

# GORDON'S SLOUGH BRIDGE - 1907

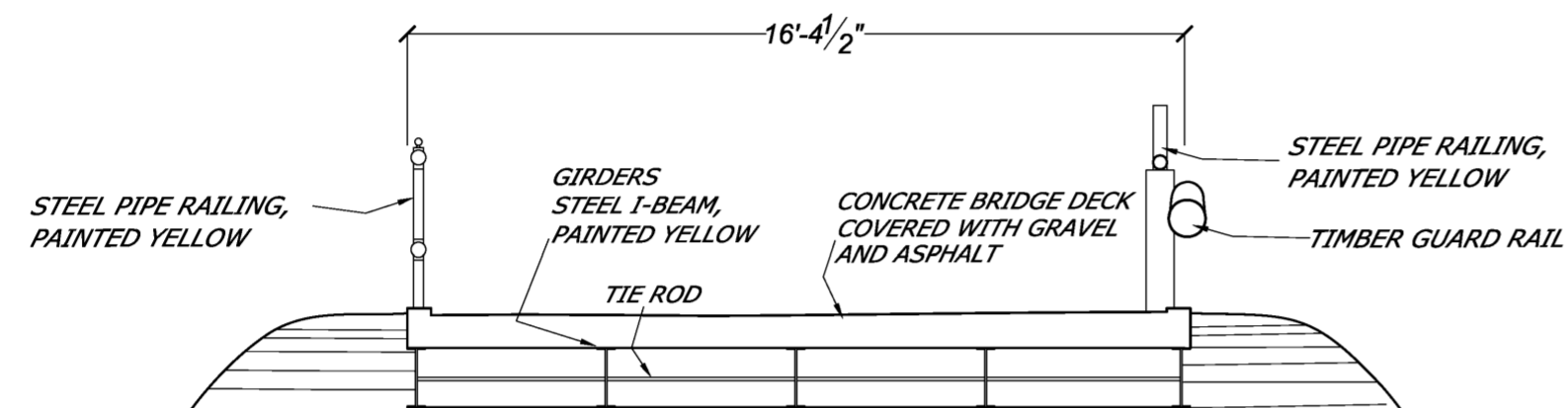
## CHICKAMAUGA AND CHATTANOOGA NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Gordon's Slough Bridge, Alexander's Bridge (HAER No. GA-95-A), and the Connecting Roadway (HAER No. GA-95-B) are contributing features to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. The National Military Park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a discontinuous historic district. Alexander's Bridge, the Connecting Roadway, and Slough Bridge are contributing features of the 1890-1942 Commemorative Period.

There has been a bridge spanning West Chickamauga Creek in this location dating back to the Battle of Chickamauga. The wooden structure comprising Alexander's Bridge, which may have been present at the time of the battle, was badly deteriorated and replaced in 1897 with a new wooden bridge built on limestone abutments under the authority of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park Commission. In 1907, this wooden bridge was replaced with the current steel pony truss structure using the stone abutments already in place, having been constructed in 1897 as part of the initial park development. Slough Bridge was built in 1907 with limestone used for the abutments. It is not known if a bridge existed at Gordon's Slough during the time of the 1863 Battle.

