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INSPECTION AND REPORT OF THE

SHAW BRIDGE

ON

VAN WYCK LANE

OVER

CLAVERACK CREEK

CLAVERACK, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

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BRIDGE REPORT

### SHAW'S BRIDGE

The Shaw's bridge is a two span, approximately 160 ft. long Tied Arch Truss structure spanning the Claverack Creek in Claverack, Columbia County, New York.

This bridge was built by J.D. Hutchinson Company, of Troy, New York, and appears to be the last remaining bridge of this type. This structure has been included in the National Register of Historic Sites.

Each truss is comprised of 9 panels. The three end panels are approximately 9.17' in length, the next adjacent panel is approximately 8.25' in length and center panel measures approximately 8.5'. The center to center of truss dimension is 13.7'. Total length of each Truss is approximately 80 ft. with a 10.33' single lane roadway.

The structure is oriented in a North-South direction. The spans and panel numbers are measured from the North towards the South.

The bridge was originally constructed in the late 1800's. The top chord is made up of unique cast metal sections. Each section, in plan view, has a trapezoidal configuration with three trapezoidal voids cast into them. In section, the castings have a channel like shape. The truss lower chord consists of  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter rods in a loop shape. The loops are placed around uniquely shaped lower chord pins. The truss verticals are  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter rods for  $U_4L_4$  and  $U_5L_5$ . The remaining verticals are  $1\frac{5}{8}$ " diameter rods.

The floor system is made up of 9" Rolled Wrought Iron Floorbeams, 4" x 8" Timber Stringers spaced at 18" centers and 3" x 8" Timber Plank Deck.

The bridge is presently posted for 4 Tons. The truss members were found to be in generally good condition. Span No. 1 (East Truss) has a misalignment of the top chord at  $U_5$ . Span No. 1 (West Truss) has a bent vertical  $U_6L_6$  and also a misalignment of the top chord at  $U_5$ . Span No. 2 (East Truss) has bent members  $U_3L_3$  and  $U_3L_4$  also broken members  $U_4L_3$  (broken at  $L_3$ ) and  $U_6L_5$  (broken at  $U_6$ ). Span No. 2 (West Truss) has no visible deficiencies.

The deck timbers and timber stringers were examined and showed no significant deterioration.

The structure was analyzed as a Tied Arch with the hangers supporting the floor system. The upper chord acting as an arch was found capable of supporting the dead load of the structure with no overstress. Under a 4 Ton truck the arch is subject to both axial forces and bending. The construction of the arch is such that the arch cannot resist significant bending. Therefore the vertical and diagonal rods are required to aid in resisting bending under live load.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Re-align top chord members at joints where required and clamp top chord to maintain proper alignment.
2. Maintain the 4 Ton posting.
3. Replace or Repair broken diagonals and verticals.
4. A complete inspection of the entire structure should be done on a semi-annually basis.

CALCULATIONS

### RESULTS OF ANALYSIS:

THE STRUCTURE WAS ANALYZED AS A TIED ARCH WITH HANGERS SUPPORTING THE FLOOR SYSTEM. THE UPPER CHORD ACTING AS AN ARCH WAS FOUND CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING THE DEAD LOAD OF THE STRUCTURE WITH NO OVERSTRESSES. UNDER A 4-TON TRUCK THE ARCH IS SUBJECT TO BOTH AXIAL FORCES AND BENDING. THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ARCH IS SUCH THAT THE ARCH CAN NOT RESIST SIGNIFICANT BENDING. THEREFORE THE VERTICAL AND DIAGONAL RODS ARE REQUIRED TO AID IN RESISTING BENDING UNDER LIVE LOAD.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. REALIGN TOP CHORD MEMBERS AT JOINTS WHERE REQ'D & CLAMP TOP CHORD TO MAINTAIN THE PROPER ALIGNMENT.
2. REPLACE OR REPAIR BROKEN DIAGONALS AND HANGERS.
3. INSPECTION FOR TOP CHORD MIS-ALIGNMENT & DAMAGE OR DISTRESS TO THE DIAGONAL HANGERS SHOULD BE DONE PERIODICALLY.

SHAW'S BRIDGE - BOW STIRRO ARCH TRUSS

DEAD LOAD	PLANK	$2\frac{1}{2}' \times \text{say } 11'$ $\frac{2\frac{1}{2}'}{12} \times 11' \times 55 \text{ PCF}$	=	126 #/ft
	STRAGGERS	$8 \times \frac{3'4" \times 7'4"}{144} \times 55 \text{ PCF}$	=	83 #/ft
	RAIL POST.	$2 \times \frac{6' \times 7'3"}{144} \times \frac{2.5'}{11.5'} \times 55 \text{ PCF}$	=	8 #/ft
	GUIDE RAIL	say		15 #/ft
	FLOOR BEAM.	$I 9 \times 28^{\#}$ $28^{\#} \times \frac{14.75'}{6.23'}$ AVG SPACING $\rightarrow 6.23'$		46 #/ft
				<hr/> 278 #/ft

TRUSS for CHORD

$$\Delta = 6 \times \frac{11}{16} = 4.125$$

$$\frac{2.5}{16} \times \frac{3}{4} = 1.734$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} = .375$$

$$\frac{4.125 + 1.734 + .375}{6.230}$$

$$6.23 \times 2 = 12.47 \text{ ft} \times \frac{490}{144} = 42.4 \text{ #/ft}$$

ADD FOR LATERAL DISPLACEMENTS say 50 #/ft total

POST CHORDS  $4 - 1\frac{1}{4}" \phi$  RODS  $4.91 \text{ ft} \times \frac{490}{144} = 16.7 \text{ #/ft}$

VERTICALS say  $8 - 8' \text{ AVG.} \times 1.5" \phi$  RODS  $\times \frac{490}{144} = \frac{593}{50} = 7.4 \text{ #/ft}$

DIAGONALS say  $14 - 11.5' \text{ AVG.} \times 1" \phi$  RODS  $= \frac{490}{144} = \frac{430}{50} = 5.4 \text{ #/ft}$

TRUSS  $50 + 16.7 + 7.4 + 5.4 = 80 \text{ #/ft}$

$80 \text{ #/ft} + \frac{278 \text{ #/ft}}{2} = 219 \text{ #/ft}$  say 220 #/ft

Assume Arch is PARABOLIC AND DL IS  
Uniform load THEN Moment = 0 AND

$$H = \frac{WL^2}{8h}$$

H = THRUST

h = RISE OF ARCH  
L = SPAN

$$h = 109.5'' + 6.5'' = 116'' \text{ (SEE FIELD NOTES)} \\ = 9.67'$$

$$H = \frac{220\#/\text{ft} \cdot (80')^2}{8 \cdot (9.67')} = 18.2\text{k}$$

$$V = \frac{220\#/\text{ft} \cdot (80')}{2} = 8.8\text{k}$$

$$\sqrt{(18.2)^2 + (8.8)^2} = 20.2\text{k}$$

STRESS AT FEET OF ARCH

AT CROWN OF ARCH

$$\frac{20.2\text{k}}{12.47\text{ft}} = 1.62\text{ KSI}$$

$$\frac{18.2\text{k}}{12.47} = 1.46\text{ KSI}$$

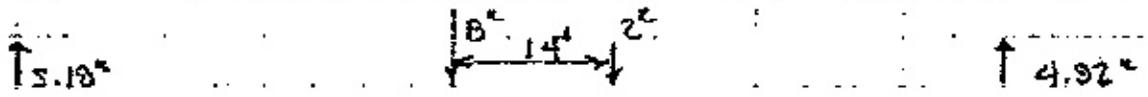
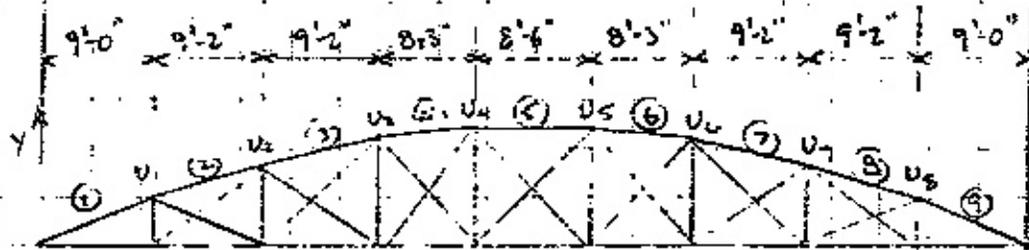
TENSION ON ROBS.

