

AL-V-B-151
Bridge Number 1679

Bridge Number 1679 is located on the Connellsville Extension of the Western Maryland Railway at the Narrows west of Cumberland. The extension of the railway from Cumberland to Connellsville, Pennsylvania was completed in 1912. This bridge is a Baltimore truss which is a modification of the Pratt truss designed to carry the heavier train traffic of the latter nineteenth century. The two spans of the bridge are each 150 feet in length. The bridge is supported by concrete abutments on the ends and by a concrete pier in the center where the two spans are joined. One of the two lines of track has been removed.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Bridge Number 1679, Western Maryland Railway

AND/OR COMMON

RECEIVED

MAR 20 1980

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Junction of Route 40 and Route 36

CITY, TOWN LaVale

___ VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland

Sixth CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

COUNTY Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Chessie System

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 1800

CITY, TOWN Huntington

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code West Virginia 25718

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 107

Folio #: 219

STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Cumberland

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bridge Number 1679 is a two span Baltimore truss steel bridge. It is located at the Narrows west of Cumberland, The bridge carries the Western Maryland Railway's Connellsville Extension over the National Road, Braddock's Run, and the Eckhart Branch of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad.

The two spans are each 150 feet in length. The bridge is supported by concrete abutments on the ends and by a concrete pier in the center where the two spans are joined. One of the two lines of track has been removed.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" 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 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

McClintic-Marshall Company

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bridge Number 1679 is located on the Connellsville Extension on the Western Maryland Railway at the Narrows west of Cumberland. The extension of the railway from Cumberland to Connellsville, Pennsylvania was completed in 1912 at an "enormous" cost "through a rugged and mountainous country." (1)

The line... known as the Connellsville Extension was built to serve a two fold purpose; to provide a western outlet for the Western Maryland, and an eastern tidewater outlet for the Pittsburg and Lake Erie (Railroad)... It affords the Western Maryland the shortest line between Baltimore and Pittsburg, and the lowest grade line across the Allegheny Mountains. (2)

The 18 miles of double track from George's Creek Junction in the Narrows to the Maryland-Pennsylvania state line was constructed by the George's Creek and Cumberland Railway Company, a proprietary company of the Western Maryland. (3) Construction features of the extension in Maryland include two tunnels and this steel bridge. (4) A plaque on the bridge states that it was built in 1910 by the McClintic-Marshall Company of Pittsburg and Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

Bridge 1679 is a Baltimore truss which is a "modification" of the Pratt truss designed to carry the heavier train traffic of the latter nineteenth century. (5) The History of the Western Maryland Railway Company notes that the steel bridge was "designed for heavy power." (6)

The Connellsville Extension was used for local service as well as long distance freight carriage. A "daily except Sunday" Cumberland-to-Connellsville train stopped at Mount Savage and Frostburg." (7) This service was discontinued during the 1930's a victim of the Depression. (8) The Western Maryland Railway was absorbed by the Chessie System in the mid-1970's", and the Connellsville Extension was abandoned. (9)

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Allan T. and Jackson Donald, Bridge Truss Types, National Park Service publication

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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

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ORGANIZATION Allegany County Historic Sites DATE February 5, 1980

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CITY OR TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

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

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-B-151

DATE: 11/20/79

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: BRIDGE # 1679

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: W. MD. RY AT NARROWS

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: _____

NAME OF OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Z track bridge - one removed
Z SPAN STEEL BRIDGE

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others McClintic Marshall Co
PLAQUE - SAYS BUILT 1910 Pittsburgh Pottstown, Pa.

