

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Number: AA-48

Name: USSO/301 OVER CREEKFEAR FERRY (WB) #2041

The bridge referenced herein was inventoried by the Maryland State Highway Administration as part of the Historic Bridge Inventory, and SHA provided the Trust with eligibility determinations in February 2001. The Trust accepted the Historic Bridge Inventory on April 3, 2001. The bridged received the following determination of eligibly.

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Eligibility Recommended <u>  X  </u>	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>      </u>
Criteria: <u>  A  </u> <u>  B  </u> <u>  C  </u> <u>  D  </u>	Considerations: <u>  A  </u> <u>  B  </u> <u>  C  </u> <u>  D  </u> <u>  E  </u> <u>  F  </u> <u>  G  </u> <u>None</u>
Comments: _____ _____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>  Anne E. Bruder  </u>	Date: <u>  3 April 2001  </u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>  Peter E. Kurtze  </u>	Date: <u>  3 April 2001  </u>

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 Historic Bridge Inventory  
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MHT No. AA-48Name and SHA No. William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge (Westbound)**Location:**Street/Road Name and Number: U.S. Route 50/301 over the Chesapeake BayCity/Town: Annapolis  vicinity County: Anne Arundel/Queen Anne'sOwnership:  State  County  Municipal  Other (Maryland Toll Authority)This bridge projects over:  Road  Railway  Water  LandIs the bridge located within a designated district:  yes  no NR listed district  NR determined eligible district locally designated  other

Name of District \_\_\_\_\_

**Bridge Type:** Timber Bridge Beam Bridge  Truss-Covered  Trestle  Timber-and-Concrete Stone Arch Metal Truss Bridge Movable Bridge Swing  Bascule Single Leaf  Bascule Multiple Leaf Vertical Lift  Retractable  Pontoon Metal Girder Rolled Girder  Rolled Girder Concrete Encased Plate Girder  Plate Girder Concrete Encased Metal Suspension Metal Arch Metal Cantilever Concrete Concrete Arch  Concrete Slab  Concrete Beam  Rigid Frame Other Type Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Description:****Describe Setting:**

*The westbound section of the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge is a 3-lane structure carrying U.S. Route 50/301 across the Chesapeake Bay in a generally northwest-southeast direction. It connects Anne Arundel and Queen Anne's counties, Maryland. This span is located approximately 450 feet to the north of and parallel to the original 2-lane Bay Bridge. The bridge is 3.98 miles long and exhibits a curved alignment, which was required to meet Army Corps of Engineers navigational restrictions. On the Anne Arundel County side, the bridge is bordered by Sandy Point State Park. To the east in Queen Anne's County is the Bay Bridge Airport.*

**Describe Superstructure and Substructure:**

**(Discuss points identified in Context Addendum, Section C)**

*This bridge consists of a central cable suspension span, its side spans, and a series of cantilever trusses, simple trusses, and plate girder and beam spans. The main span is 1,500 feet long, is supported by towers 379 feet above the water, and has cables 14 inches in diameter. The roadway deck is 212 feet above the water and measures 38 feet from curb to curb.*

**Discuss major alterations:**

*Other than routine maintenance, no significant modifications have been performed at this bridge.*

**History:**

**When Built:** *May 1969 to June 1973*

**Why Built:** *to alleviate congestion on the first Chesapeake Bay bridge*

**Who Built:** *four construction contracts*

**Who Designed:** *J.E. Greiner and Company*

**Why Altered:** *n/a*

**Was this bridge built as part of an organized bridge building campaign:** *no*

**Surveyor Analysis:**

**This bridge may have NR significance for association with:**

A Events     B Person

C Engineering/Architectural Character

— Was the bridge constructed in response to significant events in Maryland or local history?

*The parallel span of the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge was constructed to alleviate congestion on the original two-lane span of the bridge.*

When the bridge was built and/or given a major alteration, did it have a significant impact on the growth and development of the area?

*The construction of the second Bay Bridge encouraged additional travel to and from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, which in turn promoted growth and development of the area.*

Is the bridge located in an area which may be eligible for historic designation and would the bridge add to or detract from the historic and visual character of the possible district?

*This bridge may be in an area that is eligible for historic designation and would add to both the historic and visual character of the possible district.*

Is the bridge a significant example of its type?

*This bridge is a well preserved example of the metal suspension bridge. Along with its companion span completed in 1952, it is the only major suspension bridge in Maryland.*

— Does the bridge retain integrity of the important elements described in the Context Addendum?

