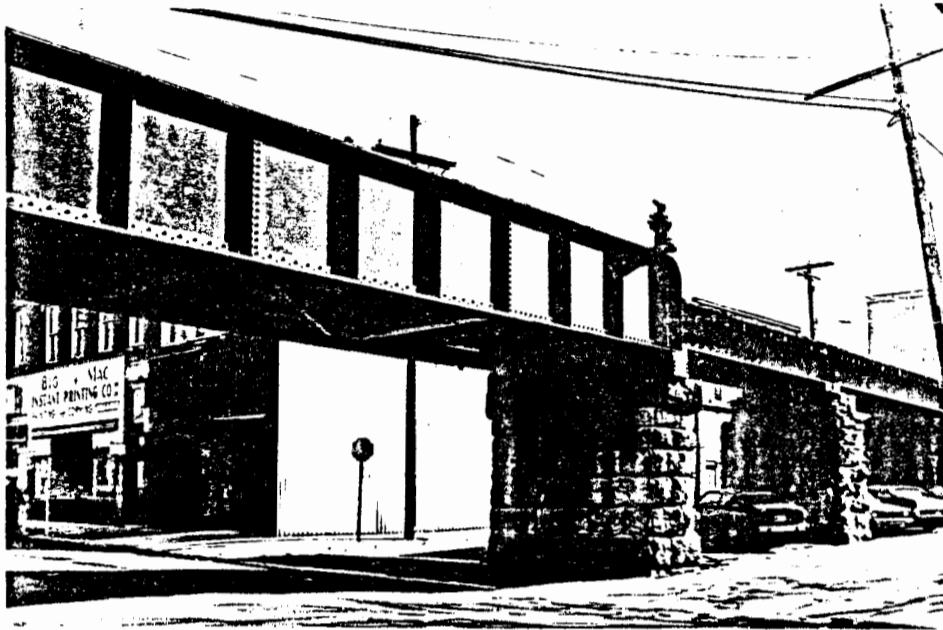
(public/private)
restricted

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: B&O Railroad

original:

(public/private)

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF: 8112-R2-F11 8201-R2-F4-57. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):

8. ACREAGE (approx):

verbal boundary description: Includes stone piers, abutments, and bridge superstructure which are defined by Sixth Street upon which the bridge approach and appurtenances stand; and the bridge superstructure spanning the Ohio River.

COUNTY: Wood

Survey Region: _____
Planning District: _____

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate): See attached

a. Exterior Fabric	b. Structural System	c. Roofing Material
stone <u>X</u>	masonry <u>X</u>	wood <u>N/A</u>
brick _____	frame _____	metal _____
concrete _____	log _____	slate _____
stucco _____	metal <u>X</u>	tile _____
weatherboard _____	other _____	asphalt _____
clapboard _____	foundation _____	composition _____
board & batten _____		other _____
shingle _____		
other _____		

d. Associated Structures (use/type):	e. Integrity (include dates):
outbuildings _____	<u>original site</u> relocated _____
dependencies _____	alterations _____
other _____	additions _____

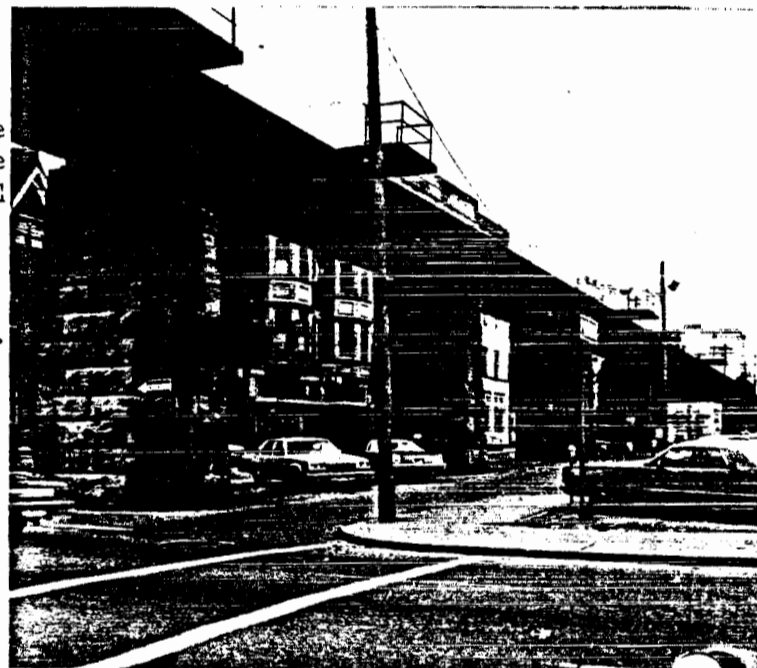
f. Condition:	g. Threats:
excellent <u>X</u>	None
good _____	
fair _____	
deteriorated _____	
abandoned _____	

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:	This bridge used 50,000 yds of stone. With 53 piers, it was the longest bridge of its type in the world when it was built.
<u>W. E. Porter, Engineer</u>	
b. Style/Period: _____	
c. Date(s): <u>May 18, 1869-</u>	
<u>Jan. 7, 1871</u>	

The steel structure was re-built circa 1914-1917, and one span was rebuilt in 1972. The masonry work remains unchanged

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:
- Parkersburg Sentinel, May 21, 1939.
- Story of the B&O Railroad, by Edward Hungerford. G.P. Putnam's Sons Co., 1928.



12. FORM PREPARED BY Eliza Smith, Christina Mann, DATE 12/81

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