

CARR-1568

Old Westminster Pike Bridge 5  
Near 1522 Old Westminster Pike

c.1800-1899

**Summary:**

Bridge 5 on the Old Westminster Pike is typical of the small stone bridges built on turnpikes in the nineteenth century in Carroll County to cross small streams and gullies that only periodically carry rainwater runoff. The earliest bridges were of wood, but they required constant maintenance and periodic replacement, so most turnpike companies systematically switched to masonry structures such as this. Its survival is indicative of the success of this switch. The date of construction for this bridge is not known, and its traditional design is almost impossible to narrow down to a fifty year range, but it is likely that the bridge was constructed in the last half of the nineteenth century. Despite the success of the stone bridges, the turnpikes did not survive, being taken over by the State of Maryland in the 1910's.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Old Westminster Pike Bridge 5

## 2. Location

street & number Near 1522 Old Westminster Pike \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Sandymount  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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name County Commissioners of Carroll County

street & 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 & 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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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

Contributing Resources: 1

Old Westminster Pike Bridge 5 is located just south of 1522 Old Westminster Pike, about four and three-quarters miles southeast of Westminster in east central Carroll County, Maryland. The ground here slopes down to the south. The bridge is of rubble stone construction. The south abutment is 32', 7" long by 2' wide and is 2', 1" high above the roadbed and 11', 6" high above the dry streambed. It has a segmentally-arched opening with stone voussoirs that is 2', 9" high. The north abutment is 33', 5" long, 2' wide, is 8" above the roadbed and 3', 5" above the ground. There appears to be a stone-lined well around the opening of the tunnel under the bridge. The tunnel cannot be seen. This stone well may be a later addition and is partly covered over on top.

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# 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 type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

Geographical Organization: Piedmont  
 Chronological/Development Period: Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
 Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
 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 West.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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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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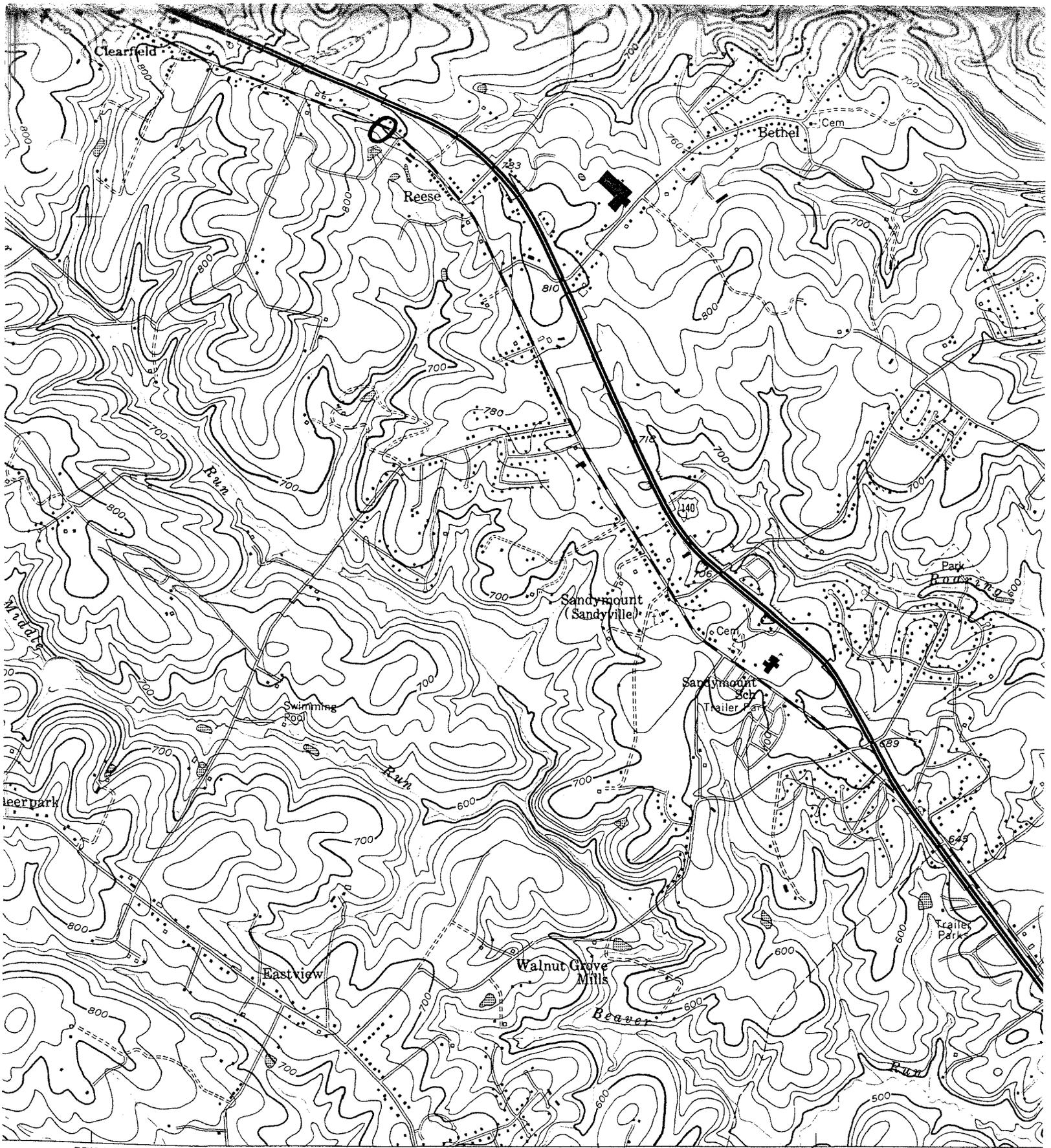
city or town Westminster state Maryland

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

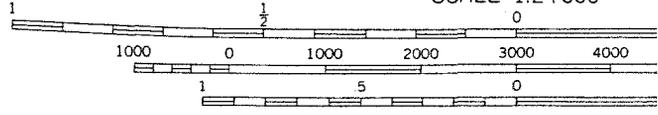
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 Quad: Sandymount

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NR. 1522 Old W. Pike

Carrall County Maryland

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