

MP 23.4 20' Deck Plate Girder Timber Deck

Mile 22.3 Trail MP 21.3 Over Galati Road at Southview

Built 1913 Removed & daylighted ca. 1992

This view, looking north, shows the bridge circa 1977, spanning Galati Road. Coal from a derailment can be seen covering the embankment on either side of the bridge. Note the scarred edges of the left abutment, where a hopper car gouged the concrete.



Gene P. Schaeffer photo

View looking north on Galati Road from Southview Road intersection in 2010. The narrow underpass was removed and daylighted, with the later construction of the Trail surface being sloped down to a grade crossing at Galati Road.



Bryan Seip photo

Similar view in 2012 shows reconstructed railroad. Although the profile of the right-of-way was re-graded, Galati Road remains a grade crossing, now with rail and trail.



2012 photos Bryan Seip

Looking south – toward the Southview Road intersection and the W&LE railroad.



This view of the bridge shows a derailment on December 7, 1975, with one hopper overturned and blocking Galati Road. Seven cars were derailed at the bridge site in this incident. Over a year later, the coal load still covers the embankment, as seen in the first picture of the bridge.



Tim Sposato photo

This view in February, 1993, shows the bridge after removal and daylighting of the underpass. With deck removed, it sits on the Right-of-Way embankment, prior to Trail construction. The deck rests on the far side of Galati Road.

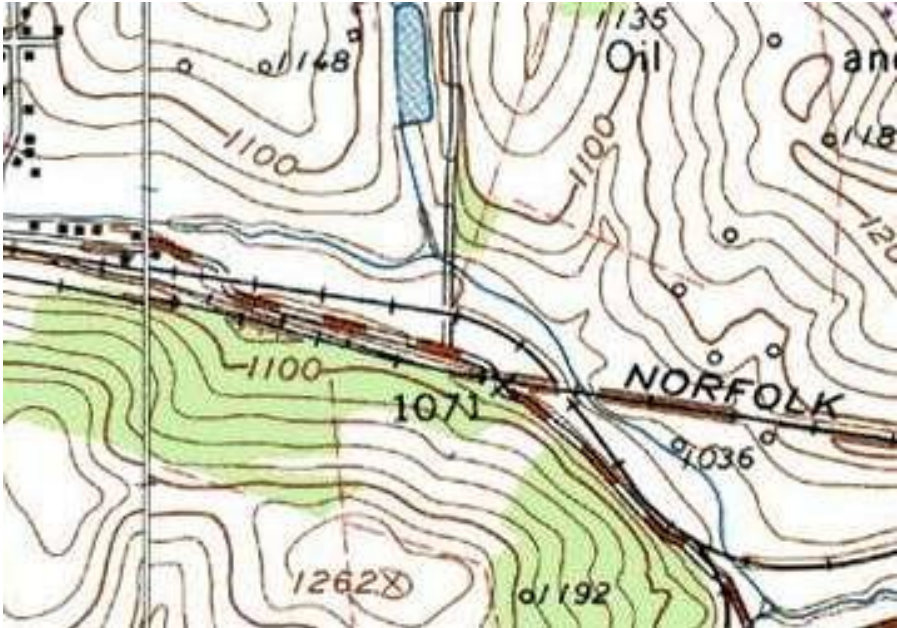


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Satellite view shows bridge location at top center with parking area next to crossing. Montour Trail curves from top left to bottom right. W&LE railroad runs across center of picture, with bridge over Southview Road and trestle over Montour Right-of-Way and Millers Run at lower right. Southview Road runs from upper left to bottom right.