$$A = 4.91 \text{ ft}^2$$

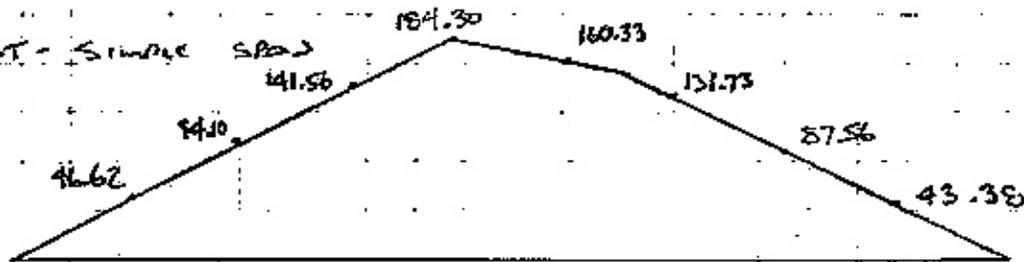
$$\frac{18.2\text{k}}{4.91} = 3.71\text{ KSI}$$

FOR LIVE LOAD ASSUME 2-HINGED ARCH  
NEGLECT ELONGATION OF TIE BARS

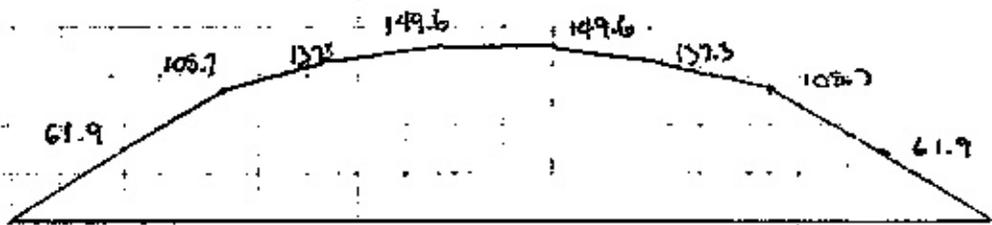
LIVE LOAD - H10 TRUCK 2 TON AXLE & 2 TON AXLE



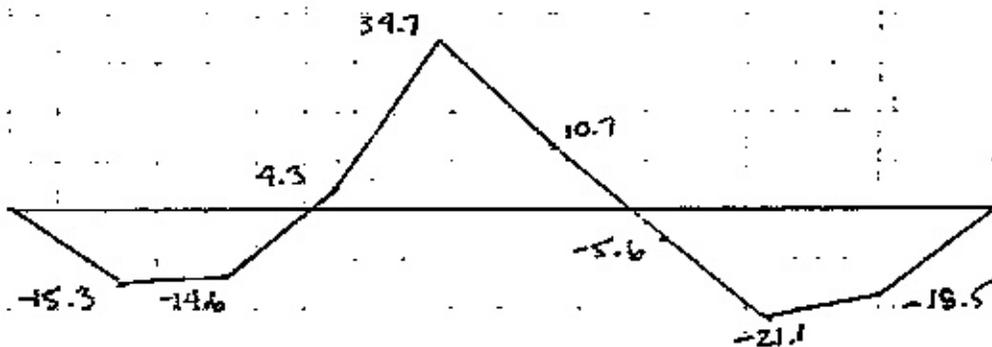
ASSUMED MOMENT - SIMPLE SPAN



CORRECTION MOMENT - SEE FOLLOWING PAGE



FINAL MOMENT = ASSUMED MOMENT MINUS CORRECTION MOMENT



M @ U4

$$34.7^k = 5.18^k (35.54') - H (9.81')$$

$$H = 149.4 / 9.81 = 15.2^k$$

COLUMN ANALOGY

MOMENT OF INERTIA OF AREA IS CONSTANT  $\therefore \Delta$  OF EACH SEGMENT IS EQUAL TO THE LENGTH OF THE SEGMENT  
Y = VERTICAL DISTANCE TO CENTROID OF SEGMENT  
M<sub>0</sub> = ASSUMED MOMENT (SEE PREVIOUS PAGE) @ CENTER OF SEGMENT

SEG	$\Delta$	Y	Y $\Delta$	Y <sup>2</sup> $\Delta$	M <sub>0</sub>	M <sub>0</sub> $\Delta$	Y M <sub>0</sub> $\Delta$
Hinge	$\infty$	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	9.87	2.03	20.1	141	23.3	230.	467
2	9.66	5.59	54.0	302	70.4	680	3802
3	9.36	8.06	75.4	608	111.8	1103	8892
4	8.29	9.41	78.0	734	162.9	1351	12705
5	8.50	9.82	83.4	818	172.3	1465	14311
6	8.29	9.41	78.0	734	146.0	1210	11390
7	9.36	8.06	75.4	608	109.6	1026	8268
8	9.66	5.59	54.0	302	65.5	633	3540
9	9.87	2.03	20.1	41	21.7	214	434
Hinge	$\infty$	0	0	0	0	0	0
				4188			63869

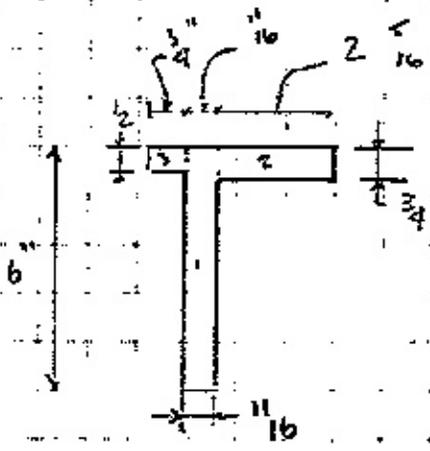
CORRECTION MOMENT =  $\frac{M_c}{I} = \frac{63869}{4188} (Y) = 15.25(Y)$

Panel Point	ASSUMED M <sub>0</sub>	Y	CORRECTION M <sub>1</sub>	FINAL MOMENT M <sub>0</sub> - M <sub>1</sub>
U <sub>1</sub>	46.6	4.06	61.9	-15.3
U <sub>2</sub>	94.1	7.13	108.7	-14.6
U <sub>3</sub>	141.6	9.00	137.3	4.3
U <sub>4</sub>	184.3	9.81	149.6	34.7
U <sub>5</sub>	160.3	9.81	149.6	10.7
U <sub>6</sub>	131.7	9.00	137.3	-5.6
U <sub>7</sub>	87.6	7.13	108.7	-21.1
U <sub>8</sub>	43.4	4.06	61.9	-18.1