*This bridge possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. As mentioned above, very few significant alterations have occurred at this bridge. Thus, the bridge retains integrity of all of its original components, including the towers, cradles, cables, suspenders, stiffening trusses, anchors, and piers.*

Is the bridge a significant example of the work of the manufacturer, designer, and/or engineer and why?

*This bridge is a significant example of the work of J.E. Greiner and Co. during the second half of the 20th century. It is potentially eligible under Criterion C for its manufacture and design.*

Should this bridge be given further study before significance analysis is made and why?

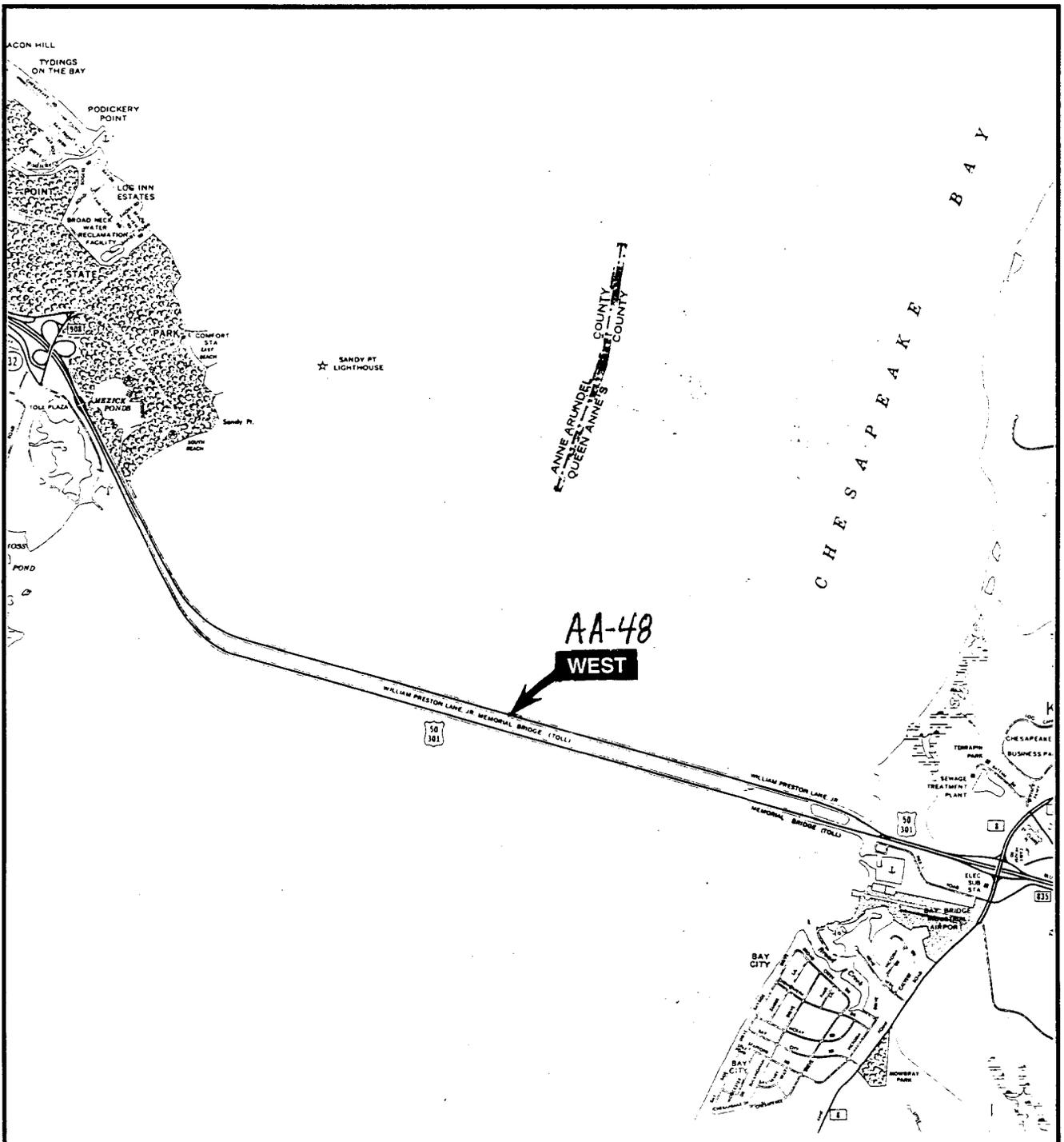
*No further evaluation is necessary to determine National Register significance. However, additional research concerning the history of this bridge and its surroundings may be useful in providing a more complete picture of the bridge's background.*

— Provide black and white prints and negatives and color slides of bridge, details, and setting labeled according to NR Bulletin 16A and Maryland Supplement to Bulletin 16A.

