

BUILDING BRIDGES

Lloyd Pierson (continued)

A 1936 photograph in the Dan O'Laurie Museum collection taken by Harry Reed, Moab photographer, shows a new bridge and a deep road cut leading to the river. Previously, the road from the river apparently went around the small mound of dirt and rock to the southwest of the present bridge, between it and the river bridge.

The old three span steel river Colorado bridge was replaced in 1955 as heavy traffic from uranium ore trucks from mines to the south proceeded to the buying station and new mill north of the river. The legally overweight ore trucks were too hard on the old horse-and-buggy age bridge.

NPS veteran and historian Lloyd Pierson still lives in Moab, Utah. Since he first penned this article, yet another 'new' bridge has been constructed over the Colorado River and Courthouse Wash. The new four lane river span cost upwards of \$38 million...JS

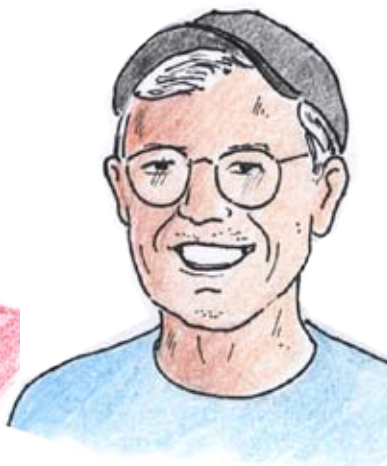


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