

Jerry Hall Arch bridge

Webster County



Jerry Hall Arch Bridge spans WV Route 20 over Grassy Creek in the Diana area of northern-central Webster Co. The heyday of the nearby Diana community was from ca. 1900 to the 1930s, when

it was a notable point on the former West Virginia Midland Railway, an important carrier for thriving local timber and coal industries. The bridge's namesake was an adjacent resident and a WV state employee.

This bridge was built in 1924 and is a 110-foot-long by 21-foot-wide reinforced concrete two-arch span. It is composed of two concrete arch rings, spandrel walls at the elevation sides, and an earthen filled deck (topped with asphalt). To each side of the deck is a solid concrete railing with incised rectangular motif.

The bridge appears to have been built by Farris Bridge Company, a business incorporated in West Virginia in 1908. The company became a notable bridge builder in West Virginia and Kentucky. As of 2025, there are nine concrete arch bridges in WV known to be associated with Farris Bridge Company. Seven of these are single-arch spans, while two - Jerry Hall Arch Bridge and Charles Milar Bridge (County Rt 10 over Patterson Creek, Mineral Co) - are two-arch spans.

Jerry Hall Arch Bridge has been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for its engineering significance as a representation of a two-span closed spandrel elliptical concrete arch bridge and as a likely example of the work of Farris Bridge Company of WV, a regionally recognized former bridge builder. Examples of both the bridge type and builder are increasingly diminishing resources in WV.

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