TENSION 12 RODS

LL  $15.24 / 4.91 \text{ ft} = 3.1 \text{ ksi}$

DEVELOP 6.8KS OK



	A	Y	AY	AY <sup>2</sup>	I <sub>o</sub>
1	4.127	3"	12.375	37.125	12.375
2	1.734	5.625	9.756	54.877	-
3	.575	5.75	2.156	12.378	-
	6.236		24.29	104.30	12.38

$$\bar{y} = \frac{24.29}{6.236} = 3.895$$

$$I = 104.30 + 12.38 - 6.236(3.895)^2 = 21.98 \text{ in}^4$$

FOR BOTH SECTIONS

$$S_{TOP} = 2 \times \frac{21.98}{2.105} = 20.9 \text{ in}^3$$

$$S_{BOT} = 2 \times \frac{21.98}{3.895} = 11.3 \text{ in}^3$$

SPEED LIMIT 10 MPH

LOAD LIMIT 4 TONS

Say only 10% IMPACT @ P.P. U4

$$\frac{4}{10} \times 34.7 \times 1.1 = 15.3 \text{ k}$$

$$f_{TOP} = \frac{15.3 \times 12}{20.9} = 8.78 \text{ ksi COMP}$$

$$f_{BOT} = \frac{15.3 \times 12}{11.3} = 16.25 \text{ ksi TENSION}$$

$$\Delta \text{axial Load @ U4 } \frac{4}{10}, \frac{15.3}{12.47} \times 1.1 = 5.4 \text{ ksi COMP}$$

TOTAL STRESSES (+) = COMP (-) TENSION

DL + LL AXIAL + LL BENDING

$$f_{TOP} = 1.46 + 0.54 + 8.78 = 10.78 \text{ ksi COMP}$$

$$f_{BOT} = 1.46 + 0.54 - 16.25 = -14.25 \text{ ksi TENSION}$$

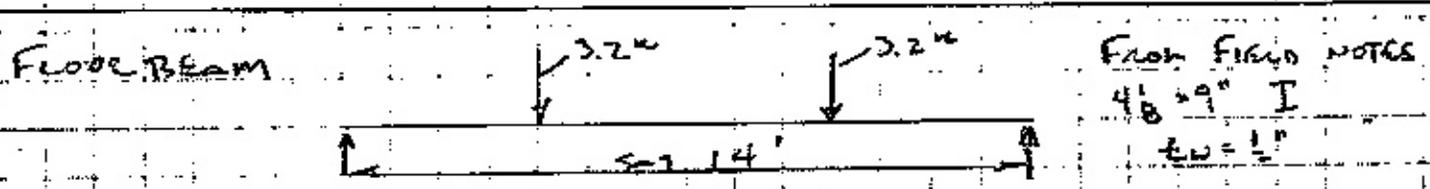
STRIPING TIMBER 3 3/4" x 7 1/4"

Max Spacing 9'-2"  
D.L. 3 3/4 x 7 1/4 x  $\frac{55 \text{ PCF}}{174} = 10 \#/1$   
Plank  $\frac{2 1/2}{12} \times 1.5' \times 55 \text{ PCF} = 17 \#/1$  } 27 #/1  
MOL = 27 #/1 (9.17)' / 8 = 280 #-FT

LL H4 TRUCK NO IMPACT DIST = Say 1.0  
MOL =  $\frac{3.2 \text{ K} (9.17)}{4} = 7.3 \text{ K-FT}$

SECTION MODULUS =  $\frac{3.75 (7.25)^2}{6} = 32.9 \text{ W}^3$

$\frac{\Delta}{S} = \frac{M}{S} = \frac{(7.3 + .3)}{32.9} = .231 \text{ KSI} = 231 \text{ #/10" OL}$



DL  $10 \#/1 \times 9.17' \times \frac{1}{1.5} = 61 \#/1$   
 $\frac{2 1/2}{12} \times 9.17' \times 55 \# = 105 \#/1$   
Floor Beam 28 #/1  
194 #/1

From Old Beam Book  
9" = 28 # W.I. Beam  
S = 22.5

MOL =  $\frac{194 (14)^2}{8} = 4.75 \text{ K'}$

MOL I = 30%      M = 1.3 x 3.2K (4') = 16.64 K'

MOL TLL = 4.75 + 16.64 = 21.4 K'

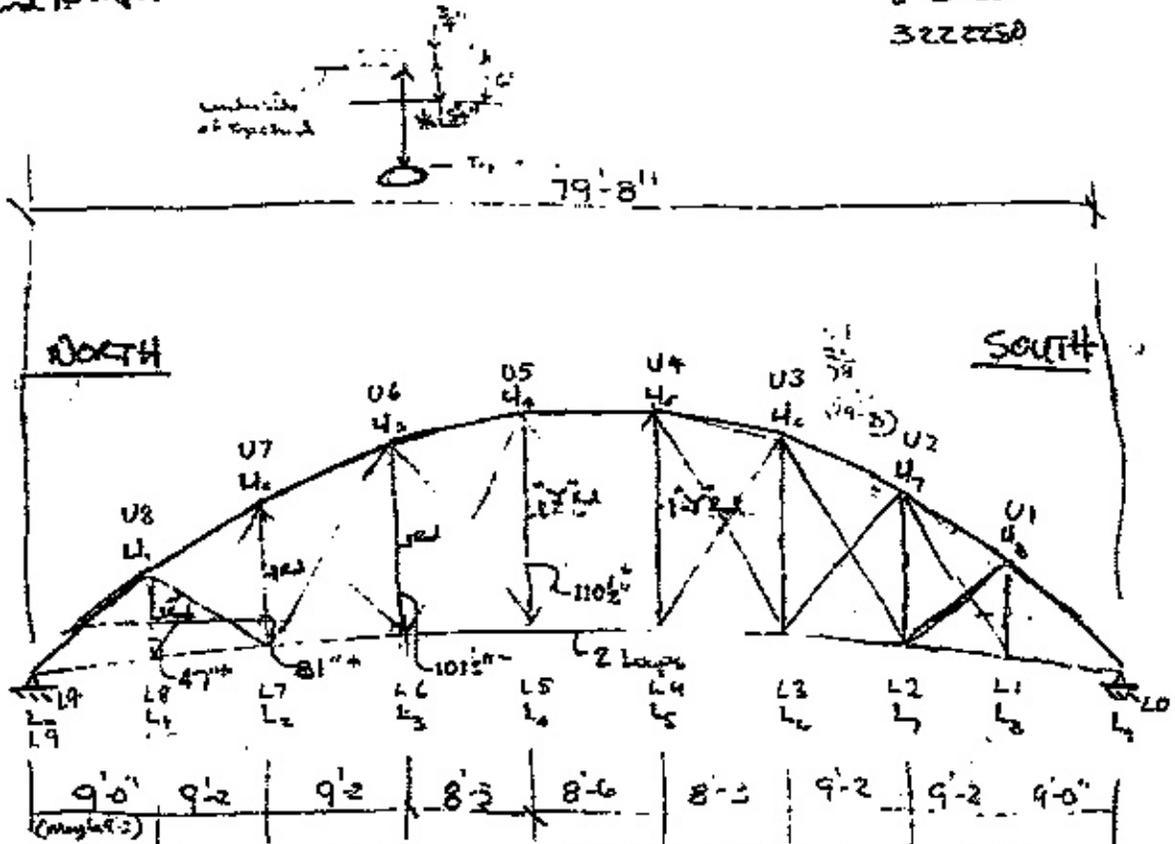
$\frac{\Delta}{S} = \frac{21.4 \times 12}{22.5} = 11.4 \text{ KSI OL}$