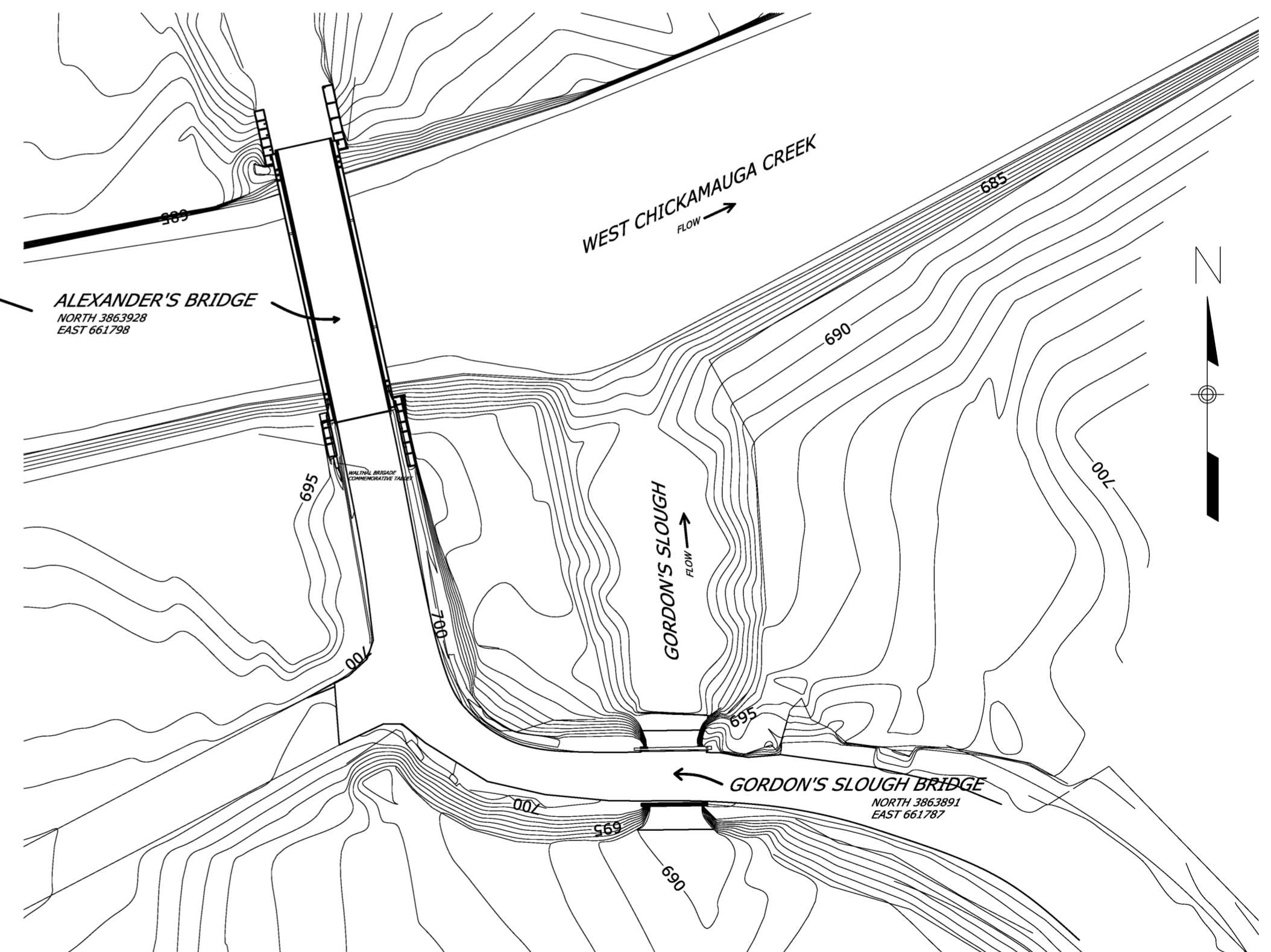
Alexander's Bridge was also documented as part of HAER No. GA-95.



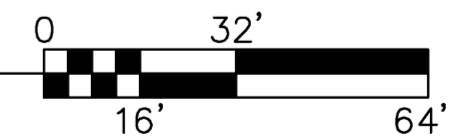
### PROJECT STATEMENT

In July 2010, the National Park Service, Denver Service Center (NPS-DSC), contracted with Brockington and Associates, Inc., to prepare Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) Documentation of Alexander's Bridge, Gordon's Slough Bridge and the Connecting Roadway and provide the documentation to NPS-DSC, the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), National Park Service, Southeast Regional Office (NPS-SRO), and other interested parties as required under the National Historic Preservation Act. The National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) proposes to rehabilitate or replace Alexander's Bridge, Gordon's Slough Bridge and the Connecting Roadway.

Senior Historian William M. Brockenbrough of Brockington and Associates, Inc., prepared the HAER Documentation; including the historic narrative, measured drawings, and large-format photography. Field work, including measurements and photography, was conducted in August 2010. The HAER Documentation was completed in December 2010.



