

Locke Avenue Bridge and Bridge Tender's House Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) Documentation

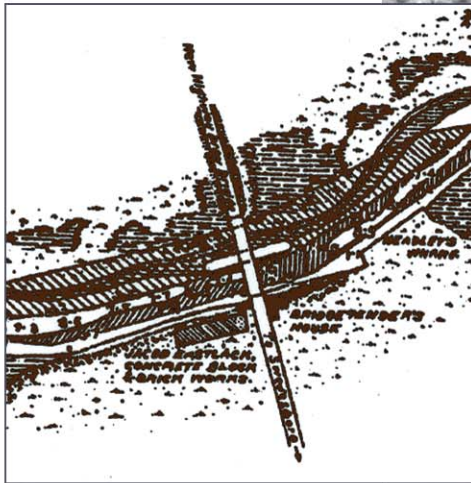
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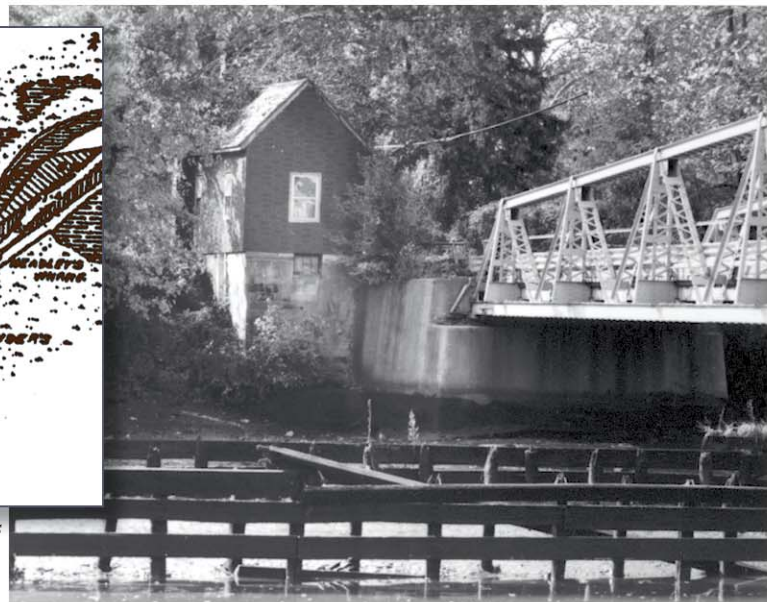
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Kise Straw & Kolodner documented the Locke Avenue Bridge and Bridge Tender's House to Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) standards as part of its open-end cultural resources contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation. The documentation, which was conducted to meet mitigation requirements prior to bridge replacement, included extensive archival research, field investigations, a narrative format report, and large-format photography.

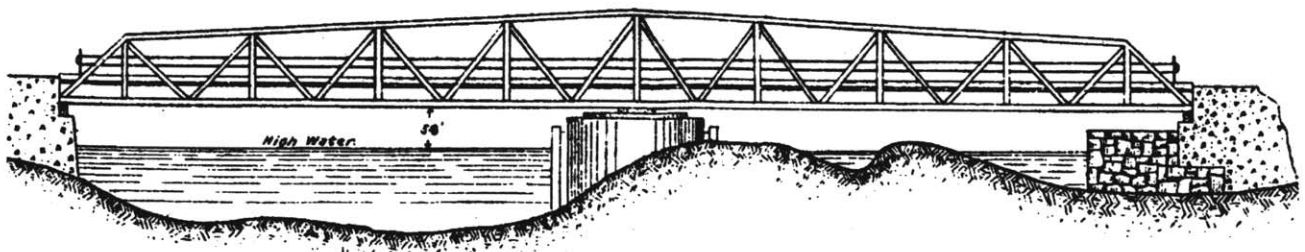
The Locke Avenue Bridge was constructed across Raccoon Creek in 1911. It is significant as the only swingspan and the oldest of three movable span bridges extant in Gloucester County, NJ. Numerous distinctive characteristics of the bridge have survived, including the riveted steel Warren pony truss, the wood plank deck, and the adjoining Bridge Tender's House. The bridge is also important for its associations with commercial activity on the creek and in the Borough of Swedesboro.



1913 Plan showing proposed improvements to Raccoon Creek



Bridge Tender's House and bridge



1913 Elevation of the bridge