FIELD NOTES

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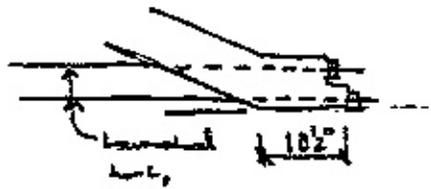
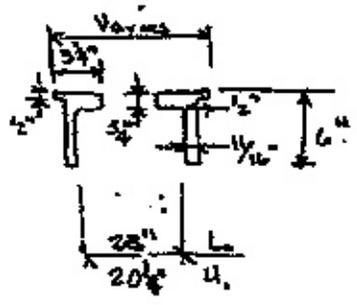
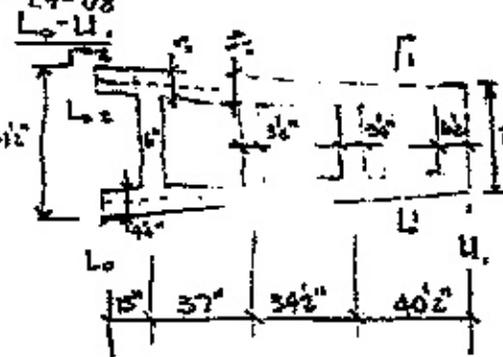
Rated 4 Tons  
and 10 mph

Shaw's Bridge  
2-8-30  
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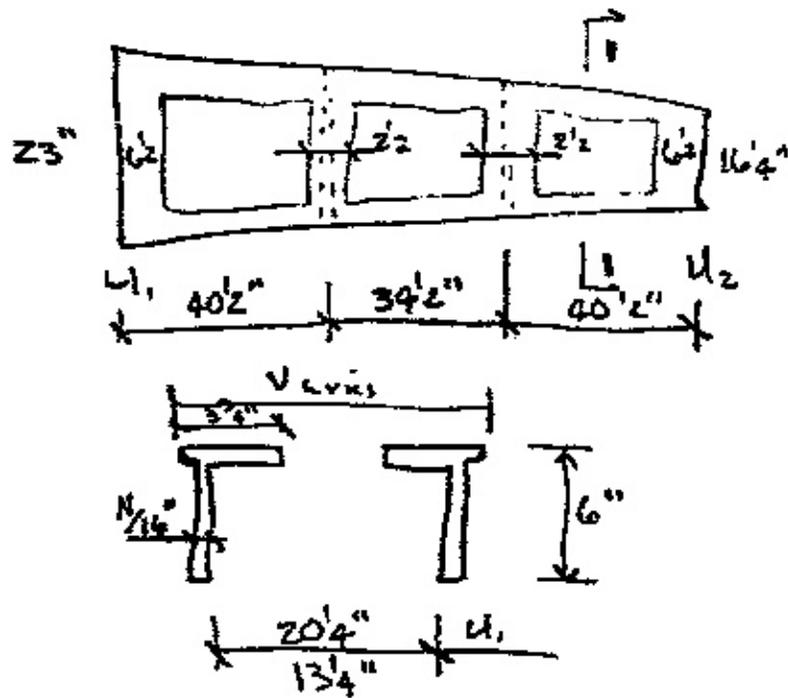
All Diagonals are 1"  $\phi$  Rods. EAST max 612' Looking East  
 Verticals - U<sub>2</sub>-L<sub>2</sub>, U<sub>3</sub>-L<sub>3</sub>, U<sub>4</sub>-L<sub>4</sub>, U<sub>5</sub>-L<sub>5</sub>, U<sub>6</sub>-L<sub>6</sub>, U<sub>7</sub>-L<sub>7</sub> are all 1 1/2"  $\phi$  Rods  
 Vertical U<sub>4</sub>-L<sub>4</sub> & U<sub>5</sub>-L<sub>5</sub> are 1 1/2"  $\phi$  Rods  
 Chained are 1 1/4"  $\phi$  Rods (Loop)

Top Chord



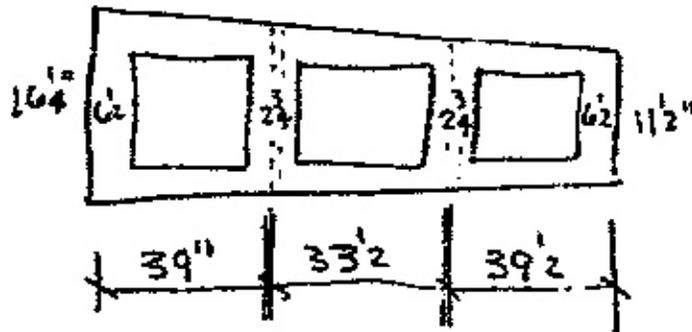
U8-U7

U<sub>1</sub>-U<sub>2</sub>



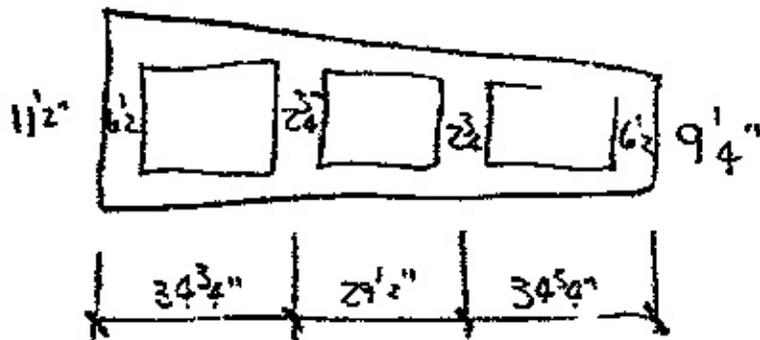
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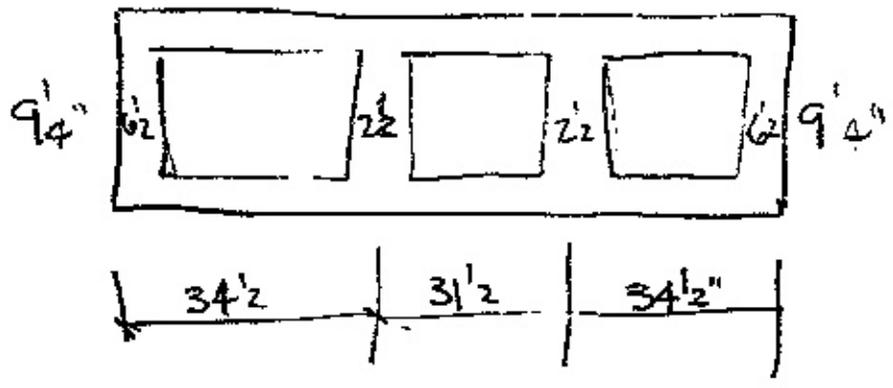


