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**Husband: Samuel Donaldson Brode**

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Born: 27 Aug 1820 in: Saxton, Bedford County, PA  
Married: 1849 in:  
Died 1: 20 Feb 1864 in: Schellburg, Bedford Co, PA  
Died 2: 20 Feb 1864 in: Schellburg, Bedford, Pennsylvania, USA  
Burial:  
Father: Jonathan Brode  
Mother: Sarah Donaldson  
Other Spouses:

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**Wife: Catherine Fluke**

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Born: 29 Dec 1826 in: Yellow Creek, Bedford County, PA  
Died 1: 26 Nov 1872 in: Yellow Creek, Bedford Co, PA  
Died 2: 25 Nov 1872 in: Schellburg, Bedford, Pennsylvania, USA  
Burial:  
Father: John Jacob Fluck  
Mother: Catherine Fluck  
Other Spouses:

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**CHILDREN**

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1	Name: Wilson Monroe Brode Born 1: 16 Jun 1850 in: Martinsburg, PA Born 2: 1851 in: PENN Died 1: 16 Sep 1936 in: Newcomerstown, Oh Died 2: 16 Sep 1936 in: Newcomerstown, Tuscarawas, Ohio, USA Burial: Married: 16 Jun 1880 in: Newcomerstown, OH Spouse: Mary Elizabeth Barnett
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2	Name: George Watson Brode Born: 10 Sep 1851 in: Martinsburg, PA Died: 31 May 1916 in: Los Angeles, CA Burial: Married: 30 Jan 1879 in: Spouse: Clara Lovett
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3	Name: Viginia Catherine Brode Born: 10 Jan 1853 in: St Clairsville, PA Married: in: Died: 26 Sep 1861 in: Schellsburg, PA Burial: Spouse:
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4	Name: Charles Wesley Brode Born: 17 Feb 1854 in: St Clairsville, PA Died: 27 Dec 1941 in: Uhrichsville, OH Burial: in: East State Street Cemetery, Newcomerstown, OH Married: 25 Feb 1879 in: Spouse: Emma Florence Gorsuch
M	
5	Name: Sarah Jane Woodward Brode Born: 06 Oct 1855 in: Bedford Co, PA Married: in: Died: 16 Sep 1861 in: Schellsburg, PA Burial: Spouse:
F	
6	Name: John Edward Brode Born: 15 Jan 1858 in: Schellburg, Bedford Co, PA Died: May 1948 in: San Diego, CA Burial: Married: 1886 in: Annelly Kansas Spouse: Mary Etta Locke Married: 1896 in: Anelly Kansas Spouse: Amy Martin
M	
7	Name: Anna Elizabeth Brode Born: 23 Dec 1863 in: Bedford Co, PA
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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

COLUMBUS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census

Reg. Dist. No. 392  
Primary Reg. Dist. No. 8187

State File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Registrar's No. 243

1. PLACE OF DEATH:  
(a) County Franklin  
(b) Columbus, Ohio  
(City, Village, Township)  
(c) Name of hospital or institution:  
Mt. Carmel Hosp. State + Davis Col.  
(If not in hospital or institution, write street No. or location)  
(d) Length of stay: in hospital or institution 14  
(Days)  
In this community lifetime  
(Years, months or days)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:  
(a) State Ohio (b) County Coshocton  
(c) City or village Coshocton, Ohio  
(If outside city or village, write RURAL)  
(d) Street No. 1231 Kenilworth Ave.  
(If rural, give location)  
(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.? \_\_\_\_\_ years.

3. FULL NAME Charles A. Brode  
(a) If veteran \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Social Security name war \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Sex Male 5. Color of face White (a) Single, widow, divorced, divorced Married  
6. Name of husband or wife, if alive Allen Brode (c) Age of husband or wife if alive 66 years  
7. Birth date of deceased Feb 11 - 1877  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION  
20. Date of death: Month January day 20<sup>th</sup>  
year 1947 hour 6 am minute 45  
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 1/6, 1947, to 1/20, 1947, and that I last saw him alive on 1/20, 1947.

8. AGE: Years 69 Months 11 Days 9 min. \_\_\_\_\_  
If less than one day

Immediate cause of death Coronary sclerosis + thrombosis  
Duration Sudden Death

9. Birthplace Ohio  
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)  
10. Usual occupation Plumber  
11. Industry or business Plumber  
12. Name George Brode  
13. Birthplace Ohio  
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)  
14. Maiden name Wanda Davis  
15. Birthplace Ohio  
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

Due to \_\_\_\_\_  
Due to \_\_\_\_\_  
Other conditions (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death) \_\_\_\_\_  
Major findings of operation \_\_\_\_\_  
Major findings of autopsy \_\_\_\_\_  
Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

16. (a) Informant's signature Michael Brode  
(b) Address Coshocton, Ohio  
17. (a) Burial, cremation, or other: burial (b) Date 1/27/47  
(Month) (Day) (Year)  
(c) Place Southland, Coshocton  
(d) no. 3198A  
(Name of embalmer) (Lic. No.)  
18. (a) Arthur C. Simpson 538  
(Signature of General Director) (Lic. No.)  
(b) Address Coshocton, Ohio  
19. (a) 1-22-47 (b) Leo Wridel  
(Date received local registrar) (Registrar's signature)

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:  
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Date of occurrence 1/20/47  
(c) Where did injury occur? \_\_\_\_\_  
(City or Village) (County) (State)  
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Specify type of place)  
While at work? \_\_\_\_\_ (e) How did injury occur? \_\_\_\_\_  
23. Signature Edward Yellow Wilson  
Specify if Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy  
Add 3956 Broad St Date signed 1/20/47

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING  
THIS CERTIFICATE SHALL BE PRINTED LEGIBLY OR TYPEWRITTEN IN UNFADING INK.

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Viola Weir was born December, 1858 in Ohio. Her parents were Louis and Sara Weir. Her siblings were sisters, Mrs. George (Nancy) Booth (1853-1943) of Newcomerstown, Mrs. C. R. (Amanda) Templeton of New York City, and brothers, John Weir of Parkersburg, W. VA, and William Weir of Uhrichsville. On Oct 21, 1895, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio she married Luman Birch Haskins. This was his third marriage. She died Feb 11, 1942 at the Massillon State Hospital and was buried in West Lawn Cemetery.

