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Clarysville Stone Arch Bridge  
Clarysville  
Public

c. 1834-1835

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Clarysville Stone Arch Bridge

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Old Route 40 over Braddock Run, approx. 400 feet SW of intersection of new

CITY TOWN Route 40 with Route 55

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Clarysville

— VICINITY OF

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Allegany County Commissioners

Telephone #: 301-777-5922

STREET & NUMBER

Allegany County Courthouse

CITY TOWN

Cumberland

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21502

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Clarysville Stone Arch Bridge, located in the town of Clarysville, carries old Route 40, the National Road, over Braddock Run. It is a single-span stone arch bridge measuring 44'7" long and 28' wide with 13'4" wing walls. The arch has a span of 25'6" and a rise of 13'. A stone belt course is situated just above the keystone and runs the length of the bridge. A stone situated in the center of the inside northeast wall is incised with "1843/Reb't/B.J. Murray/Sup. J. Huddleson." Opposite this stone on the inside southwest wall are two plaques. One reads: "Restored in 1976/as a Bicentennial Project/by the County Commissioners/of Allegany County." The other reads: "1976/ Rebuilt by/Pifalo & Zeller."

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Rebuilt: 1843/Restored: 1976  
 c. 1834-1835

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Original: Brig. Gen. C. Gratior,  
 Restored: Pifalo & Zeller (Chief Eng)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Rebuilt: B.J. Murray & J. Huddleson, Sup't.

The Clarysville Stone Arch Bridge was built in c. 1834-35 as part of the National Road, the first federally funded highway in the U.S. In 1811, construction of the road began in Cumberland, Maryland and by 1818 it was completed to Wheeling, West Virginia. Later, between 1832-1835, funds were appropriated by Congress for repairs to the National Road.<sup>1</sup> These repairs were made as a condition in giving ownership of the road to the individual states through which it passed.<sup>2</sup> Through the insistence of the state of Maryland, all bridges and culverts in the Maryland section of the road were built of stone.<sup>3</sup>

The Clarysville Bridge is one of six extant small stone arch bridges on the Maryland section of the road, that were probably constructed under the repair appropriation. (See G-I-B-034, G-II-C-016, G-I-A-198, G-II-C-327, and G-IF-C- ).

The stone on the northeast wall indicates that the bridge was rebuilt in 1843. This supports the theory of a construction date earlier than the one indicated in the 1971 reprint of Searight's The Old Pike, (p. 34). All citations in the excerpts of original sources contained in the 1971 reprint support the 1834-35 construction date, (pp. 139, 161-164).

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Thomas B. Searight, The Old Pike, eds. Joseph E. Morse & R. Duff Green, reprinted, Orange, VA: Green Tree Press, 1971, p. 139.

2

Ibid.

3

Ibid., p. 161-164.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Searight, Thomas B. The Old Pike. Reprinted. Eds., Morse, Joseph E., and Green, R. Duff. Orange, VA: Green Tree Press, 1971.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Donna Ware, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

October 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

301-269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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~~by name to Fall 1981~~  
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
 for the  
 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON: Clarysville Bridge					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: Old Route 40					
CITY OR TOWN: Clarysville					
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Allegany			
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: Allegany County Commissioners					
STREET AND NUMBER: Allegany County Courthouse					
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland			
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Allegany County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland			
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:			



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SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1843			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>The Clarysville Bridge, erected about 1843, is possibly the last remaining stone arch bridge of the National Road in Allegany County.</p>			

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey

ORGANIZATION: Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc. DATE: 3/31/75