U6-U5

U<sub>3</sub>-U<sub>6</sub>



U5 - U4  
U4 - U5



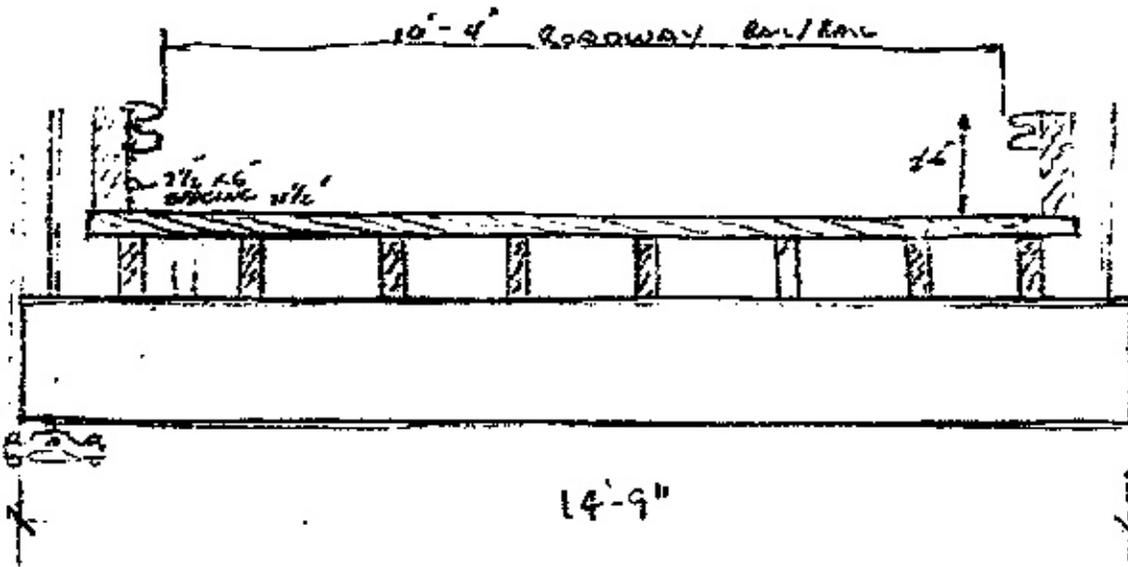
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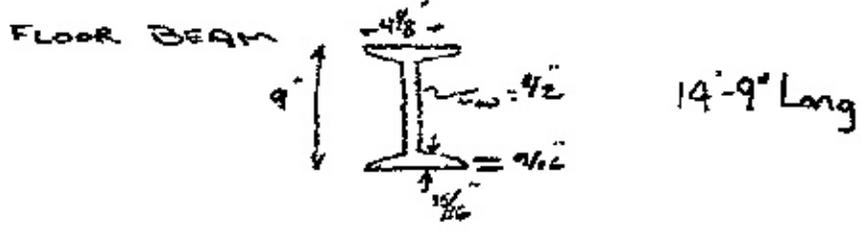
TYP. SECTION



STRINGER SPACING: 1'-6" c/c

TIMBER STRINGERS: ACTUAL 3 3/4" x 7 1/4"

TIMBER PLANK DECK: ACTUAL 2 1/2" x 7 1/2"  
(VERT) (HORIZ)



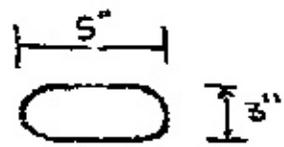
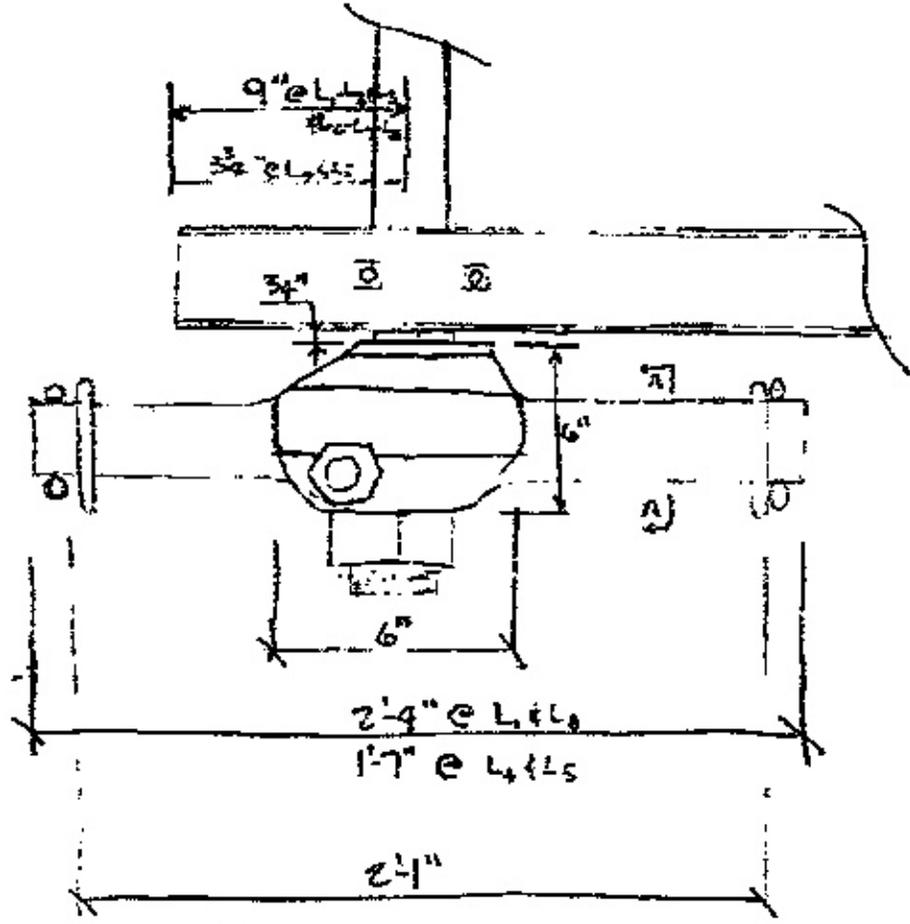
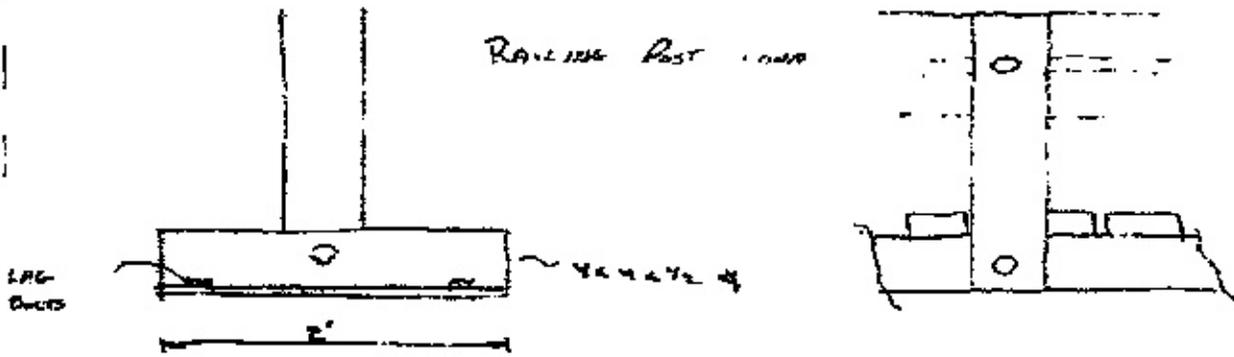
DECK OUT/OUT: 12'

c/c TRUSSES: 13'-2"