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone CONCRETE ABUTMENTS - 1 PIER

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # _____
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

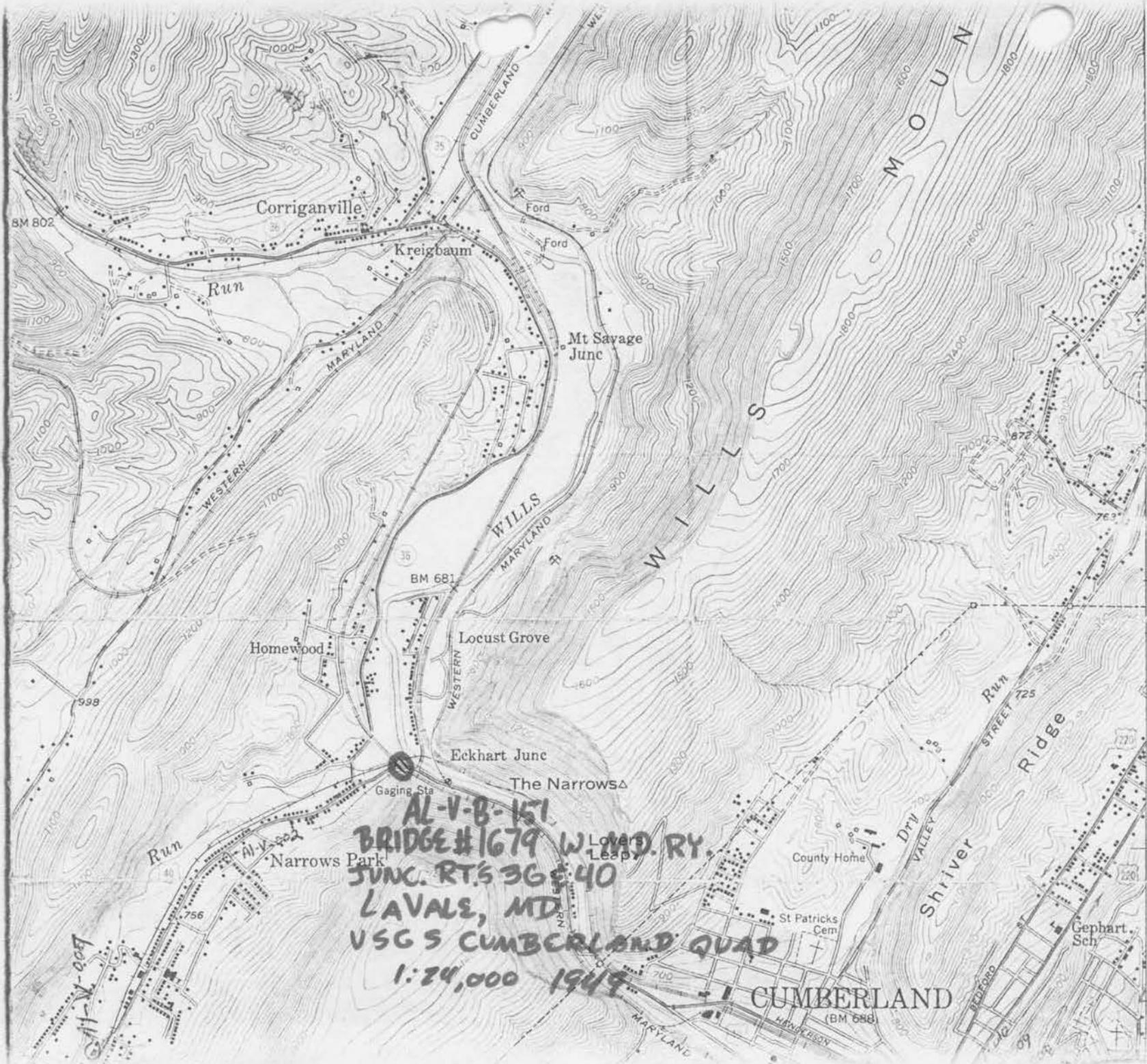
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: _____ Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: RR
SIGNIFICANCE: Transp
DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1910
Excellent



BM 802

Corriganville

Kreigbaum

Mt Savage Junc

Homewood

Locust Grove

Eckhart Junc

The Narrows

Narrows Park

County Home

St Patricks Cem

Gephart Sch

CUMBERLAND

(BM 688)

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JUNC. RT'S 36 & 40
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USGS CUMBERLAND QUAD
1:24,000 1949

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40'
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REEVES CREEK, Pa. 1/4 MI
12 MI
11 MI

