

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties number: BA-2850

Name: DOGWOOD RD, OVER DOGWOOD 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 bridge received the following determination of eligibility.

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Eligibility Recommended <u>  X  </u>	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>      </u>
Criteria: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>  X  </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>

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC BRIDGES  
HISTORIC BRIDGE INVENTORY  
MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION/  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MHT No. BA-2850

SHA Bridge No. B0072 Bridge name Dogwood Road over Dogwood Run (Dogwood Road Bridge)

**LOCATION:**

Street/Road name and number Dogwood Road

City/town Hollofield Vicinity X

County Baltimore

This bridge projects over: Road  Railway  Water  Land

Ownership: State  County  Municipal  Other

**HISTORIC STATUS:**

Is bridge located within a designated historic district? Yes  No

National Register-listed district  National Register-determined-eligible district

Locally-designated district  Other

Name of district \_\_\_\_\_

**BRIDGE TYPE:**

Timber Bridge :

Beam Bridge  Truss -Covered  Trestle  Timber-And-Concrete

Stone Arch Bridge

Metal Truss Bridge

Movable 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 Setting**

Bridge B0072 carries Dogwood Road over Dogwood Run in Baltimore County. Dogwood Road runs north and south over the eastern flowing Dogwood Run. The area immediately adjacent to the bridge has limited residential development. The bridge is located just outside of Patapsco Valley State Park. On the either side of the bridge are late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century houses.

**Describe Superstructure and Substructure:**

Bridge B0072 is a single span, closed spandrel, concrete rib arch bridge. The total length of the bridge is 78 feet with the clear span measuring 74 feet. The spandrel walls are approximately 6 feet tall and 35 feet wide. The bridge has a rise of approximately 7 feet 4 inches from springline to crown. There is a clear roadway width of 20 feet, with the overall width measuring 22 feet 7 inches. The arch barrel has moderate cracking with visible efflorescence. There are small areas of scale and reinforcement bar exposure at the joint of the parapet and spandrel wall. The spandrel walls have large areas of cracking and patched areas from previous repairs. In addition, the walls have areas of efflorescence. According to a 1995 inspection report, the bridge is in poor condition with a sufficiency rating of 39.4.

Bridge B0072 retains its original parapets. There are 3 sections running the length of the bridge, including the wingwalls. The first section includes the endblock over the wingwall and measures 3 feet 8 inches high by 4 feet 11 inches wide at the base. The endblock includes an incised panel that is 11 inches high and 7 feet 4 inches long. The rest of the first section is a closed paneled parapet with 3 incised panels. Each panel measures approximately 5 feet long and 1 foot high. This pattern is repeated in the additional 2 sections with a symmetrical endblock. The bridge has large spalls with rusted reinforcement bar exposed. The entire section on both sides of the bridge has heavy scaling with medium spalls at the curb lines. In addition, there are fine vertical cracks throughout the bridge's parapets.

**Discuss major Alterations:**

No major alterations have occurred to this structure.

**HISTORY:**

**WHEN was bridge built (actual date or date range)** 1929  
**This date is:** Actual  Estimated   
**Source of date:** Plaque  Design plans  County bridge files/inspection form   
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**WHY was bridge built?** To replace an existing structure.

**WHO was the designer?** T.A. Ward

**WHO was the builder?** Baltimore County Highways Department

**WHY was bridge altered?** N/A

**Was bridge built as part of organized bridge-building campaign?**

Yes, this bridge was built as part of Baltimore County road extensions.

**SURVEYOR/HISTORIAN ANALYSIS:**

**This bridge may have National Register significance for its association with:**

A - Events  B- Person   
 C- Engineering/architectural character

This bridge was determined eligible by the Interagency Review Committee in June 1996.

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

It is unknown why the first bridge at this site was built. However, during the early days of improved road construction in Maryland, a policy of building narrow roads and bridges was adopted so that a complete system of highways might

be completed within a reasonable time limit and with limited funds. As traffic increased, it became necessary to reconstruct existing roads to greater width and strength. In 1918, the State Roads Commission developed the use of a concrete bridge. This bridge was probably built as part of the State Roads Commission's "Lateral and post Roads Loan of 1920." In 1920, the state received an appropriation of \$3,000,000. The money allowed for the construction of rural post roads, lateral roads, and the extension of the State Roads System with the assistance of funds from the US Government and several counties in the state. The state and counties received funding for lateral road improvements.