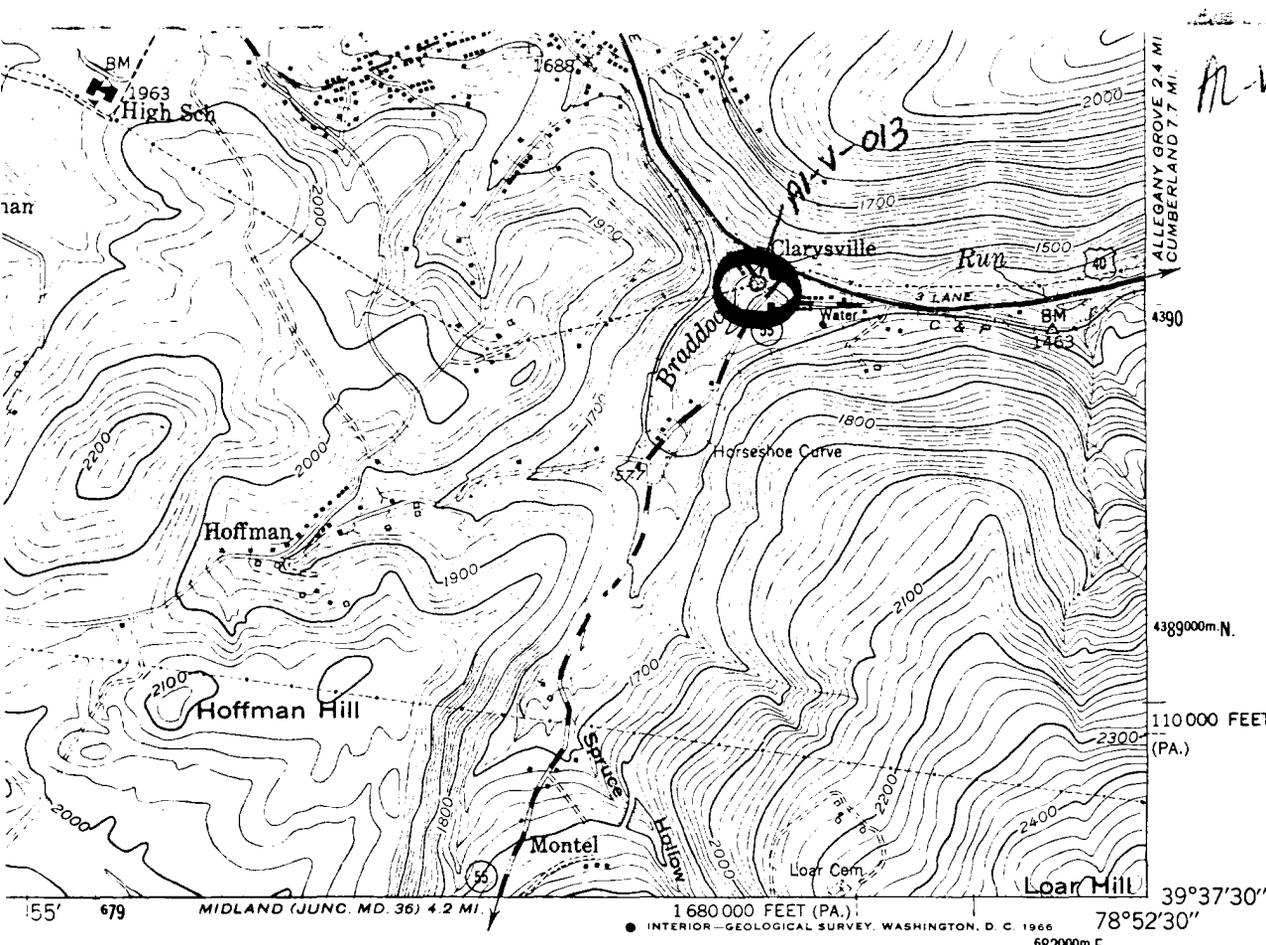
STREET AND NUMBER:  
Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510

CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:  
 National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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ALLEGANY GROVE 2.4 MI.  
CUMBERLAND 7 MI.

155' 679 MIDLAND (JUNC. MD. 36) 4.2 MI. 1680000 FEET (PA.) 78°52'30" 39°37'30" 682000m E

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 1966

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE
- Medium-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE
- Light duty
- Unimproved dirt
- U. S. Route
- State Route

(CRESA TOWN)  
5263 III SE

FROSTBURG, MD.-PA.  
NW/4 FROSTBURG 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3937.5—W7852.5/7.5

1949

AMS 5263 III NW—SERIES V833

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Old Route 40  
Clarysville



Frostburg, MD-PA  
 USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale 1:24,000  
 1949; photorevised 1974

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 approx. 400 feet SW of intersection  
 of new Route 40 with Route 55



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Clarysville Bridge

JUL 8 1976

Photo Credit

Ron Andrews 1973/4

Negative at Maryland Historical Trust  
Annapolis

*Clarysville bridge*



Clarysville Bridge  
Clarysville, old U.S. 40  
Allegany Co., Md.

NE view

March, 1975

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RONALD L. ANDREWS

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Clarysville Bridge  
Clarysville  
Allegheny Co, Md.  
March, 1975

top of bridge,  
looking west

RONALD L. ANDREWS

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Clarysville Bridge  
Allegany Co., MD  
Donna Ware 9/82  
Looking N

Reb!

By J. V. Murray

Sup. J. W. Middleson

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Clarysville Bridge

Allegheny County, MD

Donna Ware 9/82 (Rebuilt 1843)

Detail of Date Stone



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Clarysville Bridge

Allegany Co., MD

Donna Ware 9/82

Deck: looking NW



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Clarysville Bridge  
Allegany Co., MD  
Donna Ware 9/82  
looking west