SITE PLAN



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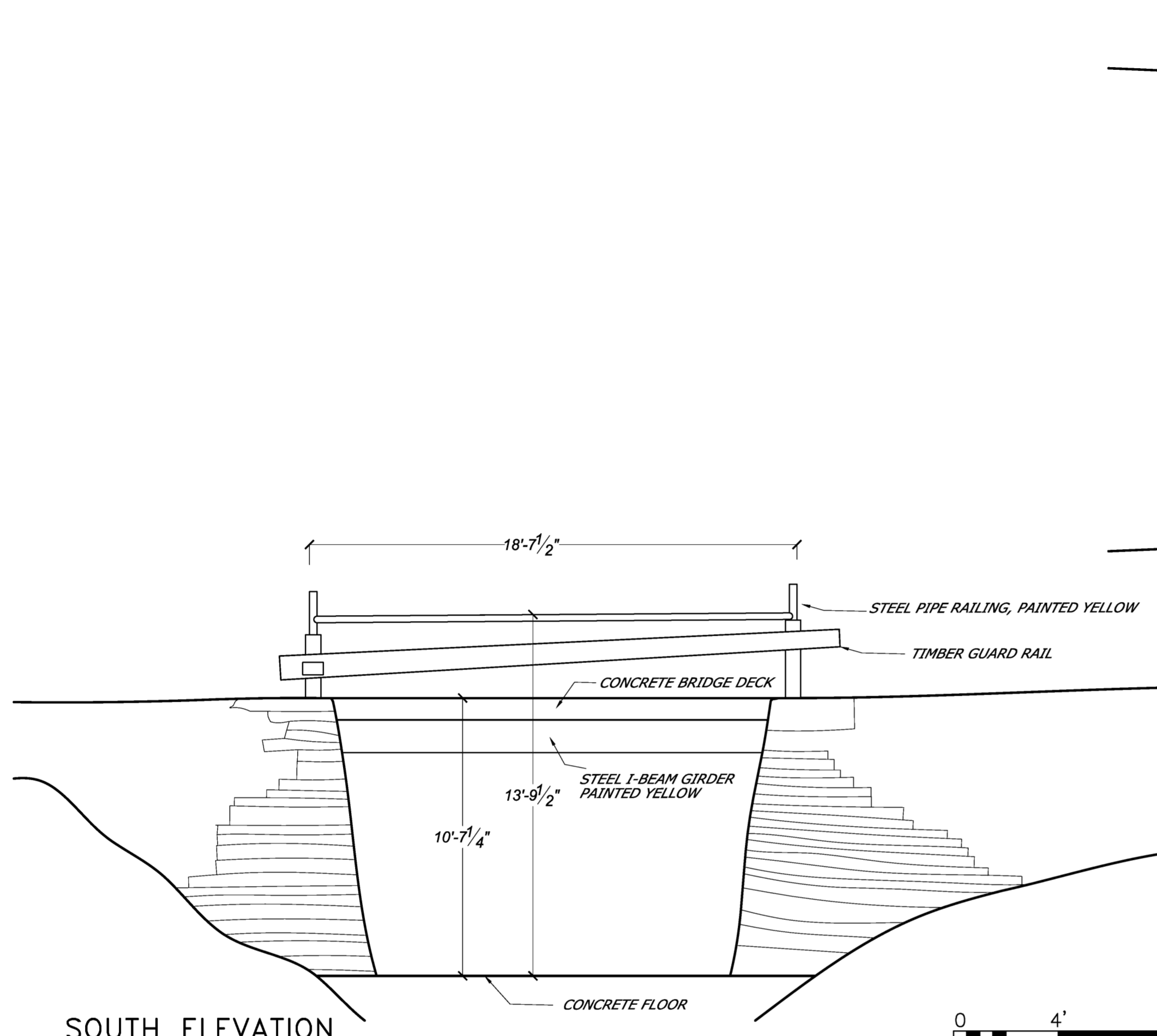
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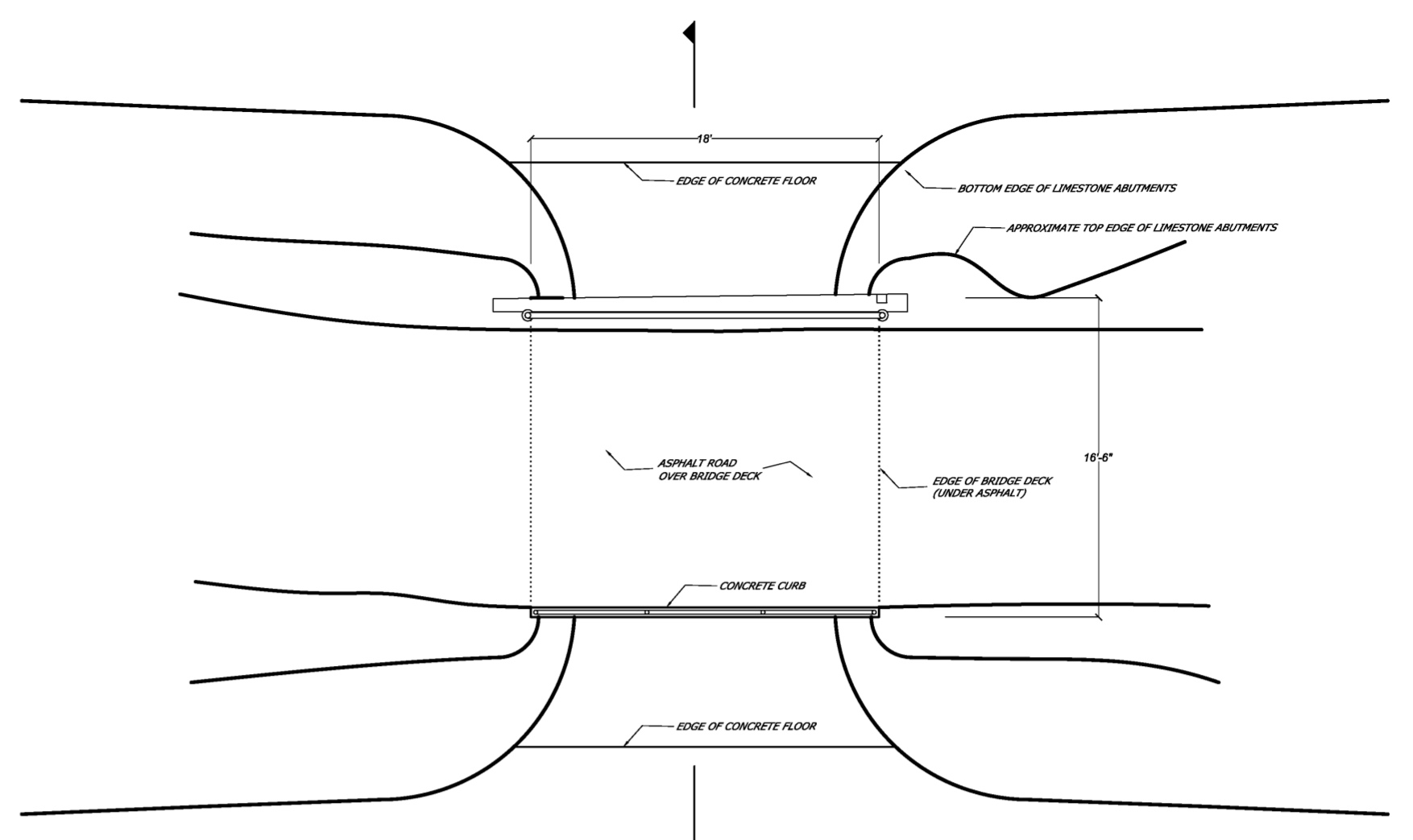
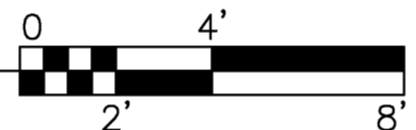
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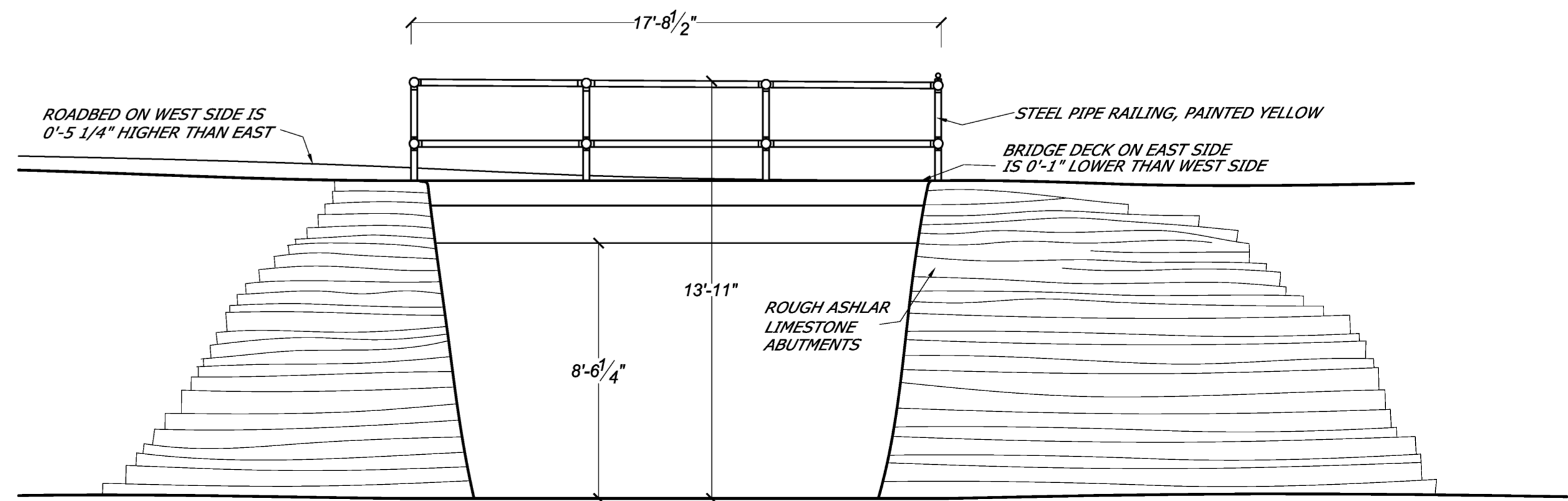
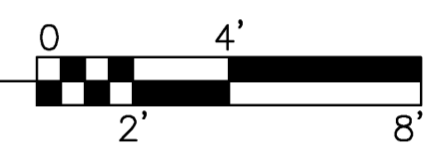
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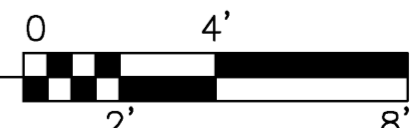
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BRIDGE PLAN



NORTH ELEVATION



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