1895 Tuscarawas Co Marriage Book 10, Vol V, Viola "Wire" and Luman B. Haskins.

1900 census – Uhrichsville, L.B. Haskins, 77, occupation is landlord, Viola, 41, married 5 years, has 1 child.

1909 L. B. Haskins dies

1910 census- Uhrichsville

1920 census- Viola, widowed, occupation is laundress

1930 census- 74, widowed, age at first marriage is 24, occupation is domestic.

1942 (information from death certificate) died on 2/11 at Massillon State Hospital where she died of heart disease at 83. Her home is listed as Uhrichsville, her birthplace is Newcomerstown OH, parents unknown, and information source is hospital records

Her son Charles Alben Brode was born February 11, 1877.

Information from his death certificate says his mother was Viola Weis? whose birthplace is Ohio and father is George Brode, birthplace, Ohio.

His occupation is listed as plumber and SS# ~~274 12 06~~??.

Address is 1231 Kenilworth Ave Coshocton. Cause of death is heart attack. Date of death is January 20, 1947 with burial in South Lawn, Coshocton, Ohio. His age is 69 yrs, 11 mos and 9 days. He died at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus where he had been a

patient for 14 days. It says that he lived in the "community" for his lifetime.

He was married to Ellen Clendenning daughter of John and Rebecca Clendenning. Ellen was born in 1880 and died October 31, 1942 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mason (Mary E.) Travis (1916-1970) in Dayton, Ohio. She was also survived by her son Edgar Brode (1901-1960) (died in San Francisco) and two sisters, Mrs Harry Beach and Mrs Russell Milligan, both of Coshocton and Sam Clendenning, Coshocton. One daughter, Helen (1905-1923) preceded Ellen in death. In Helen Rebecca Brodes death certificate Charles Brode provides the information that his birthplace was Newcomerstown, Ohio.

From Coshocton City directories:

1922- electric contractor

1926- oil burners

1928- sold gasoline at 250 Hickory

1932- lived at 925 Cambridge Rd and worked at Central Hardware

1930 census- Charles 52, b. OH, father born in Pa, mother born OH, occupation is dealer of coal

Ellen b. OH, father and mother b. IR, occupation is teahouse mgr.

Mary E. daughter is 13 and Henry Zurkle, 70 is lodger.

1860 census - Net.

Lewis WIRE b. 1820, laborer, born in NJ

Sarah WIRE b. 1833 b Ohio

Maray P. b. 1853 "

Martha A. b. 1855 "

Catherine V. P. b. 1857 "

1870 census - Oxford Twp. Cosh. Co

Uida WIRE b. 1859

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Homestead Pioneer Farm and Craft Museum, Glendale Rd., Oskaloosa, Iowa. This is probably John Mills Lacey's Bible. 2. Old letter from R. S. Lacey to Eliza Ellen Haskins Thompson says that Spencer Lacey's son John M. Lacey came to Cadiz in 1816. So John's daughter Eliza Ann Lacey would have been born in Delaware. 4. Harrison Co. Marriage Record, Courthouse, Cadiz, Ohio, Vol. B, p. 25. 5. 1830 Census Harrison Co., Ohio, p. 48. 6. Administration Docket Book A, p. 307, No. 528, Courthouse, Cadiz. 7. Account Record [of estates?] p. 295, Courthouse, Cadiz. 8. Administration Docket B, p. 56, Courthouse, Cadiz. 9. 1840 Census, Harrison Co., Ohio, p. 31. 10. 1850 Census, Harrison Co., Ohio, Town of Cadiz, p. 367. 11. Letter from Elizabeth Martin, Columbus, Ohio, June 14, 1974.

6 **LUMAN BIRCH HASKINS** (2) born in Moorefield,<sup>2</sup> Ohio, on Dec. 29, 1822,<sup>1</sup> died Dec. 31, 1909,<sup>1</sup> in Uhrichsville, Ohio, and was buried in Union Cemetery, Uhrichsville.<sup>5</sup> He was married first to **MARY M. HAGEN** Mar. 5, 1857,<sup>3</sup> in Tuscarawas Co. by L. P. Dales. She was born in Ohio<sup>16</sup> on Jan. 26, 1837,<sup>5</sup> died Sept. 26, 1866<sup>5</sup> and was buried in Union Cemetery, Uhrichsville.

Their children are:

- Ella<sup>18</sup> born Dec. 29, 1857,<sup>5</sup> died Feb. 18, 1862<sup>5</sup>
- Anna<sup>6</sup> E. 47
- Elmer E.<sup>9</sup> <sup>10</sup> 49
- Ordella 42
- [Infant daughter, Sarah?], died Oct., age 1 year, 29 days<sup>19</sup>

Luman Birch Haskins was married second to **ANNA M. BALTZLEY**<sup>4</sup> May 14, 1868, in Tuscarawas Co. by P. Stans Hooper, minister.<sup>4</sup> She was born in Ohio in 1831,<sup>6</sup> died May 22, 1889<sup>7</sup> in Uhrichsville, Ohio, and was buried in Union Cemetery, Uhrichsville.

Their child is:

- Jesse D.<sup>6</sup> 24

Luman Birch Haskins was married third to **VIOLA WEIR**<sup>20</sup> (Wire<sup>14</sup>) Oct. 21, 1895, in Tuscarawas Co. by C. J. Hunter, minister.<sup>14</sup> No children were born to this marriage. Viola Weir was born in Dec.<sup>17</sup> 1858<sup>17</sup> <sup>15</sup> in Ohio.<sup>17</sup> She died Feb. 11, 1942, at the Massillon State Hospital, Massillon, Ohio, and was buried in the Newcomerstown Cemetery, Newcomerstown, Ohio, where her sister, Mrs. George Booth was living.<sup>20</sup>

In 1887 when Wilson Monroe Brode founded his construction company, Newcomerstown was a small farm community on the banks of the Tuscarawas River bisected by railway lines and the Ohio-Erie Canal. The people were still riding in horse-drawn buggies or wagons, and the streets if they were paved at all, were paved with brick.