Between 1920 and 1935, most of the Baltimore County Highways Department work concentrated on the expansion of the feeder roads to the main arteries being built by the State Roads Commission. Unlike other counties in Maryland during this period, Baltimore County maintained its own roads. Like other counties, Baltimore County has a standing contract with consultants to assist in the design and development of bridges. T.A. Ward was the consultant for this project.

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

No, there is no evidence that this bridge had an impact on the growth of the area.

**Is the bridge located in an area that may be eligible for historic designation?**

Yes, the bridge is located in an area that is may eligible for historic designation as a small historic district. The bridge would be a contributing element to this district.

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

Yes, this bridge retains integrity of design and materials, and is a significant example of an early-twentieth century concrete arch bridge.

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

The bridge retains the integrity of a majority of its character defining elements.

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

No, this bridge is not a significant example of the work of a manufacturer, designer, or engineer.

**Should bridge be given further study before significance analysis is made?**

No, this bridge should not be given further study.

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**SURVEYOR:**

Date bridge recorded December 1997

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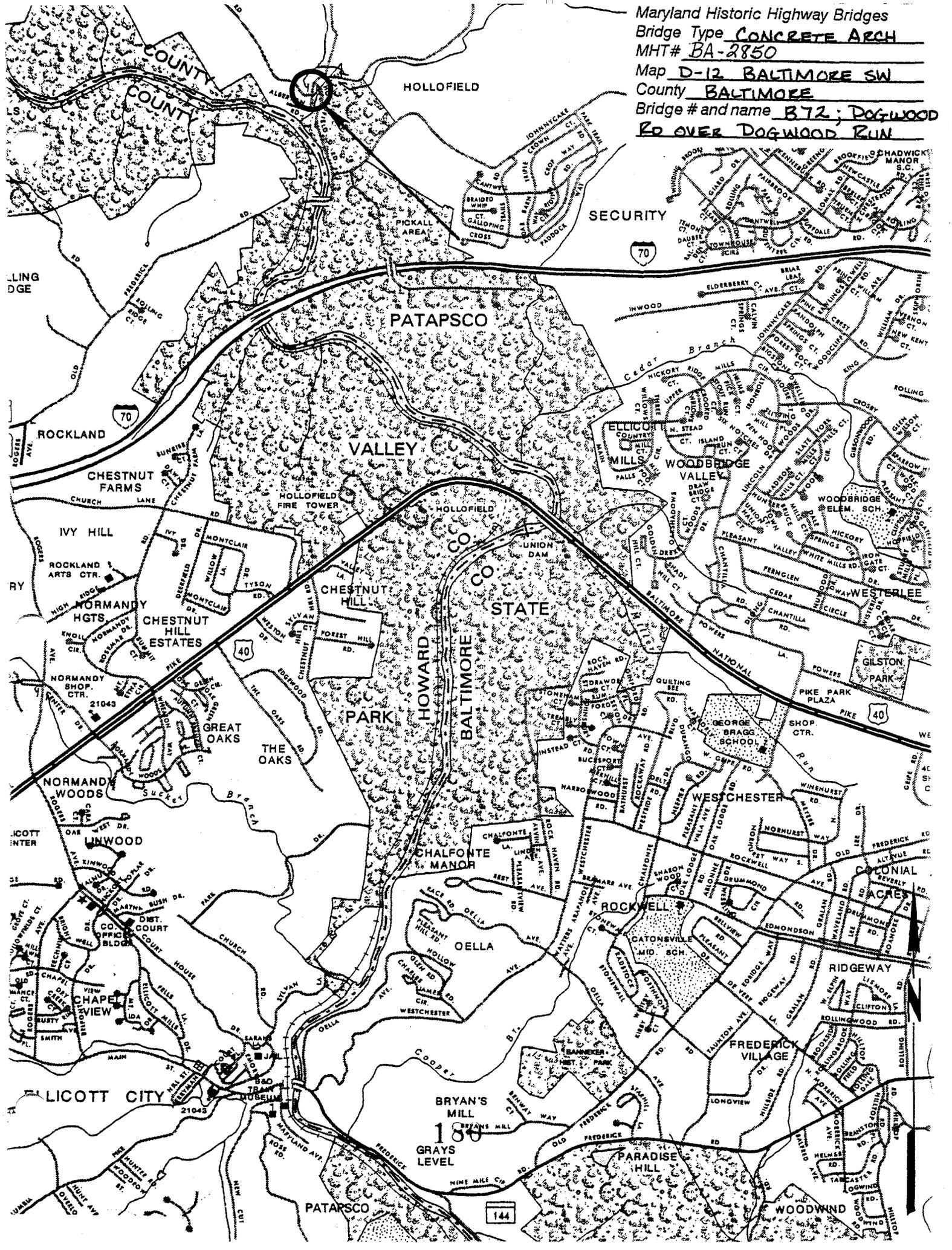
Maryland Historic Highway Bridges

