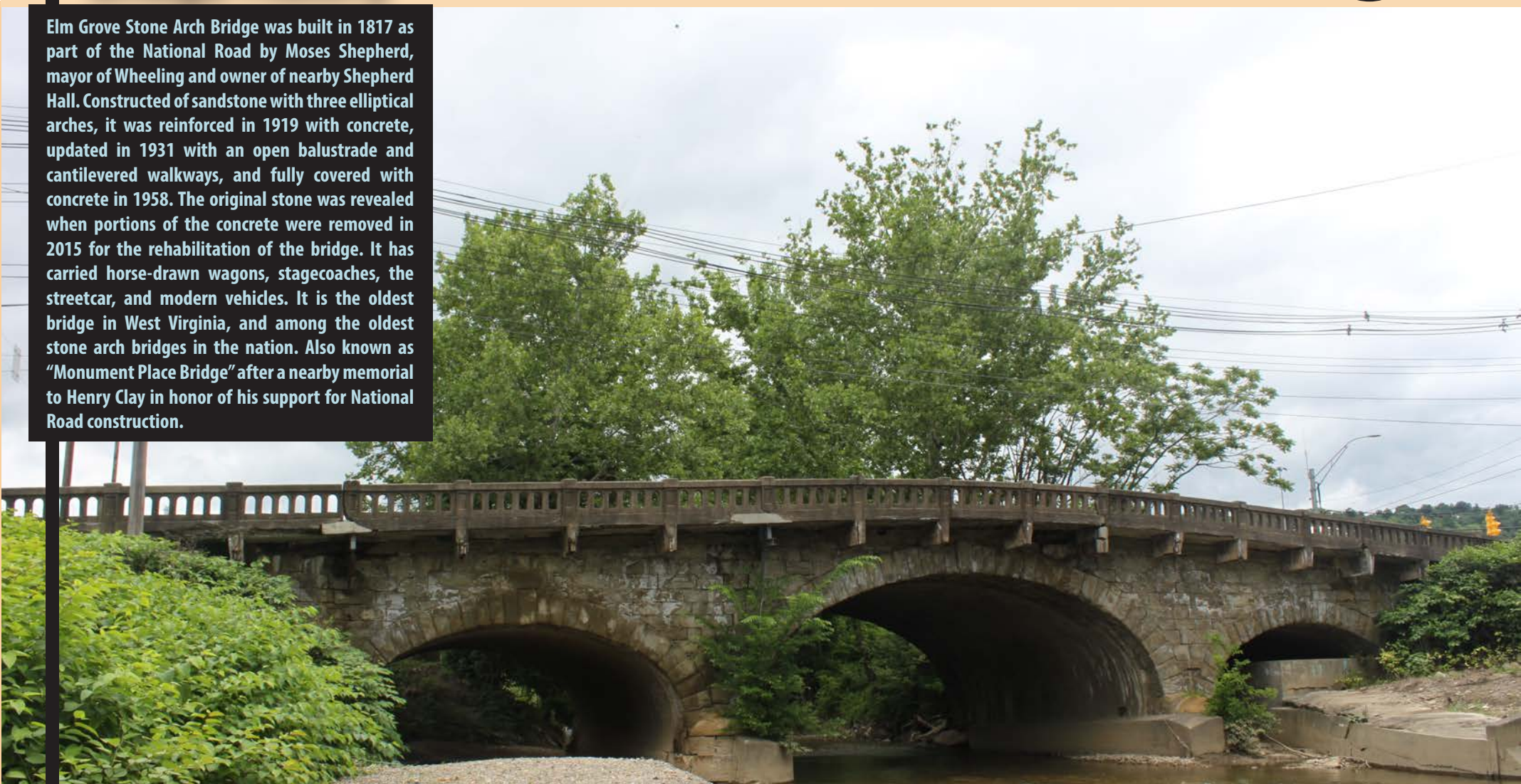


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Elm Grove Stone Arch Bridge was built in 1817 as part of the National Road by Moses Shepherd, mayor of Wheeling and owner of nearby Shepherd Hall. Constructed of sandstone with three elliptical arches, it was reinforced in 1919 with concrete, updated in 1931 with an open balustrade and cantilevered walkways, and fully covered with concrete in 1958. The original stone was revealed when portions of the concrete were removed in 2015 for the rehabilitation of the bridge. It has carried horse-drawn wagons, stagecoaches, the streetcar, and modern vehicles. It is the oldest bridge in West Virginia, and among the oldest stone arch bridges in the nation. Also known as "Monument Place Bridge" after a nearby memorial to Henry Clay in honor of his support for National Road construction.