W. M. Brode came to Ohio from Yellow Creek, Pennsylvania in 1872 to mine iron ore in the Stonecreek Valley. But within the next five years many of the mines in this area shut down, being unable to compete with the abundant reserves of ore newly discovered along Lake Superior. W. M. was fortunate enough to find work with the C & M and Panhandle Railroads as a section hand earning \$.90 per day. In 1881 he began working as a stone cutter for the Conotton Valley Railroad. It was this job which would eventually lead him into the bridge building business, a business which after 96 years still enjoys close business ties with the railroads.

Before concrete was adapted as a foundation material, bridge substructures were constructed of stone placed on timber and piling foundations. Wilson Brode started as a stone cutter, advanced to foreman in the stone yard, and eventually began contracting to build the bridges himself. In 1894 he built the River Street bridge over the Tuscarawas River, in Newcomerstown, and the following year he contracted to do the excavation and all brick and stone masonry for the foundation of the Jas. B. Clow & Sons Pipe Foundry, a job which took him just 59 days.

W. M. 's sons, George and Clancy began working with him at about the same time that concrete came into use. George wrote of the back breaking job of mixing concrete by hand: "The aggregate stone and sand

were spread evenly over a 10X12 ft. platform cement was added, and this combination was turned over with shovels until it was thoroughly mixed, water was added and the procedure repeated until the aggregate was of a uniform consistency. It was then shoveled into buckets which were handled by derricks and deposited in the foundations." The W.M. Brode Company purchased its first mechanical concrete mixer in 1903. It had 1/2 yard capacity, mounted on wheels with a steam boiler and engine and was fed with wheelbarrows.

The advent of the automobile created a demand for paved roads and in 1914 the company expanded its operation to this type of construction. One of their first jobs was the Stark Patent Road east of Newcomerstown. And it was on one of these jobs that Erwin Johns first came to work for the W.M. Brode Company as a water boy. He eventually became the General Superintendent and remained a close friend and advisor to four generations of Brode's during the next seventy years. At this time the grading was done with teams of horses and scrapers, and the base fine graded by hand. The sand and gravel was produced from material washed in during the 1913 flood and fed with wheelbarrows to a self-propelled mixer of 1/2 cubic yard capacity. Water was supplied by pumping through pipe laid along side the road, and cement was stacked along the project and added to the mix by hand. Spreading and finishing were also done by hand and curing by covering with earth and water. During the next sixteen years the W.M. Brode Company finished 25 miles of brick and concrete roads around Newcomerstown as well as many bridges and foundations in surrounding communities and nearby states, IN the 1940's the second generation was joined in business by George Brode's sons Gordon and Robert. Pile driving became a major part of the W.M. Brode Company business, developing the capability to handle a wide range of driving work using H-beam, pipe or tube, concrete, timber or

other types of pile and sheeting. They also continued to build many highway and railroad bridges two of which are located here in Newcomerstown. In 1960 they built the bridge which carries St. Rt. 258 (at that time US 21) across the Tuscarawas River while in 1968 they replaced the River Street structure originally built by their grandfather seventy-four years before.

In the last few years the W.M. Brode Company has completed highway and railroad projects in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Wisconsin, and Ohio, under the leadership of George and Robert W. Brode, great-grandsons of the founder. They draw heavily on their heritage and occasionally find that the old techniques are still the best in given situations. In August of 1974 they completed just such a project for the C & O Railroad near downtown Columbus. The method, used 8 or 10 times by the Brode Company in its long history of bridge building, is designed to facilitate bridge replacement without interrupting rail traffic. They constructed the new bridge in place along side of the existing bridge. Then in the space of eight hours the old bridge was removed and the new one rolled into place.

The W.M. Brode Company has currently under contract four highway bridges for the Indiana Highway Commission, and one for the Ohio Department of Transportation as well as two projects for the Chessie System and one for the Norfolk Southern Railway. It is affiliated with the Associated General Contractors of America, the American Road Builders, the American Railway Engineering Association and the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. Present officers are Joyce W. Brode-Chairman, George M. Brode-President, Robert W. Brode-Vice-President, and Ingeborg Hamilton-Secretary. The Brode Company is the oldest employer in Newcomerstown, ranking 35th among the nation's oldest general contractors and except for the Austin Co. in Cleveland, the oldest in the state of Ohio.



## ATTEND CONVENTION

Messrs. W. M. Brode, Geo. B. Brode and Clancy Brode, of the W. M. Brode Co. of Newcomerstown, left Tuesday for Chicago to attend the National Road Builders' Convention and Machinery Show to be held January 5th to 9th.

*NC+ NEWS*

*22 Jan 1925*

## Newcomerstown Chamber Business of the Month

# W.M. Brode Co.: Building Today's History

**MITCH WISE**  
NEWCOMERSTOWN NEWS

Over the past 113 years the W. M. Brode Company has played an important part in the development of Newcomerstown and can lay claim to being the village's oldest business.

The company's beginnings are traced back to the late 1800's. Company founder Wilson Monroe Brode moved his family to Ohio from Yellow Creek, Pennsylvania in 1872. Brode worked in the iron ore mines in the Stonecreek area and later for the C & M Railroad. In 1881 Brode worked as a stonemason for the Conotton Valley Railroad where he became foreman of the stone yard.

Brode recognized the impending development of Ohio's roadways. He soon contracted to build bridges himself and began his own construction company in 1887. One of his first projects was the foundation for the railroad bridge over the Tuscarawas River on the west end of town.

In 1894 the Brode Company was contracted to build a bridge over the Tuscarawas River on River Street. In 1895 the company built the James B. Clow and Sons Foundry on Bridge Street, Newcomerstown. The project took just 59 days.

W. M. Brode's sons joined the company around 1904. George B. and Clancy C. Brode helped their father expand his business into Illinois and Indiana. The company was incorporated as the W. M. Brode Co. in 1912.

Over the next 16 years, the W.M. Brode Company was responsible for many of the public roads in the Newcomerstown area including the section of Route 21 south from Newcomerstown to the Guernsey County line. This section is said to have been the last paved section of Route 21 from Cleveland to Florida.

