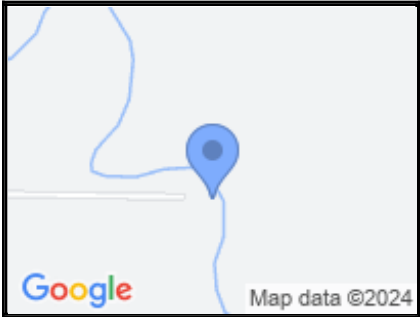




015-865  
Stearns Ford Bridge  
00 SW PARALLEL ST  
Benton vicinity



LOCATION:

County: Butler

Address: 00 SW PARALLEL ST

Address Remarks:

City: Benton vicinity

Zip:

Parcel ID:

Legal Description: Section 6 Township 26S Range 4E

Legal Description Remarks:

Latitude, Longitude 1: 37.825088 -97.03077

Latitude, Longitude 2:

Latitude, Longitude 3:

Latitude, Longitude 4:

Datum: WGS84

DESCRIPTION:

Historic Name: Stearns Ford Bridge

Alternate Name:

Historic Function: Transportation

Subcategory: Road-Related (Vehicular)

Historic Function Remarks:

Present Function: Vacant/Not in Use

Subcategory:

Present Function Remarks:

Residential/Commercial/Religious Style:

Secondary Style:

Barn Type: Not Applicable

Bridge Type: Other

Landscape Type: Not Applicable

Physical Description/Remarks: Cement foundation on east side of the Whitewater River. Stone foundation on west side of the Whitewater River. Stone rubble from the bridge ruins cross the river.

Plan Form: Rectangle

Commercial Building Type: Not Applicable

Roof Form: Not Applicable

**Stories:** 1

**Condition:** Ruins

**Principal Material:** Stone

**Condition Remarks:**

**Architect/Designer/Builder:** Unknown

**Year of Construction:** 1898

**Certainty:** Estimated

**Date Notes:**

**General Remarks:** Estimated date comes from a Walnut Valley Times news article from January 21, 1898, stating that the county commissioners decided to place a "new bridge over the Whitewater at the Jefferson Stearns ford". Jefferson G.Stearns owned the land to the west of the Whitewater River in this area (1885 & 1905 Butler County atlases).

**Ancillary Structures:** None

**Ancillary Structure Remarks:**

## REGISTER STATUS:

**Listed in State Register:** No

**Date of State Listing:**

**Listed in National Register:** No

**Date of National Listing:**

**Historic District:**

**Demolished:**

**Date Demolished (if applicable):**

**Potentially Eligible for National Register:** No

**Register Status Remarks:**

**Thematic Nomination (MPDF):**

**National Historic Landmark:**

## SURVEY INFORMATION:

**Survey 1**

**Survey Project Name:** Butler Co - Parallel Road Archaeological Survey (2017)

**Sequence Number:**

**Surveyed By:** Wendi M. Bevitt

**Survey Date:** 03/13/2017

## IMAGES & DOCUMENTS



View of bridge rubble facing east.  
03/13/2017. Wendi M. Bevitt



View of foundation of bridge on the  
west side of the Whitewater River.  
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