

CARR-1553

Bridge 290  
Houcksville Rd @ CSX RR Tracks

c. 1900

**Summary:**

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Bridge 290

## 2. Location

street &amp; number Houcksville Rd @ CSX RR tracks \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Hampstead \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name County Commissioners of Carroll County

street &amp; number 225 N. Center Street telephone no.:

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21157

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber

street &amp; number 55 N. Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Bridge 290 is located on Houcksville Road, where it crosses over the CSX Railroad tracks, in Hampstead, in northeastern Carroll County, Maryland. The bridge is a timber structure with a wood plank deck. On either side of the railroad tracks are three concrete piers that support a timber framework that in turn supports the bridge. This framework consists of five vertical posts, two of the inner posts set at an angle, with two cross braces that form an "X". Higher up each bank is a short timber support that also sits on a concrete pier. These supports have three posts, with diagonal braces from the top of the center post down to the feet of the outer posts. The framework consists of circular-sawn, creosoted timbers, and supports ten wood stringers that in turn support the decking. On each side of the deck is a railing made of angle iron.

Contributing resources: 1

# 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Geographical Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period:

Modern Period A.D. 1930-present

Historic Period Themes:

Transportation

Resource Types:

Bridge

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property N/A

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing	

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing	

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Carroll County Planning & Develop. date March 24, 1998

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city or town WESTMINSTER state MARYLAND

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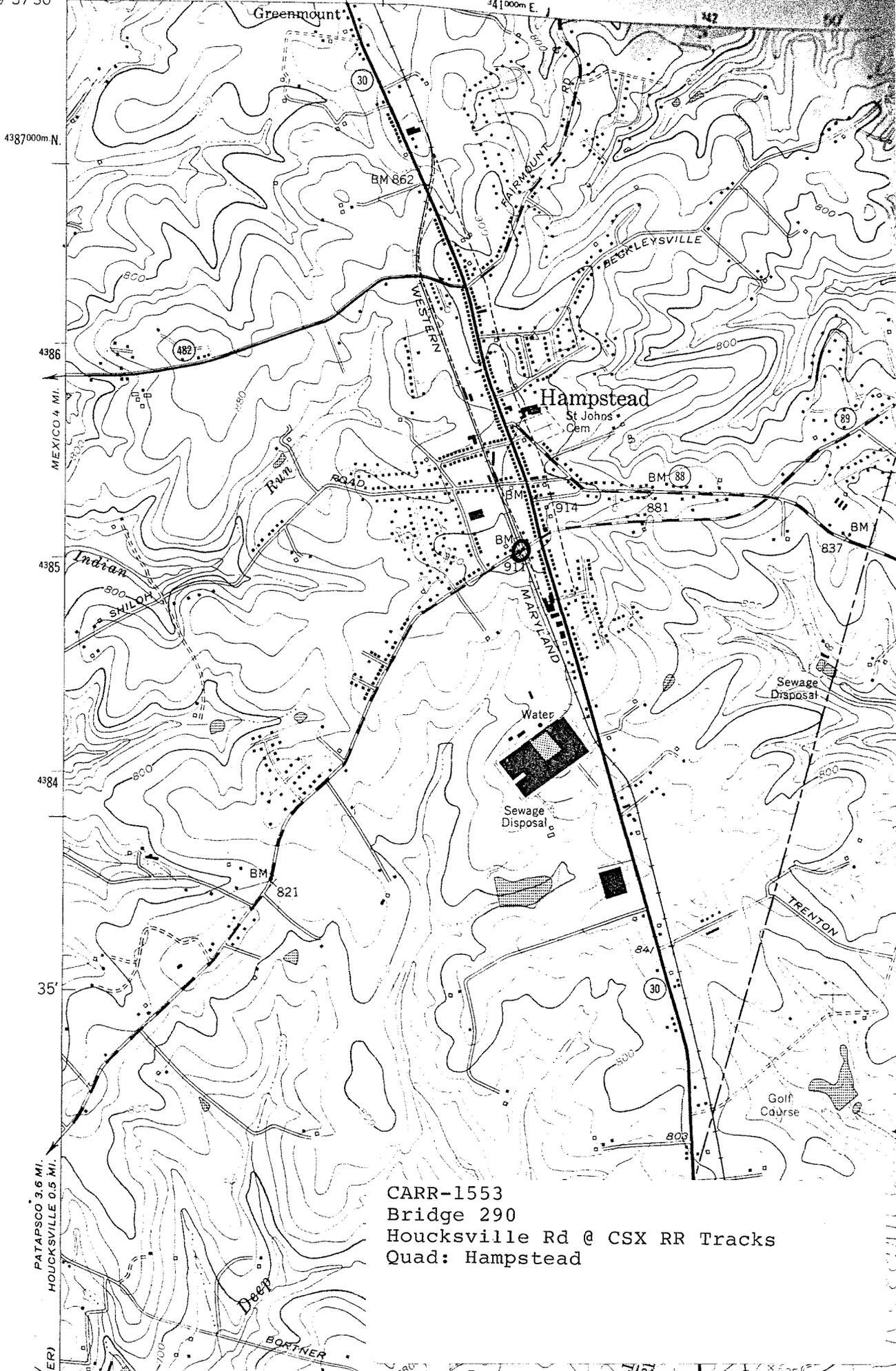
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

76°52'30"  
39°37'30"

HANOVER PA. 15 MI.  
MANCHESTER 28 MI.



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 Quad: Hampstead

PATAPSCO 3.6 MI.  
 HOUCKSVILLE 0.5 MI.



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Carrall County, Maryland

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Date: July 1996

Neg Loc: Maryland Historical Trust

VW. North

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West TRU 55

VW. S. W

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