The W. M. Brode Co. also paved the entire length of State Street when bricks were still used on the

Clancy Brode had no children but George B. Brode had sons G. Gordon Brode and Robert M. Brode. The two brothers attended Cornell University but careers were put on hold when World War II broke out in 1941. After the war both brothers joined the family business at a time when many of the nation's roads were being repaired or replaced. During the 1950's and 1960's the company primarily was a highway contractor.

In 1967 the W. M. Brode Company was awarded the contract to replace the River Street Bridge originally built by W. M. Brode himself in 1894.

Today the W. M. Brode Company is in the hands of George M. Brode (son of G. Gordon Brode) and Robert W. Brode (son of Robert M. Brode), the fourth generation. The cousins are 50/50 owners of the company and are directly involved with the day-to-day operations.

The company offices are located at 100 Elizabeth Street in Newcomerstown and the company is also on the Internet at [www.wmbrode.com](http://www.wmbrode.com). The W. M. Brode Company employs 40-70 people throughout the year and 90 percent of those employees live within a twenty-mile radius of Newcomerstown.

The company is divided into four divisions - Bridges, Foundations, Buildings, and Real Estate.

The Bridge Division inspects, designs, constructs, and restores railroad, highway, pedestrian, and covered bridges. The slogan "Brode knows Bridges" in the company brochures, emphasizes the company's long heritage of bridge related experience.

With the Foundations Division the company furnishes driven pile solutions including driven pile foundations, earth retention systems, and cofferdams, both from shore and marine.

The Building Division designs constructs, and maintains

leases for commercial and industrial needs. The Brodes own several properties in the Newcomerstown area and are active in marketing industrial or commercial development on those properties.

The W. M. Brode Company is a nation-wide employer with projects currently taking place in Muskogee, Michigan, Mount Pine, Arkansas, Bristol, Virginia, Augusta and Rome, Georgia. Closer to home projects are in progress in Trumbull County, Ohio, Zoar, Coshocton, and of course Newcomerstown.

The W. M. Brode Co. will be the general contractor for Newcomerstown's new Lutheran Church. The new church is currently in the design and estimating phase with an anticipated groundbreaking this spring.

The W. M. Brode Co. was the general contractor for the recently completed Janesville Products plant and is working with the Newcomerstown Historical Society on the new Mary Hayes Dinner Theatre. Other projects in Newcomerstown in which the company has been involved include the Riverside Apartments, Groovfold, Taste Apple, 31 Inc., and Express Packaging. The company also built the additions to the Newcomerstown High School and the West School in 1987-88.

George M. Brode said membership in the Newcomerstown Chamber of Commerce allowed the company "to be in touch with the local business community." George is the President of the local Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) and has been very involved in bringing new industry to Newcomerstown such as Janesville Products and more recently Caito Foods.

Robert W. Brode said the company shares common interests and goal with the Chamber. Robert said, "This is a people business. If we don't have the same interests as our associates, we don't succeed in business. It's not about cranes and bull-

the company's Building Division. Steven is the son of George M. and Joan Brode.

A study of the W.M. Brode Company is a study of the Brode family and how they have helped built our community. From the stone yard foreman of the 1880's to the Brode gentlemen that are helping to build Newcomerstown today, the W.M. Brode Co. is Newcomerstown's oldest business and the Newcomerstown Chamber of Commerce's Featured Business of the Month.



Mitch Wise/Newcomerstown News  
Over the past 113 years the W. M. Brode Company has played an important part in the development of Newcomerstown and can lay claim to being the village's oldest business. Pictured are the fourth generation owners of the company George M. Brode (left) and Robert W. Brode (right). More information about the W.M. Brode Company is available on its website at [www.wmbrode.com](http://www.wmbrode.com).

Contact the Chamber for membership information

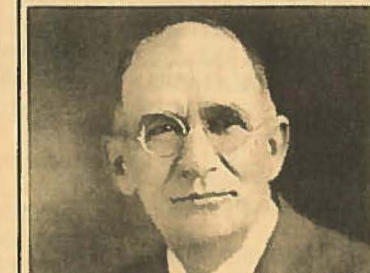
### W.M. BRODE CO. PAST PRESIDENTS



W.M. BRODE  
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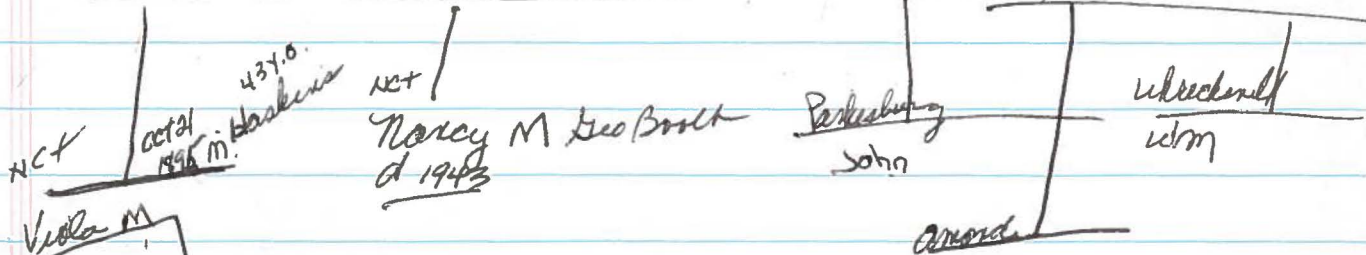