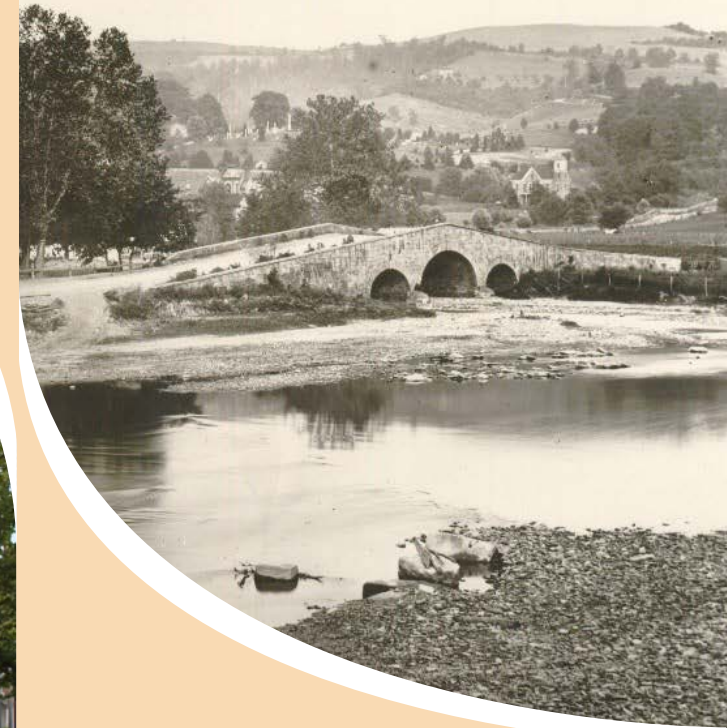
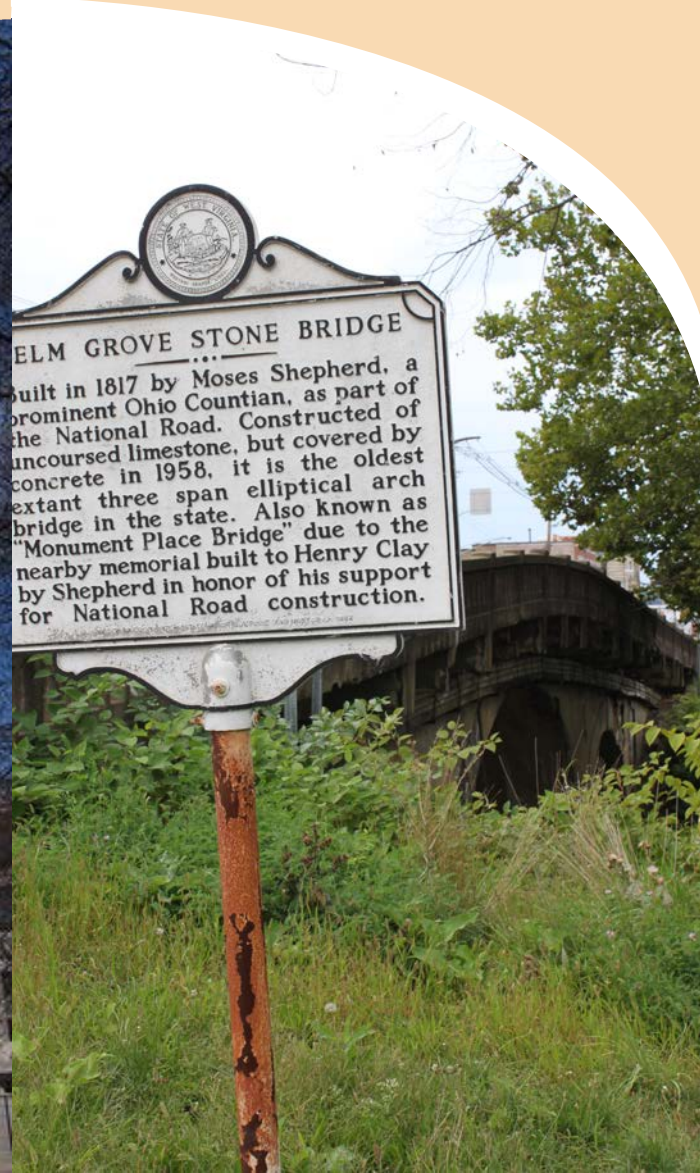
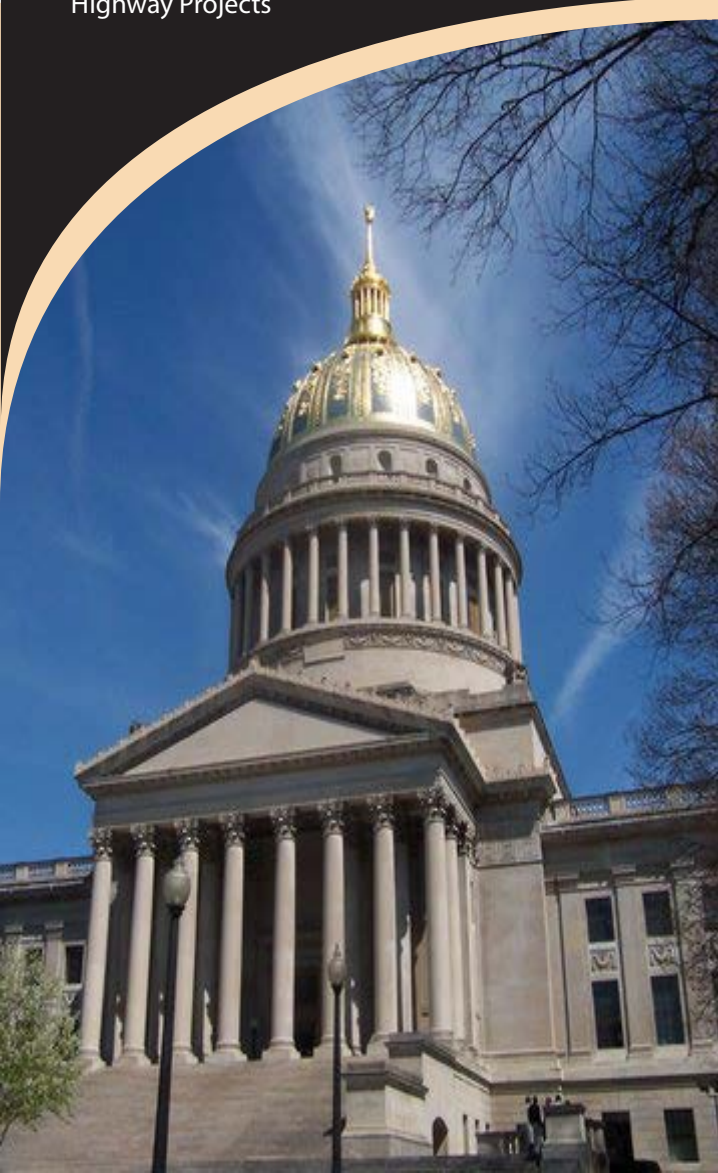
Location: Carries U.S. Route 40 over Little Wheeling Creek
Type: Three-Span, Elliptical Arches with Coursed Sandstone
Length: 185 feet
Year constructed: 1817
Contractor: Moses Shepherd

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- Research and Write Historic Reports
- Determine National Register Eligibility
- Determine Historic Boundaries
- Determine Effects to Historic Properties
- Mitigate Adverse Effects to Historic Properties
- Complete Historic Documentations for Specific Historic Properties
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