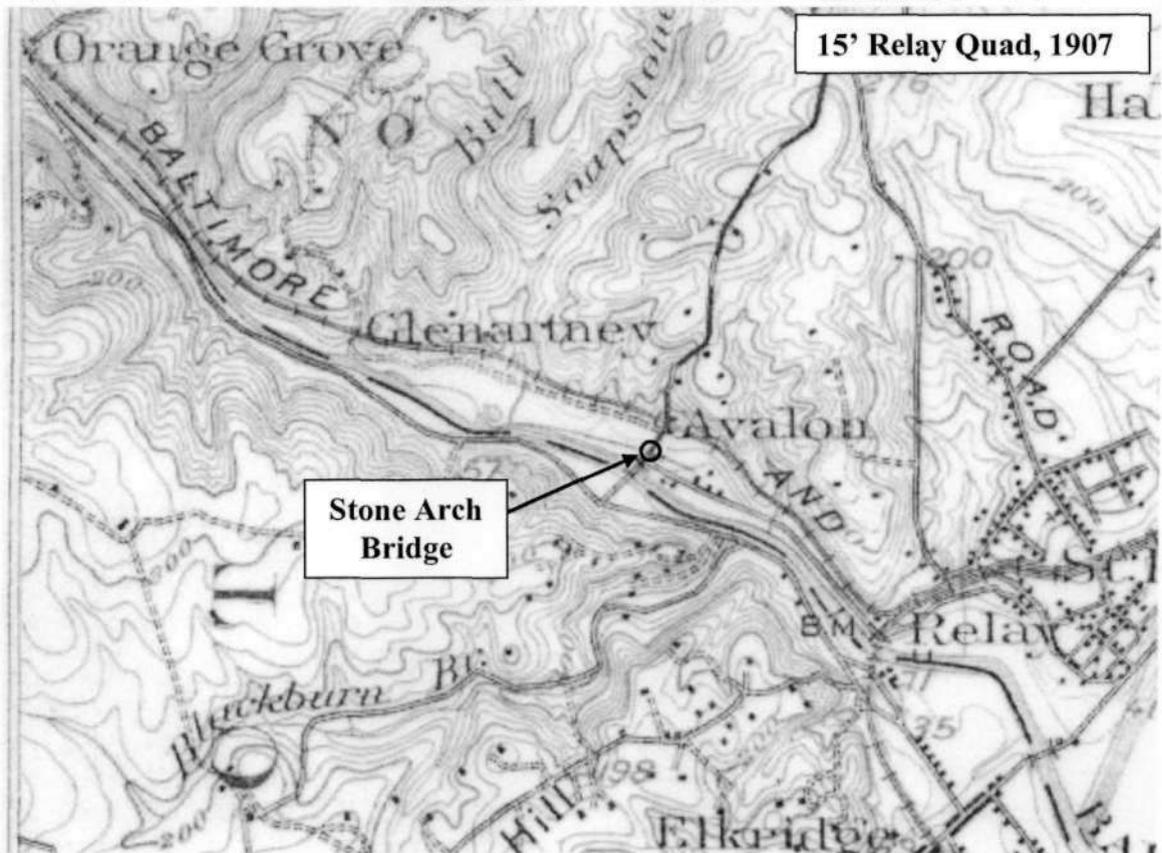
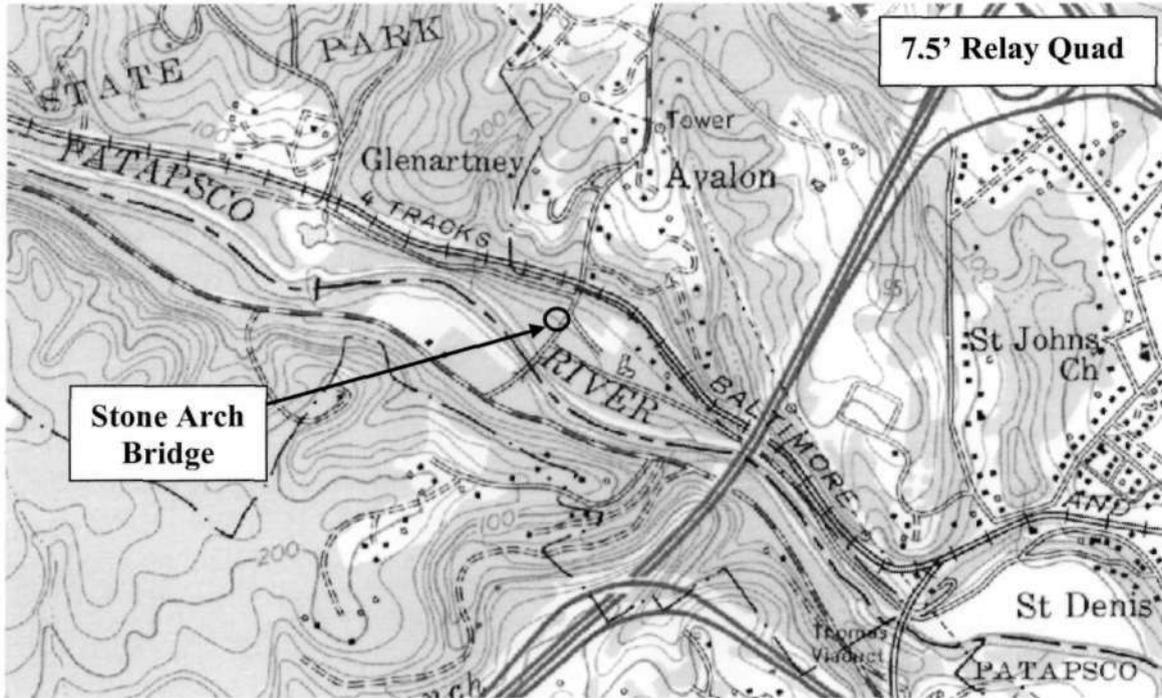


AVALON IRON WORKS about 1761 - Site at the terminus of Gun Road and the B. & O. tracks was originally used as Dorsey's Forge about 1761. Whetcroft's slitting mill was added to the forge property in 1776. Later site of Elliott's nail works, and still later Manning and Company's Avalon Iron Works, also a nail-making operation. One stone house remains from complex largely wrecked by 1868 flood. Nearby brick buildings (c. 1910) downstream of Gun Road are plant of Baltimore County Water and Electric Company (abandoned). DNR considers water works building unsafe (October 17, 1977 - inquiry from Joe McNamara of MGS).

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Old Gun Road Stone Arch Bridge is not in use but it has since colonial times spanned the "Mill Race" supplying water power to the Dorsey Forge. George Washington reportedly laid out Gun Road to move guns for the American Revolution produced at the Dorsey Forge. Transported via Gun Road to Elkridge Landing, the guns were shipped down the River and the Bay to Annapolis for final assembly. In 1815 the Ellicott family acquired Dorsey Forge and expanded it to become the *Avalon Iron and Nail Works*. Floods in 1868 destroyed the Iron and Nail Works along with the village of Avalon.

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South elevation



North elevation

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East elevation



Southwest elevation



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