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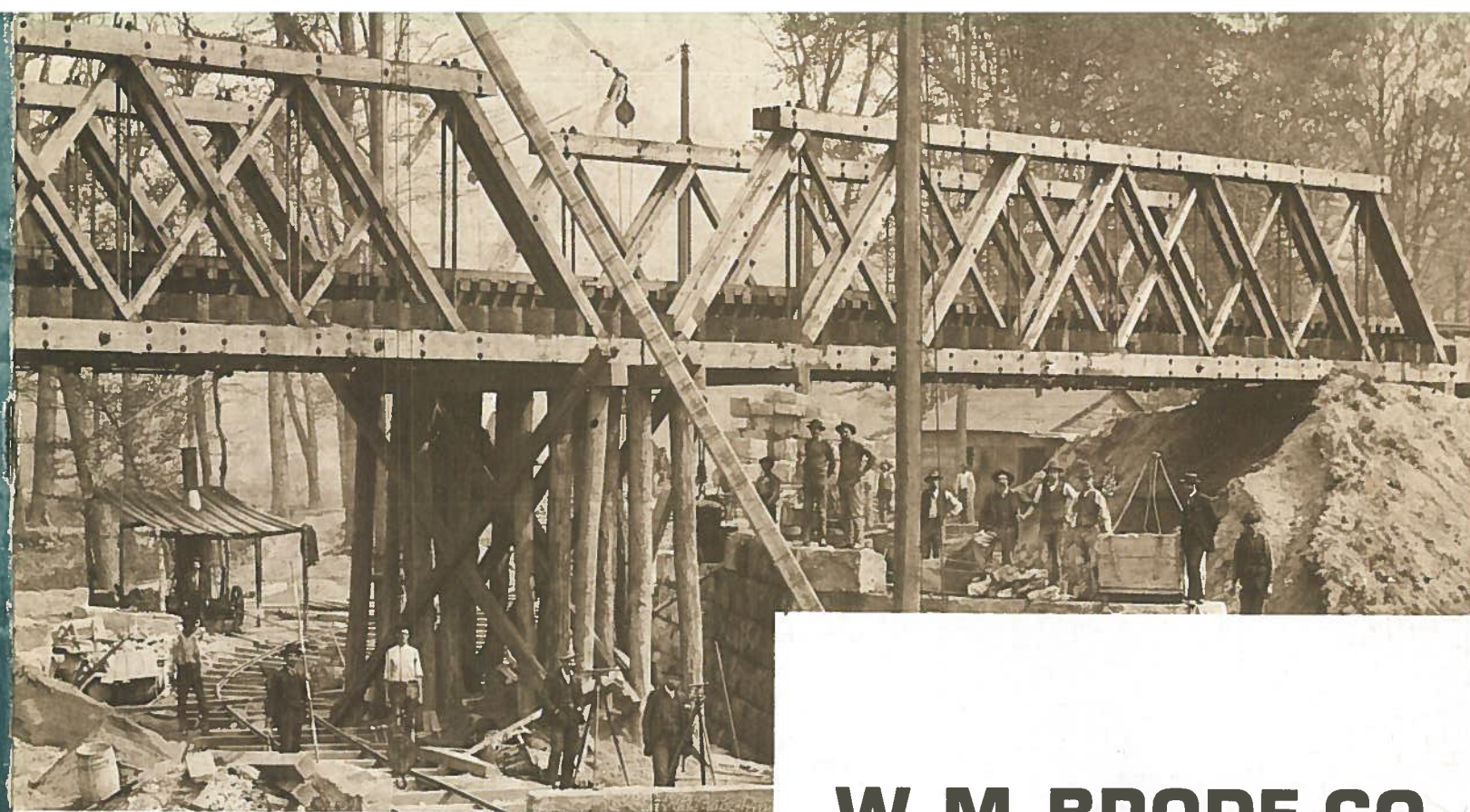
### SERVICES HERE SATURDAY FOR FORMER RESIDENT

Funeral services for Mrs. Viola Haskins, former resident of Newcomerstown, will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. from the Hinds Funeral Home in charge of Rev. Charles Foust.

Mrs. Haskins died at 10 p. m. Wednesday at the Massillon State hospital.

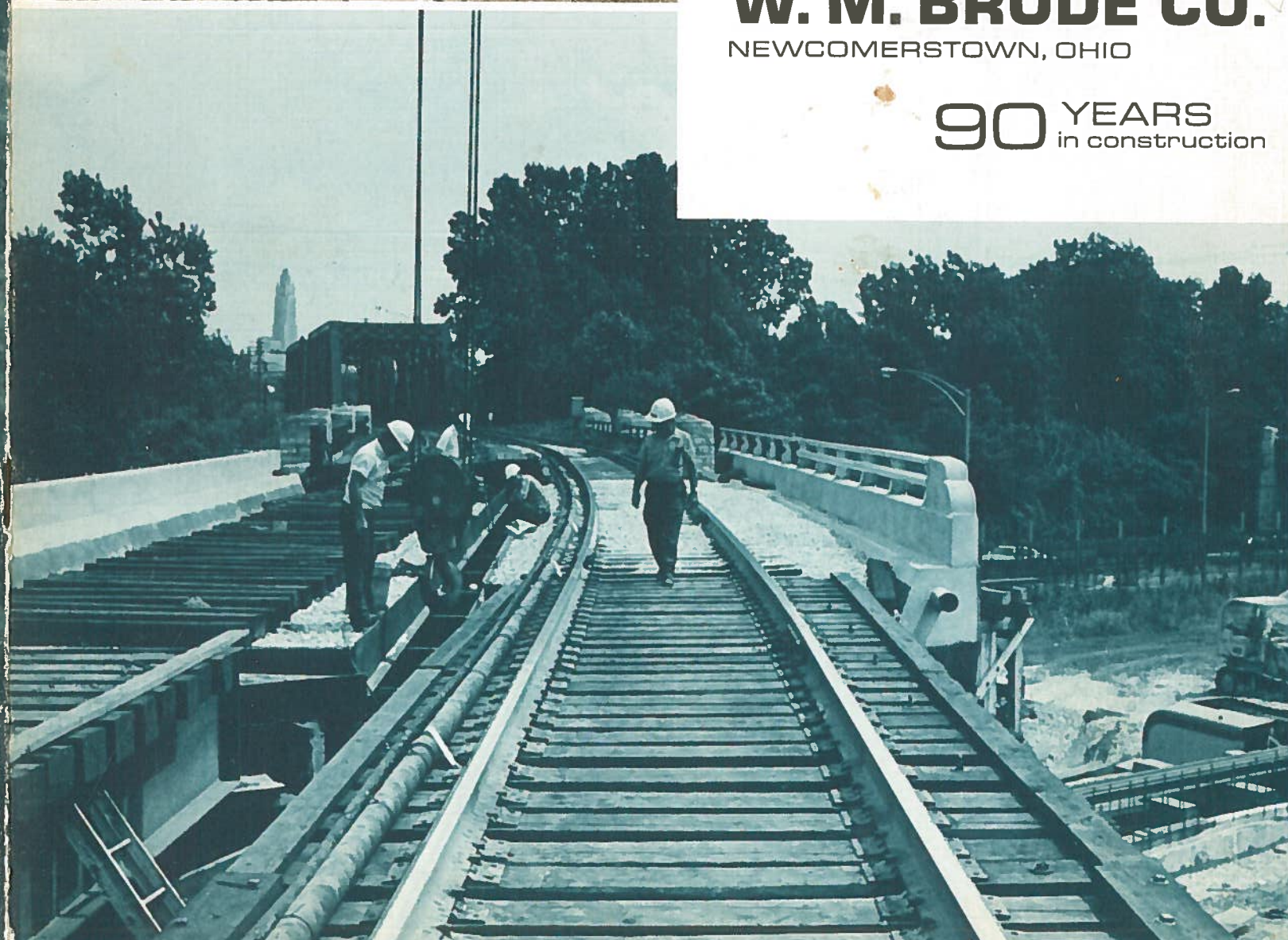
She is survived by one son, Charles Brode of Coshocton, two brothers, John Weir of Parkersburg, W. Va. and William Weir of Uhrichsville, two sisters, Mrs. C. R. Templeton of New York and Mrs. George Booth of Newcomerstown.