Bridge Type CONCRETE ARCH  
MHT# BA-2850

Map D-12 BALTIMORE SW

County BALTIMORE

Bridge # and name B72; DOGWOOD  
RD OVER DOGWOOD RUN



HOLLOFIELD

SECURITY

PATAPSCO

VALLEY

HOLLOFIELD

STATE

PARK

CHALFONTE MANOR

WESTCHESTER

ROCKWELL

OELLA

FREDERICK VILLAGE

BRYAN'S MILL  
1850  
GRAYS LEVEL

PARADISE HILL

WOODWIND

LLING DGE

ROCKLAND

CHESTNUT FARMS

IVY HILL

NORMANDY HGTS

CHESTNUT HILL ESTATES

NORMANDY WOODS

LINWOOD

VIEW CHAPEL

LICOTT CITY

PATAPSCO





Inventory # BA-2850

Name BOTZ-DOGWOOD RD OVER DOGWOOD RUN

County/State BALTIMORE COUNTY/MD

Name of Photographer DAVE DIEHL

Date 1/95

Location of Negative SHA

Description SOUTH APPROACH LOOKING  
NORTH

Number 1 of 31 6



Inventory # BA-2850

Name RD 72 - DOGWOOD RD OVER DOGWOOD-RUN

County/State BALTIMORE COUNTY/MO

Name of Photographer DAVE DIEHL

Date 1/95

Location of Negative SHA

Description WEST ELEVATION LOOKING  
EAST

Number 2 of 396



Inventory # BA-2850

Name B0072-DOGWOOD RD OVER DOGWOOD RUN

County/State BALTIMORE COUNTY/MD

Name of Photographer DAVE DIEHL

Date 1/95

Location of Negative SHA

Description EAST ELEVATION LOOKING  
SOUTHWEST

Number 3 of 316



Inventory # BA-2850

Name BDDT 2-DOGWOOD RD OVER DOGWOOD RUN

County/State BALTIMORE COUNTY/MD

Name of Photographer DAVE DIENL

Date 1/95

Location of Negative SHA

Description UNDER SIDE OF DECK  
LOOKING SOUTH

Number 4 of 5

BALTIMORE COUNTY  
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT  
DOGWOOD ROAD BRIDGE  
1929

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ROBERT G. CLARKE, PRESIDENT  
FRANK S. GIVEN  
W. HOWARD MILLING

SAMUEL A. GREEN, ROADS ENGR. T. A. WARD, CONTRACTOR

Inventory # BA2856

Name B0072 - DOGWOOD RD OVER DOGWOOD RUN

County/State BALTIMORE COUNTY MD

Name of Photographer DAVE DIEHL

Date 1/95

Location of Negative SNA

Description PLAQUE ON WEST PARAPET

Number 5 of 396



Inventory # BA-2850

Name B0072-DOGWOOD RD OVER DOGWOOD RUN

County/State BALTIMORE COUNTY / MD

Name of Photographer DAVE DIEHL

Date 1/95

Location of Negative SHA

Description NORTH APPROACH LOOKING

SOUTH

Number 6 of 276