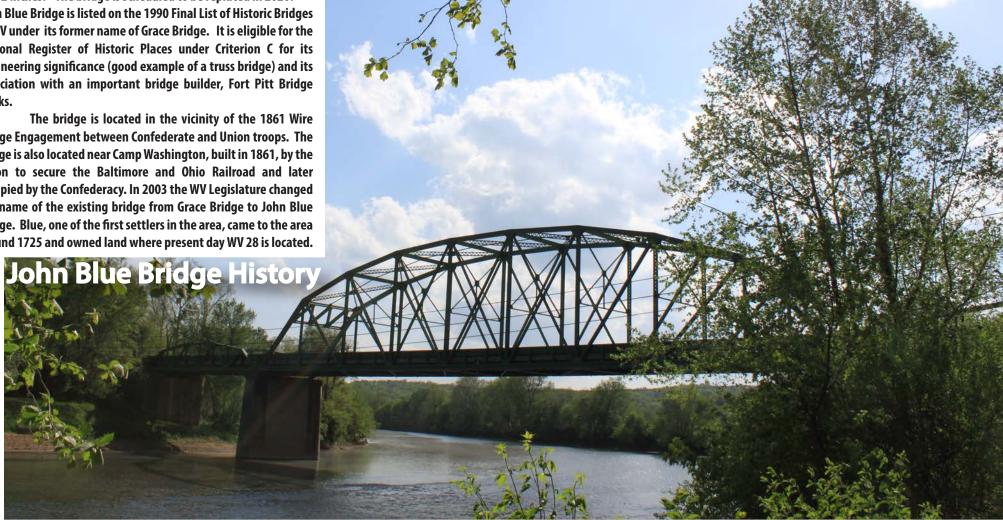
John Blue Bridge carries WV Route 28 over South Branch Potomac River in Hampshire County. It was built in 1936 by Fort Pitt Bridge Works. The bridge consists of a steel riveted through truss main span and steel riveted pony trusses for the end spans. The total length is 419 feet 6 inches and the overall width is 25 feet 2 inches. The bridge is scheduled to be replaced in 2020. John Blue Bridge is listed on the 1990 Final List of Historic Bridges in WV under its former name of Grace Bridge. It is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its engineering significance (good example of a truss bridge) and its association with an important bridge builder, Fort Pitt Bridge

The bridge is located in the vicinity of the 1861 Wire Bridge Engagement between Confederate and Union troops. The bridge is also located near Camp Washington, built in 1861, by the Union to secure the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and later occupied by the Confederacy. In 2003 the WV Legislature changed the name of the existing bridge from Grace Bridge to John Blue Bridge. Blue, one of the first settlers in the area, came to the area around 1725 and owned land where present day WV 28 is located.

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Location: carries WV Route 28 over South Branch Potomac River

Type: Steel Riveted Through Truss -main span and steel riveted pony trusses - end spans

Length: 419 feet 6 inches **Year constructed: 1936**

Contractor: Fort Pritt Bridge Works

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