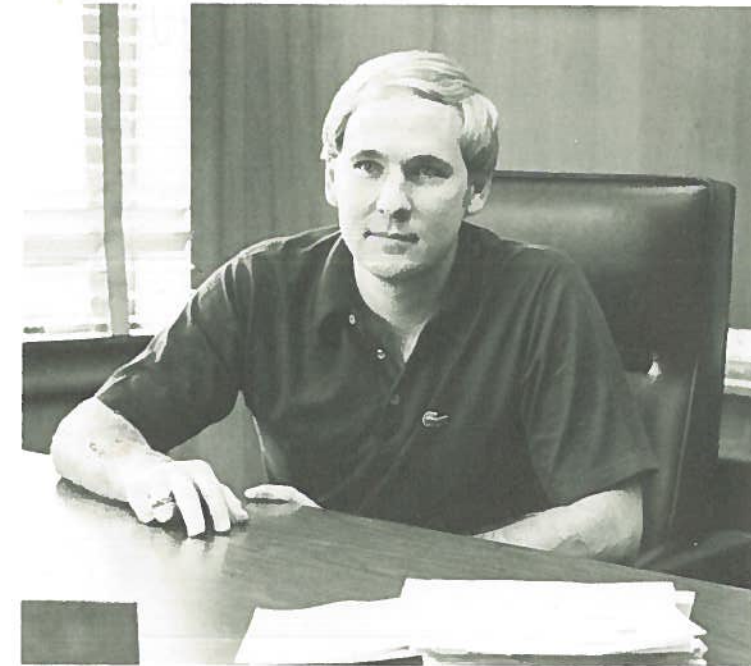
Burial will be made in West Lawn cemetery.



**W. M. BRODE CO.**  
NEWCOMERSTOWN, OHIO

**90 YEARS**  
in construction





We at Brode Company are proud of our 90 years in the construction industry. Few contractors can claim a longer record of accomplishment or the enviable reputation we have earned for integrity and reliability. Throughout our history, we have been known as "problem solvers" because we have taken an innovative approach to construction methods and engineering.

Through this booklet, I am proud to present some of the highlights of our company's past and to acquaint you with our present capabilities. While some of the older photographs do reflect a certain amount of nostalgia, their primary purpose is to show you our background on a wide variety of projects.

It is my hope that after reviewing this booklet, you will give us a call. I'll guarantee that if you do, you will receive straightforward, honest answers to any questions, fair estimates on costs, and the services of the most efficient construction, engineering and management team in this area:

**W. M. BRODE COMPANY**  
100 ELIZABETH STREET  
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# Established 1887

Founded by Wilson Monroe Brode to serve the growing railroad industry, the company specialized in pile driving, heavy masonry and difficult foundation work. Utilizing these specialties, Brode Co. quickly gained recognition as a leading bridge and foundation contractor. By 1890, the company's reputation had spread to state and local governmental agencies and private industry throughout Ohio and the surrounding states.



The above photo, taken in 1912 about the time the company was incorporated, shows W. M. Brode working at his roll-top desk. Offices were located on the second floor of the First National Bank Building in Newcomerstown.

## Past Presidents



G. Gordon Brode\*



Clancy C. Brode



W. M. Brode



George B. Brode\*\*



Robert M. Brode

\*President, Ohio Contractors' Association—1957.  
\*\*Charter Member, Ohio Contractors' Association.



1891  
Working on masonry piers for a bridge over the Tuscarawas and White Woman Rivers at Coshocton, Ohio. This job was for the Toledo, Walhonding Valley and Ohio Railroad.



1928  
This photo was taken the day Brode changed from horses to horsepower.

1894 THE SAME BRIDGE TWICE 1968

Brode built this 4-span steel truss bridge across the Tuscarawas River at Newcomerstown in 1894.

Seventy-four years later, in 1968, the company built this modern concrete replacement in the same spot.



# Whatever the job—

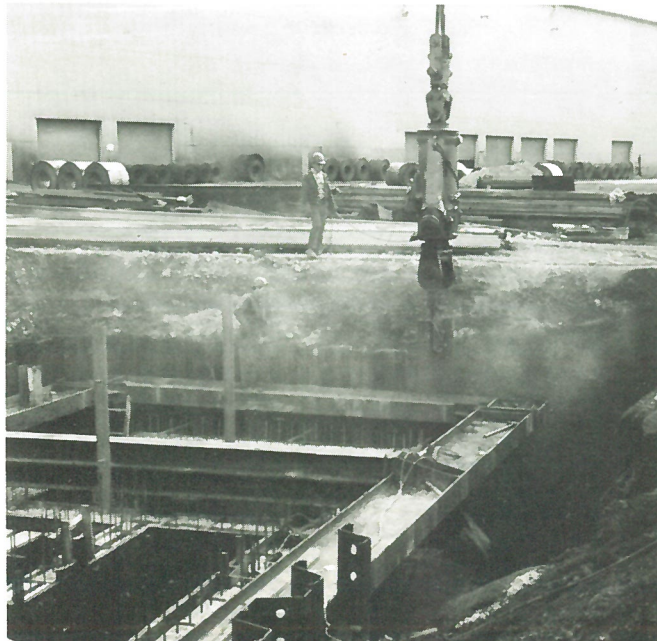
Excavating to grade for a pier footer on a state highway bridge project across the Muskingum River at Beverly, Ohio — 1963.