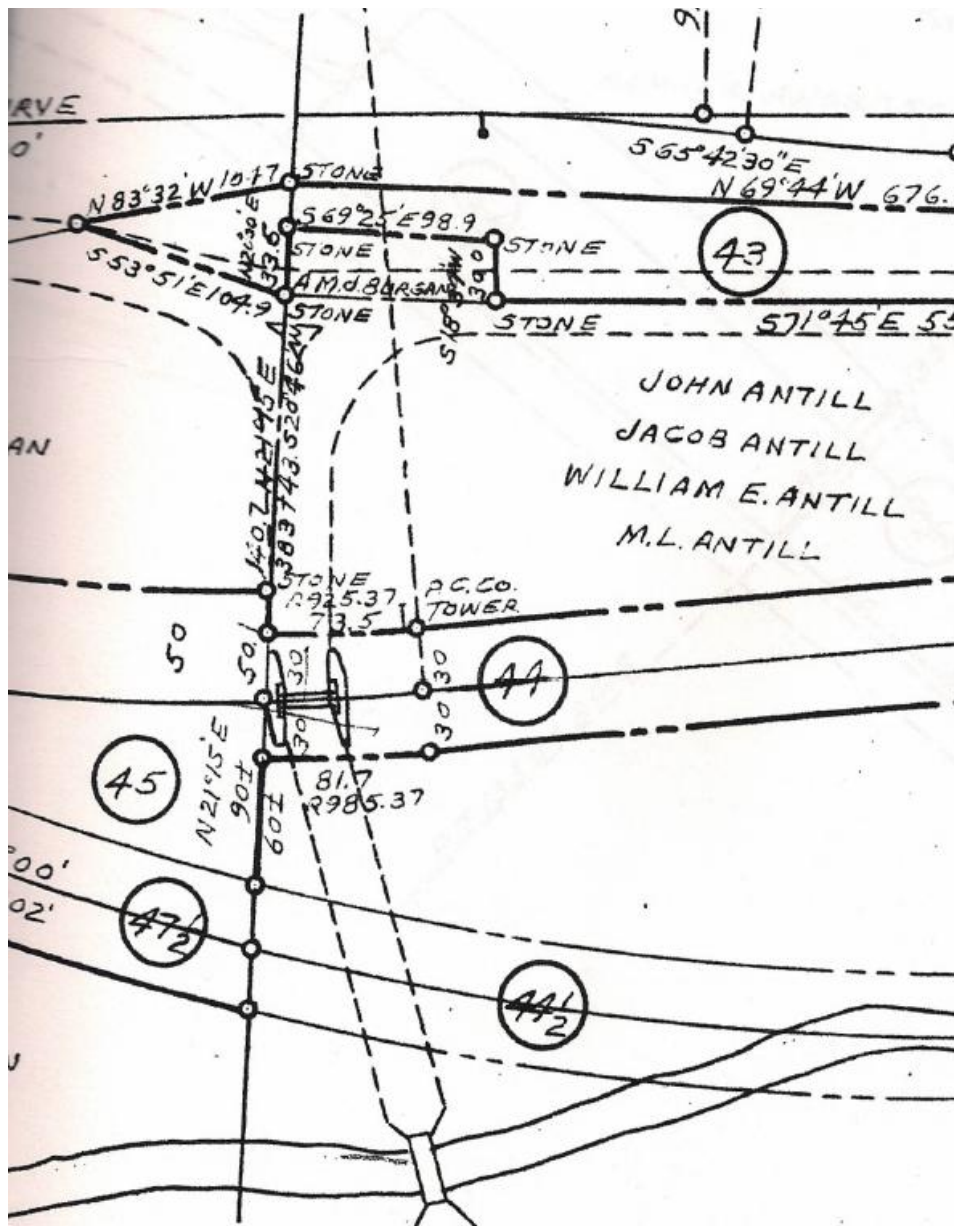


Topo map shows bridge at center with Galati Road at top center. Montour runs from left, curves under N&W, and passes Gilmore Junction at lower right. N&W – previously P&WV – runs across center of frame. Red dashed road is Southview Road.



Courtesy Bob Ciminel

Valuation Plan shows bridge at left of center. P&WV (W&LE) runs across top of frame, with switch for transfer track seen at top center. Montour main line runs across center at circle 44. Curved right-of-way at bottom marked with circle 47½ & 44½ was the proposed Bridgeville & McDonald Branch of the PCC & StL. Southview Road runs across upper part of frame at circle 43. Galati Road runs to single lane bridge over stream at bottom. North is at bottom of frame.



Courtesy Greg Corcoran

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