

# Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

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Site No. 1844 Status U Revisit  
Quadrangle Name: Westville  
Tax Map No.

## SURVEY FORM

### Identification

Historic Name: Bridge  
Common Name: US 521 Bridge over old RR Bed  
Address/Location: US 521 between Beard Road and Dekalb School Road  
City: Camden ✓ Vicinity of County: Kershaw  
Ownership: State Category: Structure Other:  
Historical Use: Transportation  
Current Use: Transportation  
SHPO National Register Determination of Eligibility: Not Eligible

### Property Description

Construction Date: 1948 Construction: Masonry Other:  
Historic Core Shape: Exterior Walls:  
Other: Foundation:  
Commercial Form: Roof Shape:  
Other: Roof Material:  
Stories: Porch Shape:  
Other: Porch Width:

Description/Significant Features:  
cosmetic arches in bridge bents

Alterations (include date(s), if known):

Widened on both side with slab extensions, circa 1970

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

## **Historical Information**

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This bridge carries a 2 lane highway over an abandoned rail line in rural setting. Rail line is former branch of the Southern Rwy. between Kershaw and Camden, abandoned in the mid-1980s. Line established in the late 1880s by the Charleston, Cincinnati & Chicago RR. Portions of the route were only completed between Marion, NC and Camden. Line was later absorbed into the Southern Rwy. system and served as a very minor branch line. The rail line is not historically significant, and the 1948 bridge, built by the state highway department as a typical grade crossing improvement project, has no significant historic associations with railway developments.

Source(s) of Information:

South Carolina Historic Bridge Survey (Transystems, 2015)

## **Digital Photo ID(s)**

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Facing Northeast

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## **Program Management**

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