Struts are installed to brace the sheet piling retaining wall on this box culvert project at Baileysville, West Virginia — 1973.

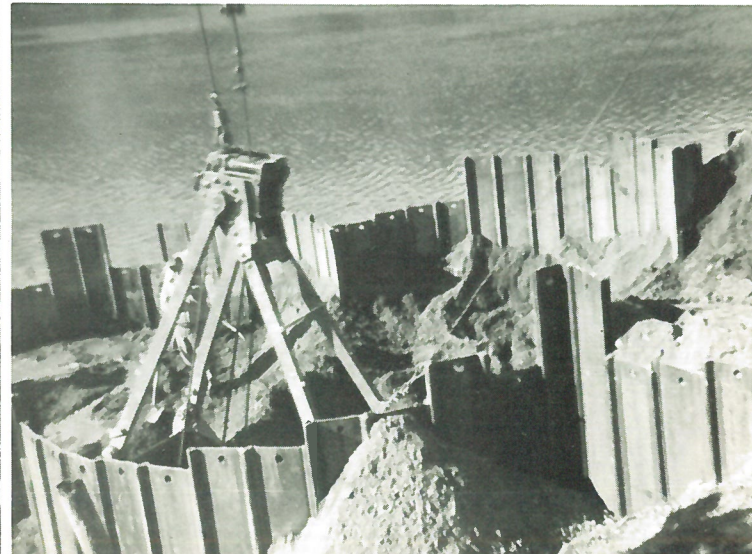


Pulling sheeting on a 30-foot deep cofferdam constructed to house a pumping station at the J&L Steel Cleveland Works—1971.

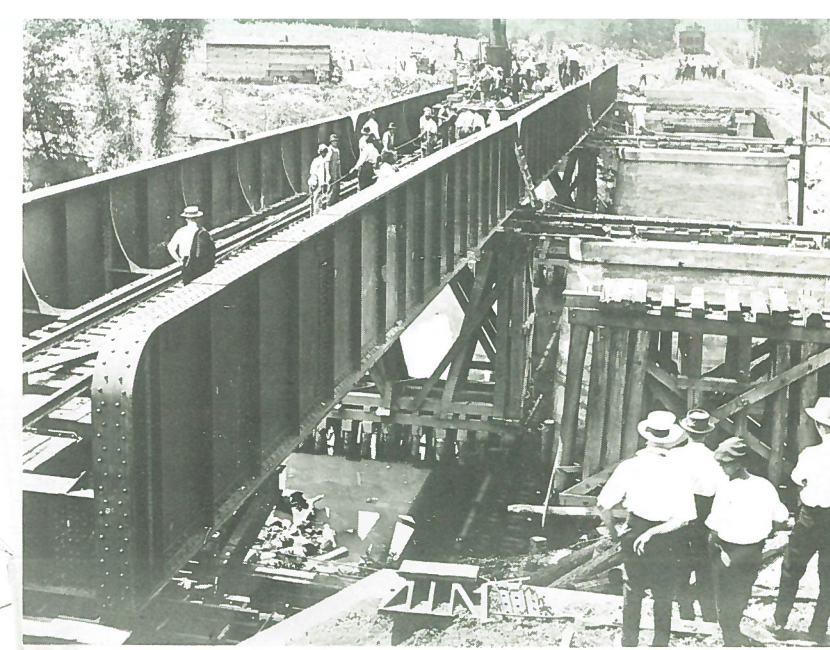


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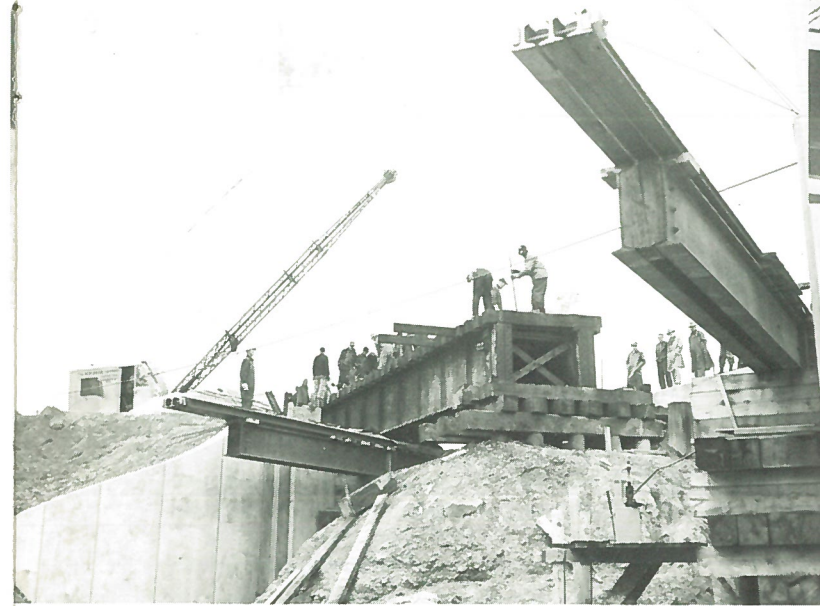
Backfilling sheet pile cells to form a cellular dam across the Muskingum River at McConnellsville, Ohio—job for Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources—1958.



*In 1916*  
Kimbolton, Ohio for the Pennsylvania Railroad.



*In 1952*  
Summitville, Ohio on a Pennsylvania R.R. underpass.



Pictured are four of the six bridge roll-ins done by Brode Company in its long history of bridge building. This little-used method permits bridge replacement without interrupting rail traffic.