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Rolling Post 1000



Section A-A

## Photos

- 1 & 2 Bridge From Begin
  - 3 - U<sub>2</sub>
  - 4 - L<sub>2</sub>
  - 5 - L<sub>4</sub>
  - 6 - U<sub>4</sub>
  - 7 - Miscelgenant @ East Truss U<sub>5</sub>
  - 8 - " " @ West " U<sub>5</sub>
  - 9 - Bent Vertical L<sub>6</sub>-U<sub>6</sub> (West Truss)
  - 10 - West Truss Pier No. 1 Basing
- } Span 1
- 11 - Bent Vertical U<sub>6</sub>-L<sub>6</sub> - East Truss - span # 2
  - 12 - L<sub>3</sub> Pin - Note Broken Diagonal L<sub>2</sub>-U<sub>4</sub>
  - 13 - U<sub>6</sub> Broken Diag. U<sub>6</sub>-L<sub>5</sub>
  - 14 - South Approach
  - 15 - Bridge From South
  - 16 - North Approach
  - 17 - South Deck Jt.
  - 18 - Typ. Under Deck Config.
  - 19 - Pier (South) Face (Needs Repainting)
  - 20 & 21 South Abut - Repainting Needed.
  - 22 - Bent Members span # 2 East Truss
  - 23 - South Abutment
  - 24 - North Abut - Needs Repainting
  - 25 - Pier (North) Side - Needs Repainting
  - 26 - Typ. Pier Config
  - 27 - FBM Attached to Pier
  - 28 - North Deck Jt.
  - 29 - Upstream (East)
  - 30 - Downstream (West)
  - 31 - Typ. Hanger Rod "Y" for U<sub>4</sub>-L<sub>4</sub> & U<sub>5</sub>-L<sub>5</sub>
  - 32 - Typ. Deck Condition
  - 33 - Guide Rail Attachment
  - 34 - Top chord @ Panel Point

# Deflection from String Line to Q Pin

## Span 1

	$L_1$	-	$8''$
	$L_2$	-	$3''$
	$L_3$	-	$5''$
	$L_4$	-	$6\frac{3}{4}$
Q	$L_5$	-	$7$
	$L_6$	-	$7$
	$L_7$	-	$5\frac{1}{4}$
	$L_8$	-	$2\frac{1}{2}$

## Span 2

	$L_1$	-	$1\frac{3}{4}$
	$L_2$	-	$5$
	$L_3$	-	$6\frac{1}{2}$
	$L_4$	-	$7\frac{1}{2}$
Q	$L_5$	-	$7$
	$L_6$	-	$6\frac{1}{2}$
	$L_7$	-	$4$
	$L_8$	-	$1\frac{3}{4}$



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Sheet B151R1

Driveway



up (S<sub>1</sub>)

up (S<sub>2</sub>)

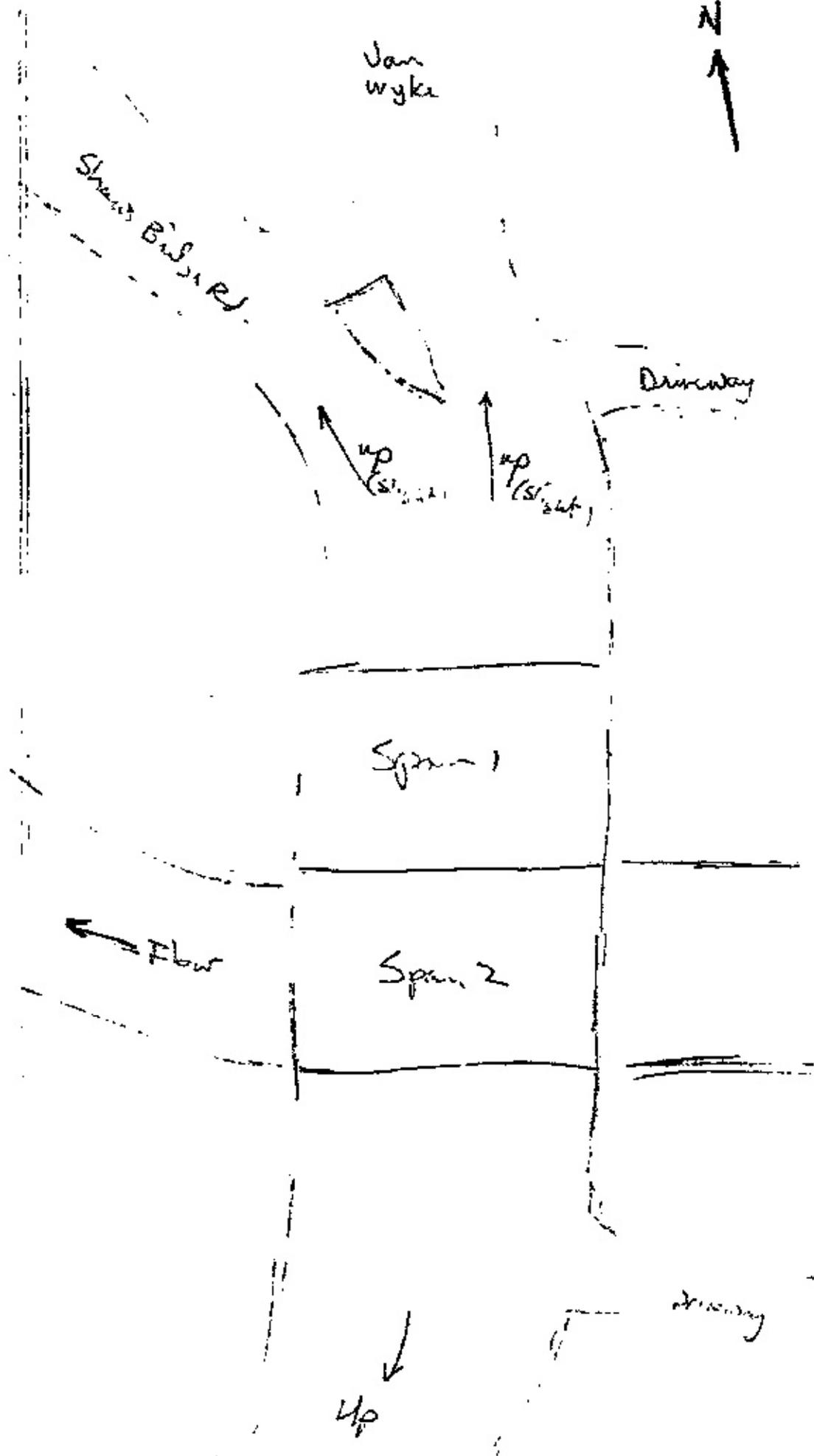
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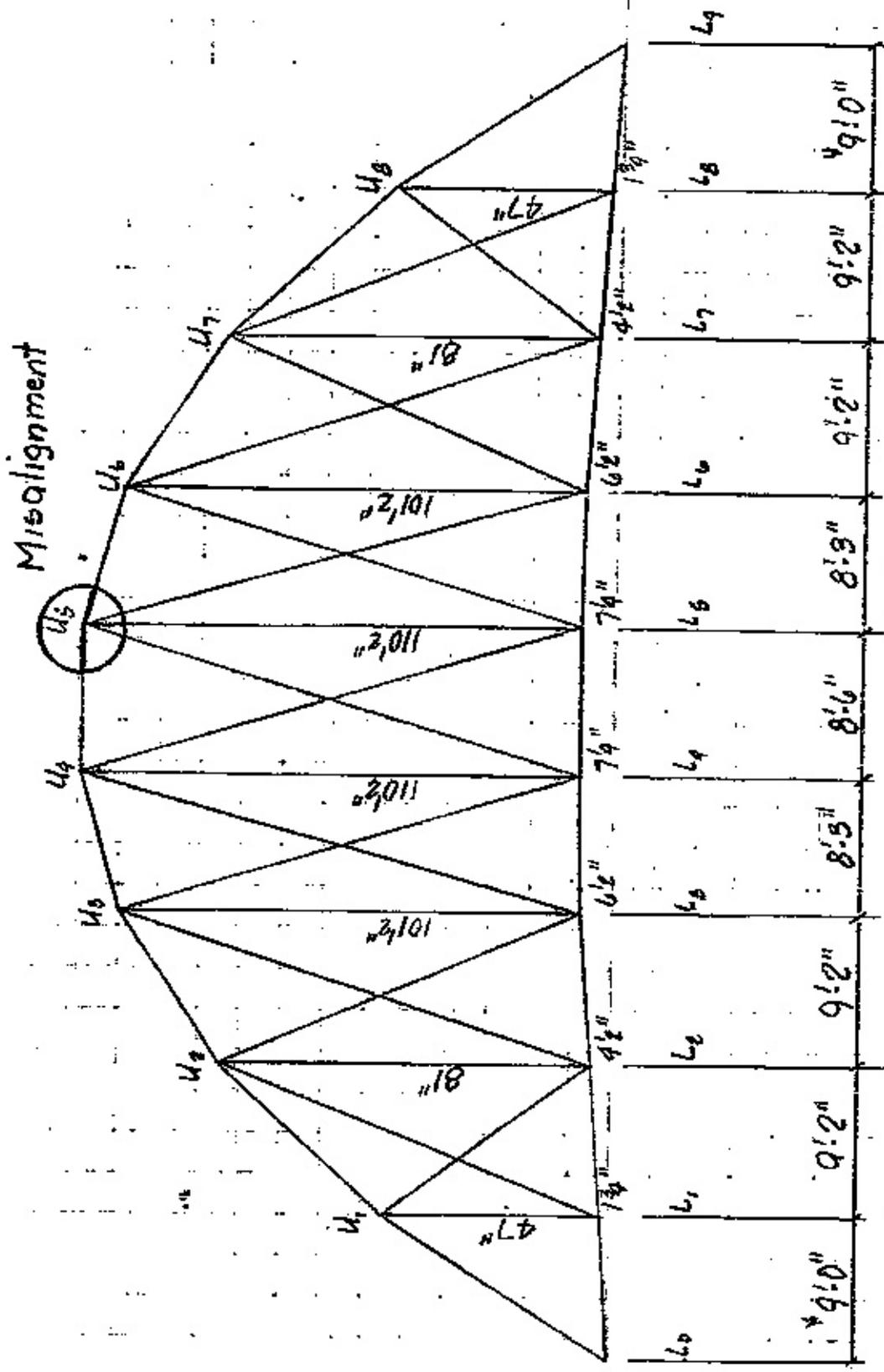
Span 2

