

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

MILLTOWN BRIDGE

HAER NO. AR-55

**LOCATION:** Spanning an unnamed creek approximately 1.5 miles west of Milltown on County Road No. 77 in Sebastian County, Arkansas.

UTM: 15/3891045/393070  
Quad: Burnsville

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** ca. 1940

**MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS:** A round galvanized drain pipe with stone wall has been added to the northeast wing wall to carry a small run-off under a field road (see HAER No. AR-55-6). The date of this construction is unknown.

**PRESENT CONDITION AND USE:** The Milltown Bridge is in excellent condition and is being used for vehicular traffic.

**STYLE:** Two-span, masonry arch bridge.

**BUILDER:** The Milltown Bridge was constructed under the authority of the federal government's Works Progress Administration.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** This bridge is one of eight known masonry arch bridges in Arkansas. It survives as a significant example of WPA bridge construction in the state.

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### STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

The Milltown Bridge uses roughly squared, coursed masonry. Its two arches are semicircular with the arch barrels running skew to the axis of the spandrel wall (from the south elevation, the arch barrels are skewed to the west). Each arch is trimmed with roughly cut voussoir without keystones. Wing walls are stepped downward. A short parapet is currently covered by road fill.

### DIMENSIONS

The Milltown Bridge is 24 feet in length. Its two arches each span 10 feet.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AHTD Bridge No. 16819, AHPP Resource No. SB0404.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Bridge Division Files, Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, Little Rock.

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