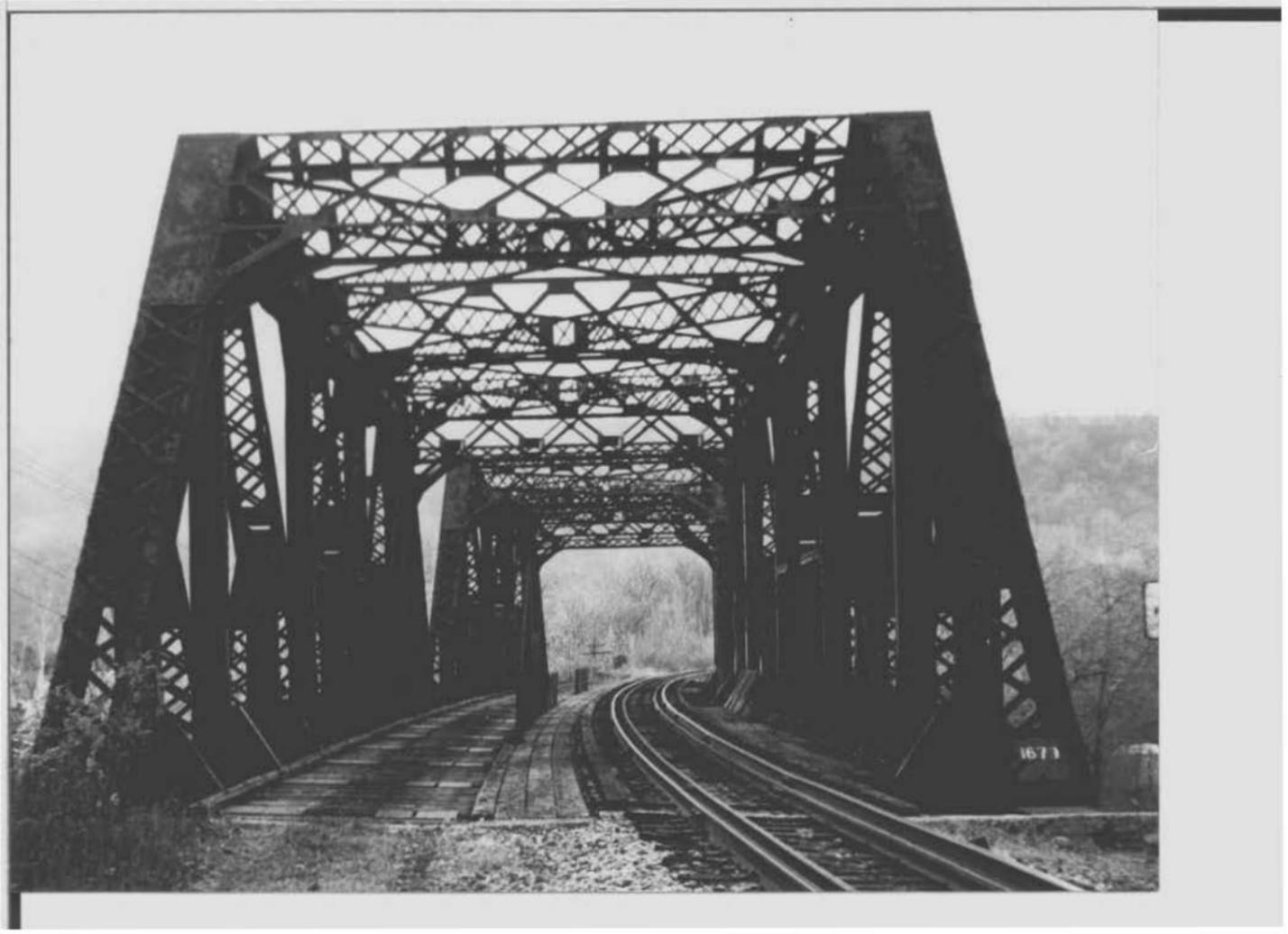


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BRIDGE# 1679 W. MD. RY.
JUNC. RTS. 36 & 40 CAUACE