← Flow

up ↓

Driveway

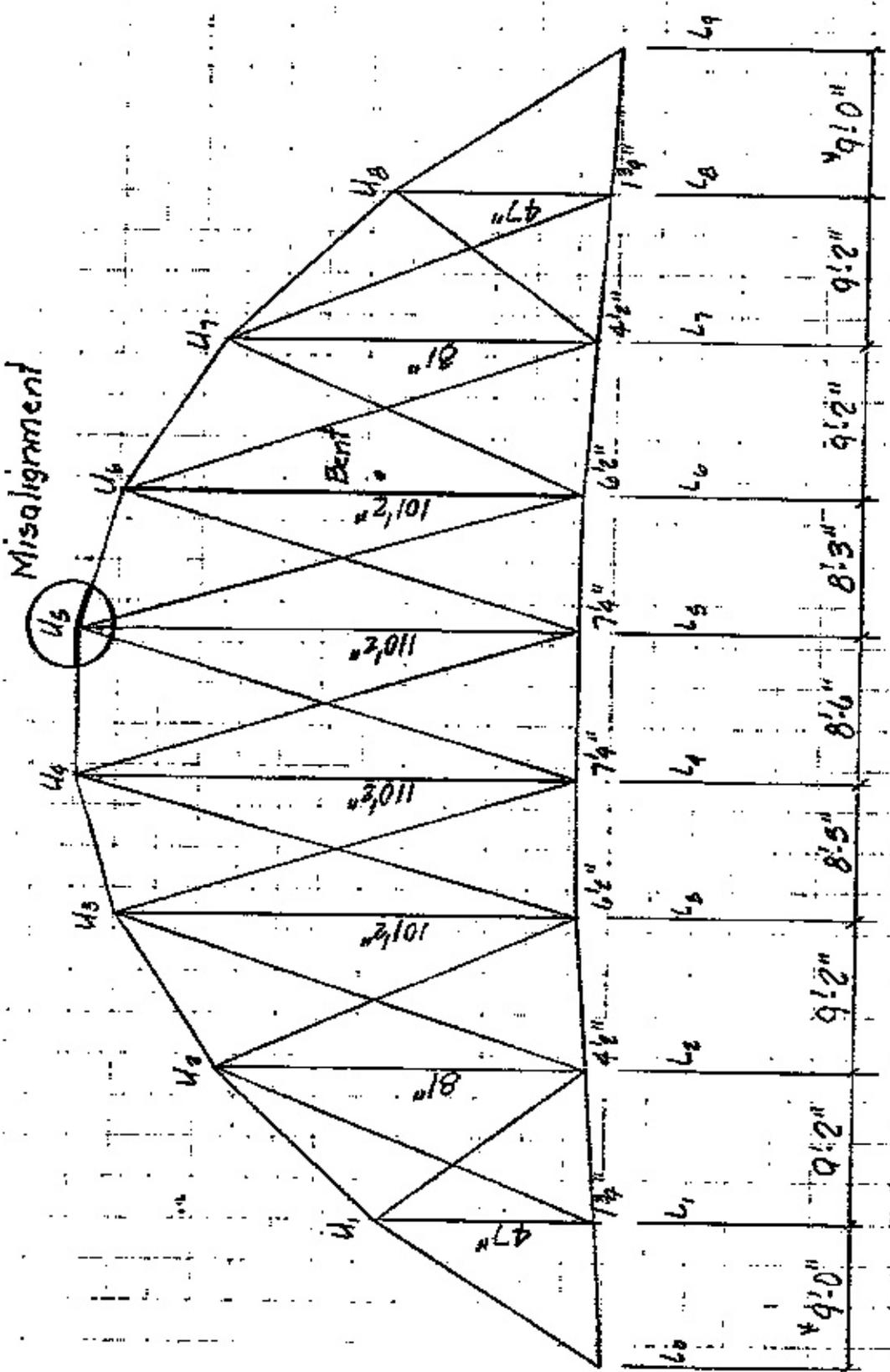




Misalignment

SPAN (East Truss) 15'-2" C to C Truss  
 \* Maybe 9'2"

All Diags: 1"  $\phi$  Rods  
 Vert: U<sub>1</sub>-L<sub>1</sub> - U<sub>5</sub>-L<sub>5</sub> & U<sub>6</sub>-L<sub>6</sub> - U<sub>7</sub>-L<sub>7</sub> are 1.5"  $\phi$  Rods  
 Vert: U<sub>2</sub>-L<sub>2</sub> & U<sub>3</sub>-L<sub>3</sub> are 2.12"  $\phi$  Rods ("Y" Configuration)  
 Lower Chord: 2 Loops 1 1/4"  $\phi$  Rods



Misalignment

Bent

SPAN (West Truss)

\* Maybe 9'-2"

13'-2" C to C Truss

All Diags.: 1"  $\phi$  Rods  
 Vert: U<sub>1</sub>-L<sub>1</sub> -> U<sub>5</sub>-L<sub>5</sub> (U<sub>1</sub>-L<sub>1</sub>, U<sub>2</sub>-L<sub>2</sub>, U<sub>3</sub>-L<sub>3</sub> are 1 1/2"  $\phi$  Rods  
 Vert: U<sub>4</sub>-L<sub>4</sub> & U<sub>5</sub>-L<sub>5</sub> are 2 - 1/2"  $\phi$  Rods ("Y" Configuration)  
 Lower Chord: 2 Loops 1 1/4"  $\phi$  Rods