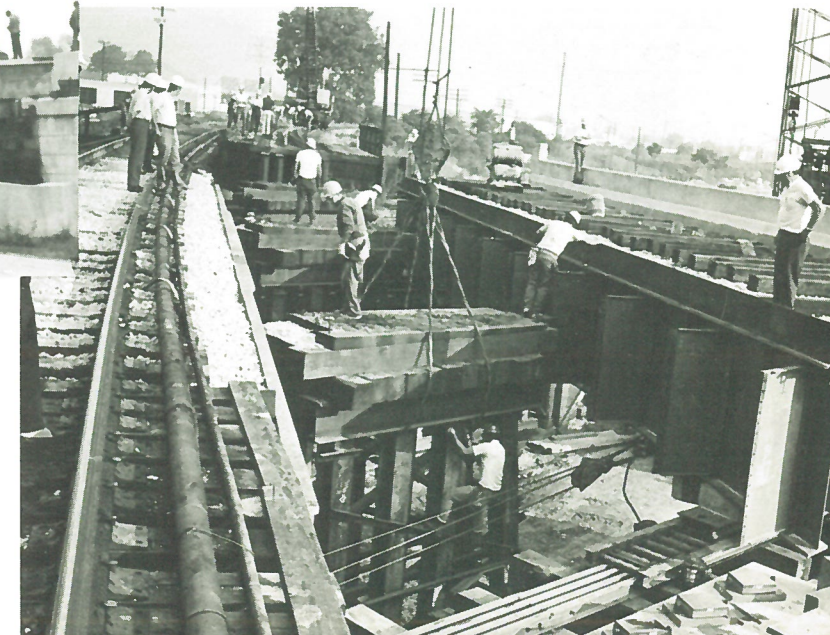
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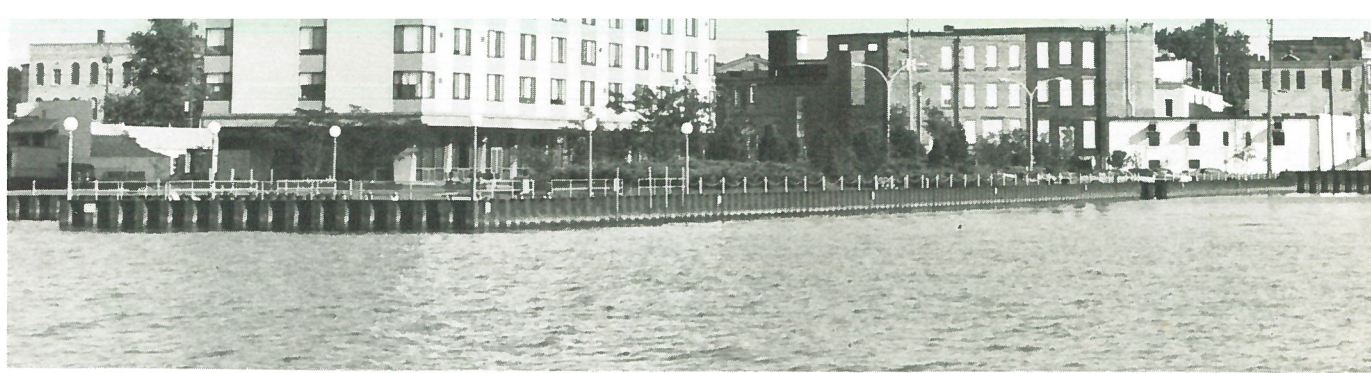
*In 1955*  
Whipple, Ohio: another Pennsylvania R.R. underpass.

*In 1975*  
Columbus, Ohio: bridge extension for the Chessie System.

Other Bridge Roll-Ins  
1934 — Hagerstown, Indiana for B&O Railroad.  
1947 — Cleveland, Ohio for B&O Railroad.







1973 — SOIL EROSION PROJECT — 1000 ft. of sheet pile driven and anchored with steel tie rods to a concrete deadman at the Viewpoint Retirement Residence — project for Sandusky Kiwanis Senior Citizens, Inc.



1975 — HIGHWAY BRIDGE — crossing Long Run Creek on State Route 129 in Switzerland County, Indiana. Project for Indiana State Highway Commission.

1969 — UNDERPASS — bridge carries Penn Central Railroad over State Route 2 in Wauseon, Ohio. Built for Ohio Department of Highways.



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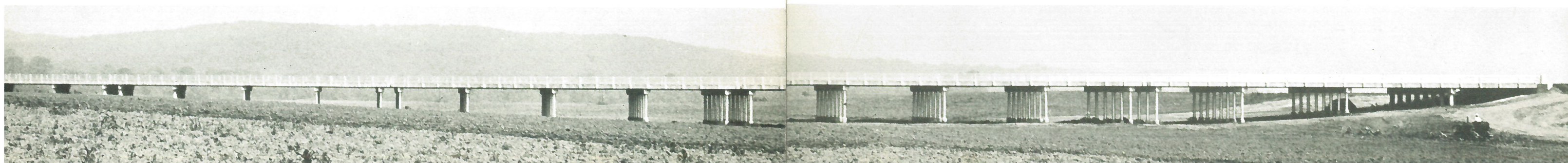
1954 — HIGHWAY BRIDGE — crossing the Scioto Valley near Piketon, Ohio. Built when the Goodyear Atomic Plant was established in the area, on State Route 124, now part of the Appalachian Highway System.



1963 — HIGHWAY BRIDGE — crosses both the Muskingum River and Wolf Creek on State Route 76 at Beverly, Ohio. Job for Ohio Department of Highways.



1968 — HIGHWAY BRIDGE — carries State Route 78 across the Muskingum River at McConnellsville, Ohio. Job for Ohio Department of Highways.



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George Brode checks last minute details with Robert Brode and Mike Miller.

1976

One of Brode's current projects is building a highway overpass over the B&O Railroad right-of-way in New Philadelphia, Ohio. This two-million dollar job for the Ohio Department of Transportation is scheduled for completion in 1977.

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Erwin Johns, retired general superintendent (left), George Brode (center), and Robert Brode (right) pose in front of the company's modern offices completed in 1972.

Carol Widder (left) works at the control console while Bill Bell (center) reviews Brode's computerized cost accounting procedures with Dick Lower (right).