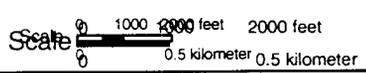
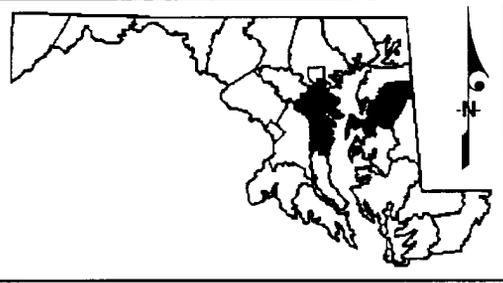
**Provide a photocopy USGS map illustrating the location of the bridge.**

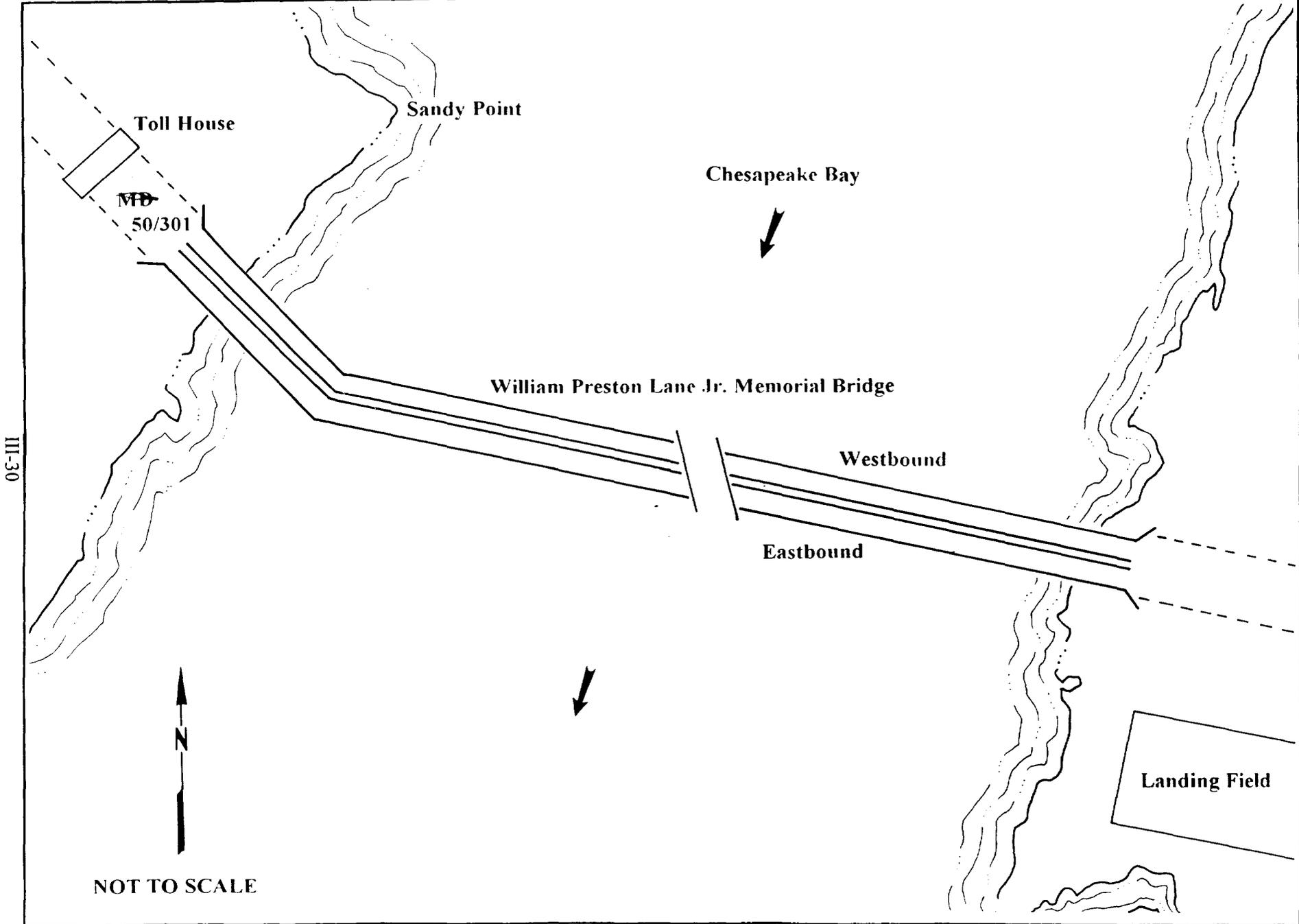
**Surveyor:**

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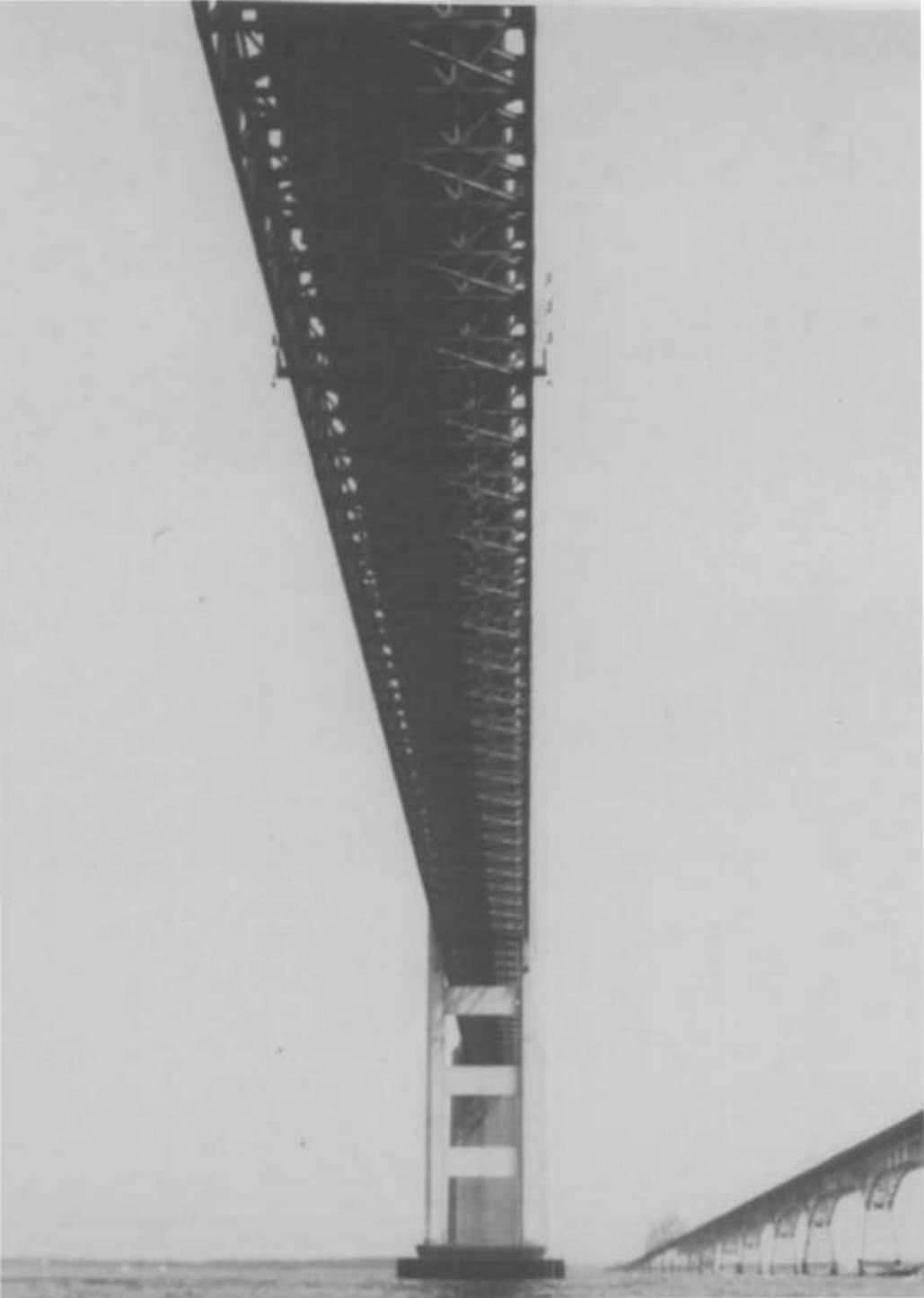
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Bridge (Westbound)

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William Preston Lane Sr.

Memorial Bridge (westbound)

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Approach looking west



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William Preston Lane Jr Memorial Bridge  
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North Elevation