

Blair Historic Preservation Alliance
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History of the Blair Bridges

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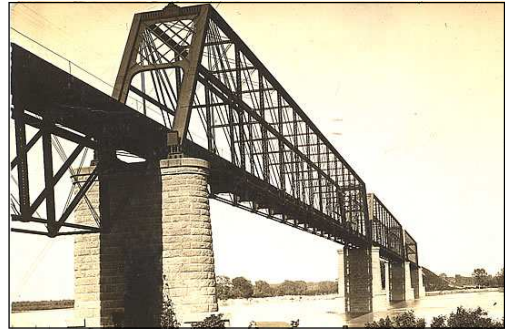
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 30, 2007
Blair Police Station Meeting Room

Panel Discussion:

Bud Jenny, former mayor & local historian
Lou Schmitz, Omaha railroad historian
Martin Rump, Moderator

Timeline

- 1855 -- Carter brothers settled in the valley that would one day be come the city of Blair
- 1864 -- Trains first crossed the Missouri River by ferry and travel west through "Carter Valley"
- 1869 -- John I. Blair sells of city plots
- 1883 -- Whipple Truss (flat top) Railroad Bridge completed
- 1924 -- First railroad bridge replaced with a (round top) Parker Truss Bridge
- 1929 -- Abraham Lincoln Memorial Bridge completed
- 1962 -- Auto Bridge became Toll Free
- 1991 -- New Missouri River Automobile Bridge



The first railroad bridge, built in 1883 had three Whipple truss flat top sections.



In 1924, the flat top train bridge was replaced by the round top Parker truss bridge.



In 1929, the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Bridge was completed for car traffic just to the south of the railroad bridge.

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Room for additional Content

For more information about the Blair Bridges, log-on to www.BlairHistory.com.

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There are a number of photographs, maps, engineer drawings, bridge construction information and numerous links to railroad and bridge history sites.