DAVID A. DORSEY

11/20/79

SOUTH



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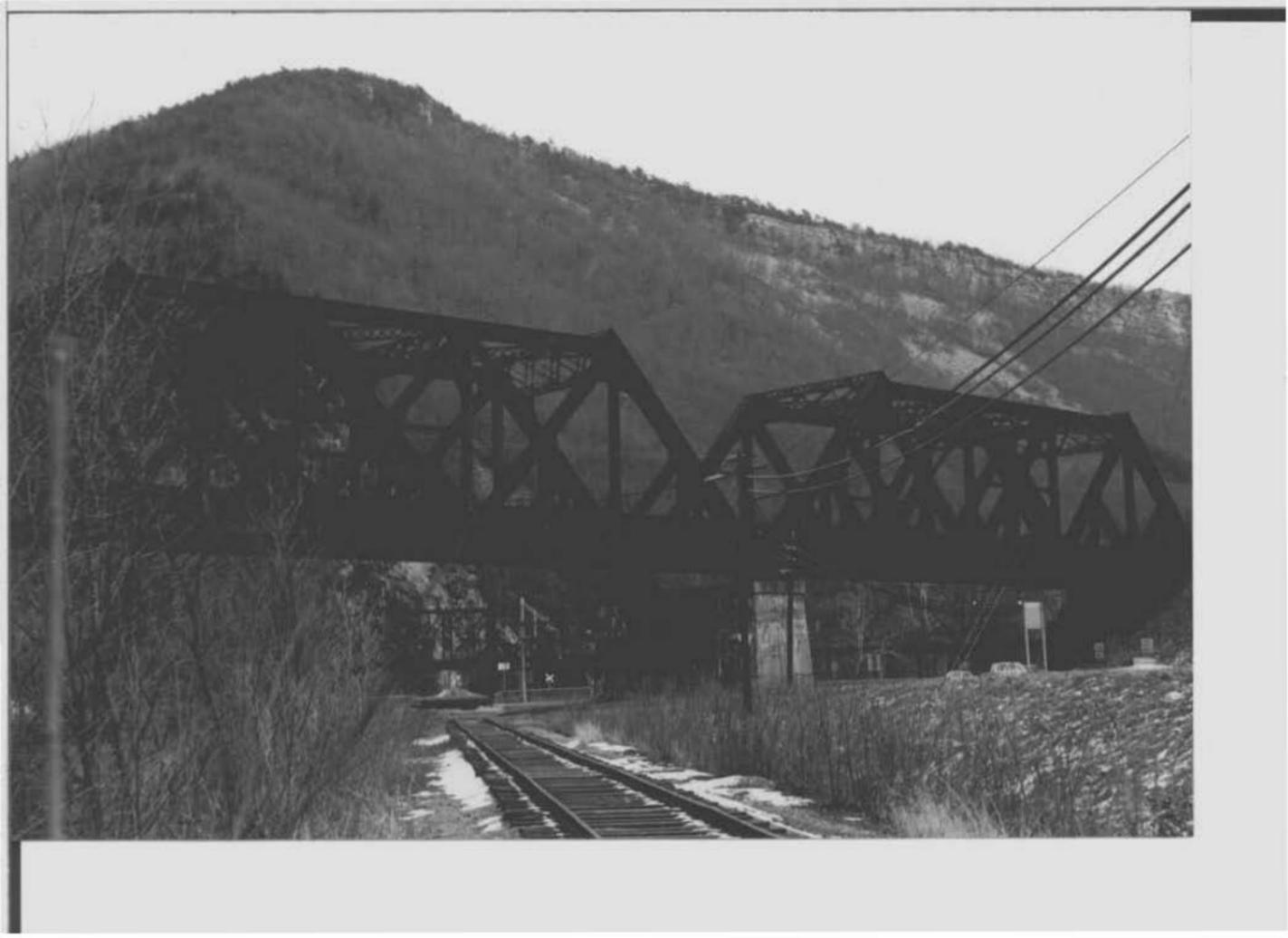
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Northwest



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JUNC. RTS 40 & 36 CAVALE

DAVID A. DORSEY

2/10/80

Northeast



FIRST TRAIN ON CONNELLSVILLE EXTENSION
APRIL 28 1911

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BRIDGE 1679 Western Maryland
Railway

Junction Routes 36+40, LaWate

David A. Dorsey Reprint of Old Photo,

Bridge in background.