

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Number: AL-V-B-304

Name: #1042-MD 47 over North Br. of Jennings Run.

The bridge referenced herein was inventoried by the Maryland State Highway Administration as part of the Historic Bridge Inventory, and SHA provided the Trust with eligibility determinations in February 2001. The Trust accepted the Historic Bridge Inventory on April 3, 2001. The bridged received the following determination of eligibly.

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Eligibility Recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>  </u> C <u>  </u> D	Considerations: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>  </u> C <u>  </u> D <u>  </u> E <u>  </u> F <u>  </u> G <u>  </u> None
Comments: _____ _____ _____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>Anne E. Bruder</u>	Date: <u>3 April 2001</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>Peter E. Kurtze</u>	Date: <u>3 April 2001</u>

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC BRIDGE INVENTORY  
MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MHT NO. AL-V-B-304

NAME AND SHA NO.: 1042

LOCATION

Road Name and Number: MD 47 over North Branch of Jennings Run

City/Town: Barrelville  vicinity

County: Allegany

Ownership:  State  County  Municipal  Other

Bridge projects over:  Road  Railway  Water  Land

Is bridge located within designated district?:  yes  no  
 NR listed district  NR determined eligible district  
 locally designated  other  
Name of District

BRIDGE TYPE

Timber Bridge  
 Beam Bridge  Truss-Covered  Trestle  Timber-and-Concrete

Stone Arch Bridge

Metal Truss Bridge

Moveable Bridge  
 Swing  Bascule Single Leaf  Bascule Multiple Leaf  
 Vertical Lift  Retractable  Pontoon

Metal Girder  
 Rolled Girder  Rolled Girder Concrete Encased  
 Plate Girder  Plate Girder Concrete Encased

Metal Suspension

Metal Arch

Metal Cantilever

Concrete  
 Concrete Arch  Concrete Slab  Concrete Beam  Rigid Frame  
 Other Type Name

## DESCRIPTION

### **Describe the Setting:**

A gently rolling, forested area surrounds Bridge 1042 in this rural region of northwestern Allegany County. Located in the Appalachian Plateau physiographic zone of Maryland, MD 47 forms an ess-curve as it crosses the North Branch of Jennings Run in a north-south direction over the southerly-meandering stream.

### **Describe the Superstructure and Substructure: (Discuss points identified in Context Addendum, Section C)**

Bridge 1042 consists of two 22-foot long, concrete-beam spans carrying 24 feet of clear roadway composed of two traffic lanes. Set atop a concrete pier and abutments composed of concrete, stone and gabion, the bridge also possesses w-beam guardrails protecting both approaches. W-beams also function as railings on the bridge.

A recent inspections of the bridge have identified areas of spalling, cracking and deterioration on the bridges structural members. Girder G5 exhibits a large spall two feet in length, three inches wide and three inches deep with exposed, rusting reinforcing bars, stalactites and exudation. Girders G1 and G2 also possess deep spalls on their faces in addition to minor cracking. The pier displays large, transverse cracks under girders G3 and G4 and a two foot wide, 18 inch deep area has deteriorated and spalled off. Mortar in the abutments feature vertical cracks and efflorescence.

A survey of historic concrete beam bridges undertaken by the Maryland State Highway Administration in the Fall of 1995 identified 113 bridges of that type located throughout the state. Nearly one-quarter (26) of that total were double-span bridges; 37 bridges (33%) were multiple span.

### **Discuss major alterations:**

A 1958 inspection report describes deteriorating concrete on the base of the parapet's exterior faces. A 1975 report indicated that guardrails had been installed on the bridge by that date. The wing walls on the upstream side of the bridge were replaced with gabions at an undetermined date.

## HISTORY

**When Built:** 1923

**Why Built:** Unknown

**Who Built:** State Roads Commission

**Who Designed:** Unknown

**Why Altered:** Deterioration of the parapets during the late 1950s.

**Was this bridge built as part of an organized bridge building campaign?:** No. Examination of State Road Commission documents has not indicated construction of Bridge 1042 occurred during an organized building campaign.

### SURVEYOR ANALYSIS

**This bridge may have NR significance for association with:**

A (Events)    B (Person)    C (Engineering/Architectural Character)

**Was this bridge constructed in response to significant events in Maryland or local history?**

Research has not revealed any associations between construction of Bridge 1042 and significant events in Maryland and/or local history.

**When the bridge was built, and/or given a major alteration, did it have a significant impact on the growth and development of the area?**

Construction of Bridge 1042 does not appear to have had tremendous impact of the area's development and growth.

**Is the bridge located in an area which may be eligible for historic designation, and would the bridge add or detract from the historic and visual character of the possible district?**

No, Bridge 1042 is not located within an area potentially eligible for historic designation.

**Is the bridge a significant example of its type?**

Due to the loss of its original parapet railing, Bridge 1042 is not a significant example of its type.