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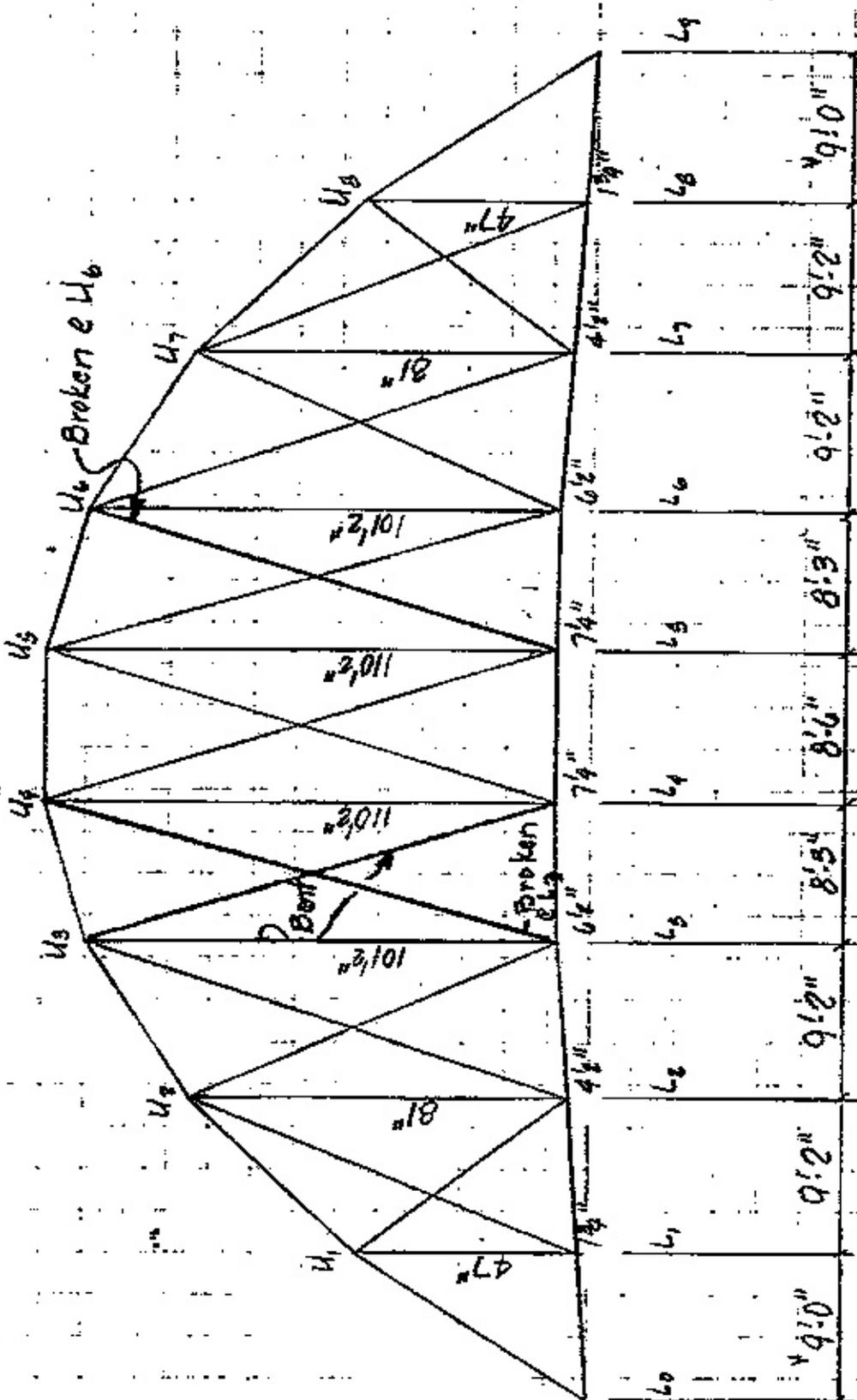
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All Diag.: 1"  $\phi$  Rods  
 Vert: U<sub>1</sub>-L<sub>1</sub> → U<sub>5</sub>-L<sub>5</sub> (U<sub>6</sub>-L<sub>6</sub> are 1 5/8"  $\phi$  Rods)  
 Vert: U<sub>4</sub>-L<sub>4</sub> & U<sub>5</sub>-L<sub>5</sub> are 2 - 1 1/2"  $\phi$  Rods (Y Configuration)  
 Lower Chord: 2 Loops 1 1/2"  $\phi$  Rods

SPAN 2 (East Truss)  
 \* Maybe 9' 2"  
 13' 2" C to C Truss



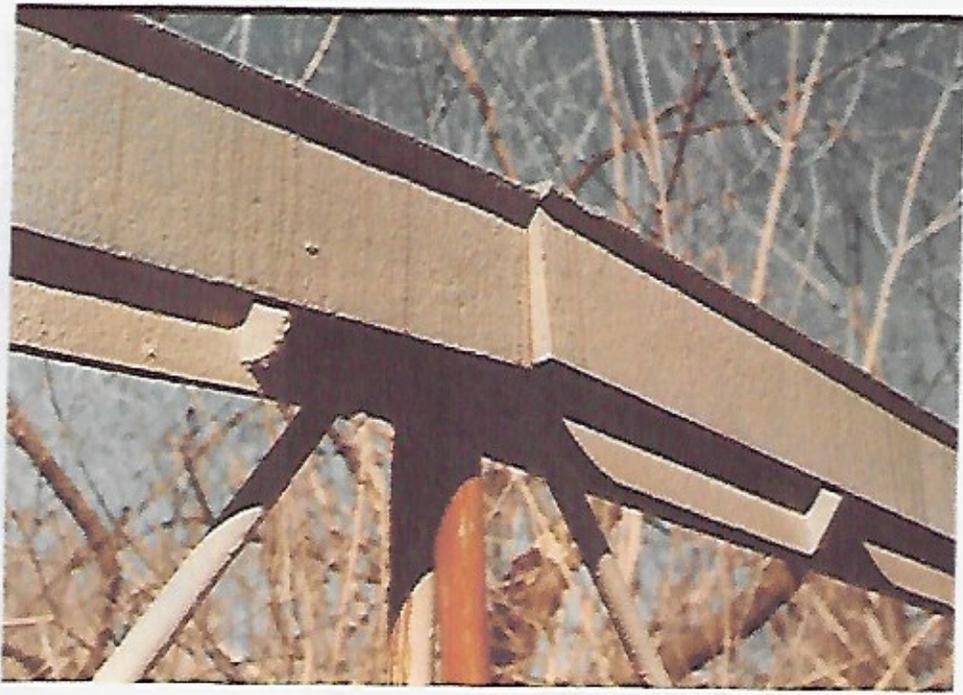
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BRIDGE FROM NORTH



MISALIGNED TOP CHORD  
(East Truss  $U_5$  Span #1)



MISALIGNED TOP CHORD  
(West Truss U<sub>5</sub> Span #1)



BENT MEMBERS  
(East Truss Span #2)



BROKEN DIAGONAL  
(East Truss Span #2  $L_3-U_4$ )  
Broken at  $L_3$



BROKEN DIAGONAL  
(East Truss Span #2  $L_5-U_6$ )  
Broken at  $U_6$