

Pittsburgh Railways Thompsonville Bridge – Part 2

Several other artifacts from the Pittsburgh Railway interurban line bridge at Thompsonville are still present. This picture of a PCC car is from April, 1952.



The trestle ran from the upper left corner of the “L” shaped parking lot (at right of center)
The north abutment is still in place and can be seen just at the tree line
The south abutment is also still in place, inside the tree line at the edge of the open field in the lower left, beside & between the dark Z-shaped building along Rt. 19 & the white roofed building.



Pulling into the parking lot at AES Engineering, just south of the Valley Brook intersection on Rt. 19 & behind the dentist office, you can see several concrete footers for the trestle bents in the yard. They are above the 2nd fence post & below the white door & 2 at the edge of the tree line.



Another view. The retaining wall/fence was built with old ties. The other pair of footers to the right of these may have been removed when the parking lot was graded.



Behind me at this site, across the driveway and in the trees on the bank going down to Brush Run are several more footers. The hillside is littered with timbers and ties.



Up on the hillside at the far end of the brick building, the south abutment sits in the trees and weeds.



Heading over to the area by the north abutment, there is a building set back from Rt. 19. It was built before the road was constructed. In the old Penn Pilot photo, I thought it might be a station stop. It is also seen in the first photo, in the upper right.



The building was originally a brick building, marked with a “Pittsburgh Railway” sign. It has had a concrete block addition built onto it and what looks like a vent on the roof.



View of right side of building.



The previous satellite view shows the white outline of the original building. This was probably a power sub-station for the trolley line.

As noted before, service on the Washington line was discontinued in August 1953.

The line was cut back to the Drake Loop at West McMurray Road in Upper St. Clair.