



In 1960, the AT&SF completed a lower-grade bypass around Ash Fork, Arizona, and abandoned 16 miles of the A&P main line west of Ash Fork. A BNSF container train works the west end of the 1960 bypass; the track rejoins the original 1882 A&P grade about one mile west (left) of this photograph. The flat topography is typical of the Colorado Plateau, which dominates north-central Arizona and forms the rim of the Grand Canyon. The elevation here is about 5,500 feet with sage and junipers typical of that elevation.



This AT&SF (now BNSF) bridge west of Ash fork has red Coconino Sandstone in the foundation. It is possible the sandstone is original A&P construction and the concrete is definitely later construction. However, both the sandstone and concrete are likely pre-1960, because similar bridge abutments are on the abandoned grade (see link east of this location).