**Does the bridge retain integrity of the important elements described in the Context Addendum?**

Bridge 1042 possesses poor integrity of its character defining elements. In addition to the replacement of the bridge's original parapet railing, gabion serves as wing walls on the upstream side of the bridge. Severe spalling and deterioration of the bridge's beams and the pier also contribute to the bridge's loss of integrity.

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**Is the bridge a significant example of the work of the manufacturer, designer, and/or engineer, and why?**

In its present condition, Bridge 1042 is not a significant example of the State Roads Commission bridge building.

**Should this bridge be given further study before significance analysis is made, and why?**

No. Further study is unlikely to reveal any additional information linking Bridge 1042 with any significant patterns, events or persons, or associations with significant engineering and/or methods of construction. In addition, Maryland Historical Trust survey documents indicate that a previous evaluation of Bridge 1042 determined the bridge not significant.

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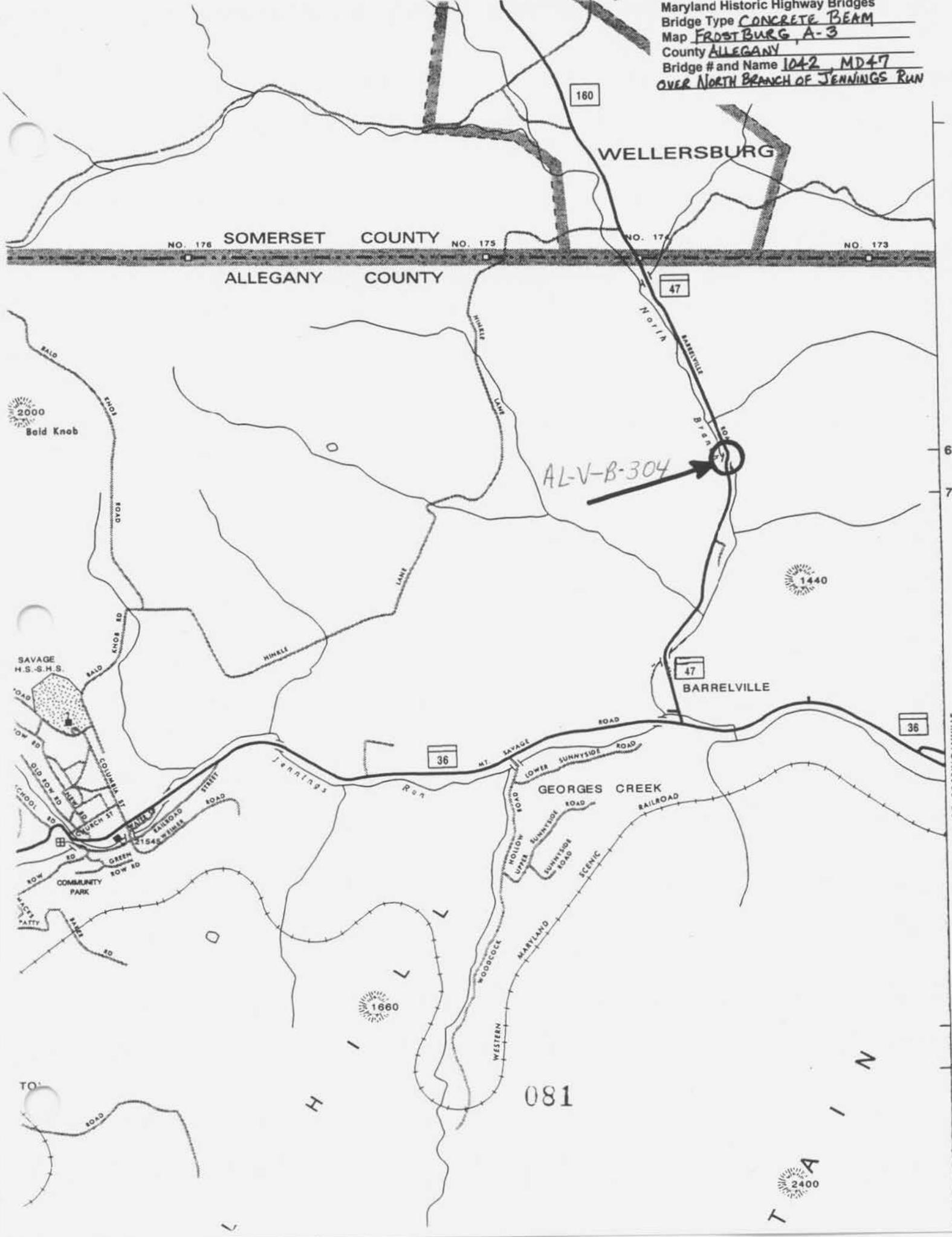
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Maryland Historic Highway Bridges  
Bridge Type CONCRETE BEAM  
Map FROSTBURG, A-3  
County ALLEGANY  
Bridge # and Name 1042 MD47  
OVER NORTH BRANCH OF JENNINGS RUN





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SOUTH APPROACH

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WEST ELEVATION (UPSTREAM)

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EAST ELEVATION (DOWNSTREAM)

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