

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes    
no

Property Name: Cecil County Bridge #CE008/  
Horseshoe Road over Stone Run Inventory Number: CE-1465

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: Rising Sun Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: Cecil USGS Topographic Map: Rising Sun

Owner: Cecil County Department of Public Works

Tax Parcel #: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax parcel Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: Bridge Replacement Agency: COE/CE DPW

Site visit by MHT staff  no  yes Name: Anne Bruder Date: 12/20/1999

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Is the property located within a historic district?  no  yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?  no  yes District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

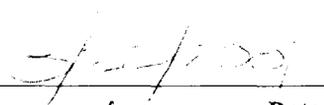
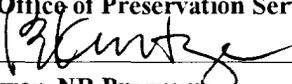
Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

Horseshoe Road Bridge was identified during the SHA historic bridge inventory as an early example of a concrete slab bridge. The bridge remains eligible but has poor integrity and will be demolished in 2001.

Prepared by: Spero & Bailey, KCI Date Prepared: 11/30/2000

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
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MHT Comments:	
	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
	3/23/01
Reviewer, NR Program	Date

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties number: CE-1465

Name: CE000/ Horrocks Blow Stone Ck.

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.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	
Eligibility Recommended <u>  X  </u>	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>      </u>
Criteria: <u>  A  </u> <u>  B  </u> <u>  C  </u> <u>  D  </u>	Considerations: <u>  A  </u> <u>  B  </u> <u>  C  </u> <u>  D  </u> <u>  E  </u> <u>  E  </u> <u>  G  </u> <u>None</u>
Comments: <u>Bridge will be replaced in 2001.</u>	
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. CE-1465

SHA Bridge No. CE 008 Bridge name Horseshoe Road over Stone ~~Creek~~ Run

**LOCATION:**

Street/Road name and number [facility carried] Horseshoe Road

City/town Octoraro Vicinity \_\_\_\_\_

County Cecil

This bridge projects over: Road \_\_\_\_\_ Railway \_\_\_\_\_ Water X Land \_\_\_\_\_

Ownership: State \_\_\_\_\_ County X Municipal \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**HISTORIC STATUS:**

Is the bridge located within a designated historic district? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X  
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 X \_\_\_\_\_:  
Concrete Arch \_\_\_\_\_ Concrete Slab X Concrete Beam \_\_\_\_\_ Rigid Frame \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_ Type Name \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION:**

**Setting:** Urban \_\_\_\_\_ **Small town** X **Rural** \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe Setting:** Bridge No. CE008 carries Horseshoe Road over Stone Run near the community of Octoraro in northern Cecil County. The area around the bridge is largely wooded with one early twentieth century house just to the north. The stream is generally flowing from west to east.

**Describe Superstructure and Substructure:**

This single span concrete slab with a bituminous wearing surface was built in 1913 and spans 30'-0" with a roadway width of 16'-0". The out-to-out deck width for this bridge is 19'-0". Supporting the bridge are two concrete abutments located on the east and west sides of the bridge. The solid concrete parapets are decorated with panelling and are integral with the deck. The U-shaped concrete wing walls are parallel to the road. At the time of the inspection, the bridge was posted for 6000 pounds.

The 1993 County bridge inspector stated that this bridge is in fair condition. Generally, the deck is in satisfactory condition. On the bottom of the deck there are fine cracks with efflorescence. Also, there are isolated minor spalls on the bottom of the deck. The superstructure is in satisfactory condition. Both of the bearings are encased in concrete. Located on the bottom of the parapets are large spalls with exposed reinforcing bars with moderate corrosion.

The substructure is in fair condition. All four of the wing walls have settled. However, the northwest has settled the most, while the top of the southeast wall has broken off. Small spalls are evident on the backwalls. Along the west abutment, there are signs of erosion. Both of the abutments have scour aprons for scour protection.

**Discuss Major Alterations:**

There have been no major alterations to this bridge.

**HISTORY:**

**WHEN was the bridge built** 1913

**This date is:** Actual X Estimated \_\_\_\_\_

**Source of date:** Plaque \_\_\_\_\_ Design plans \_\_\_\_\_ County bridge files/inspection form \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (specify):** SHA files

**WHY was the bridge built?**

The need for a more efficient transportation network and increased load capacity in the early decades of the twentieth century.

**WHO was the designer?**

County Inspection Report does not indicate who designed and built the bridge.

**WHO was the builder?**

County Inspection Report does not indicate who designed and built the bridge.

**WHY was the bridge altered?**

This bridge has not been altered.

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

Unknown.

**SURVEYOR/HISTORIAN ANALYSIS:**

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

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

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

Reinforced concrete slab bridges are a twentieth century structure type, easily adapted to the need for expedient engineering solutions. Reinforced concrete technology developed rapidly in the early twentieth century with early recognition of the potential for standardized design. The first U.S. attempt to standardize concrete design specifications came in 1903-04 with the formation of the Joint Committee on Concrete and Reinforced Concrete of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

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**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?**

There is no evidence that the construction of this bridge significantly affected the development of this area.

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

This bridge is not located in a potential district.

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

This bridge is an undistinguished example of standardized bridge design.

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

Yes, the character defining elements have retained their integrity.

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

The designer of this bridge is not known.

**Should the bridge be given further study before an evaluation of its significance is made?**

No further study of this bridge is warranted.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

**County inspection/bridge files** X            **SHA inspection/bridge files**

**Other (list):**

Lake, Griffin, and Stevenson, 1877 Atlases and other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Philadelphia, 1877.

**SURVEYOR:**

**Date bridge recorded** 8/9/95

**Name of surveyor** Daniel Moriarty

**Organization/Address** P.A.C. Spero & Company, 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412, Baltimore, Maryland 21204

**Phone number** 410-296-1635

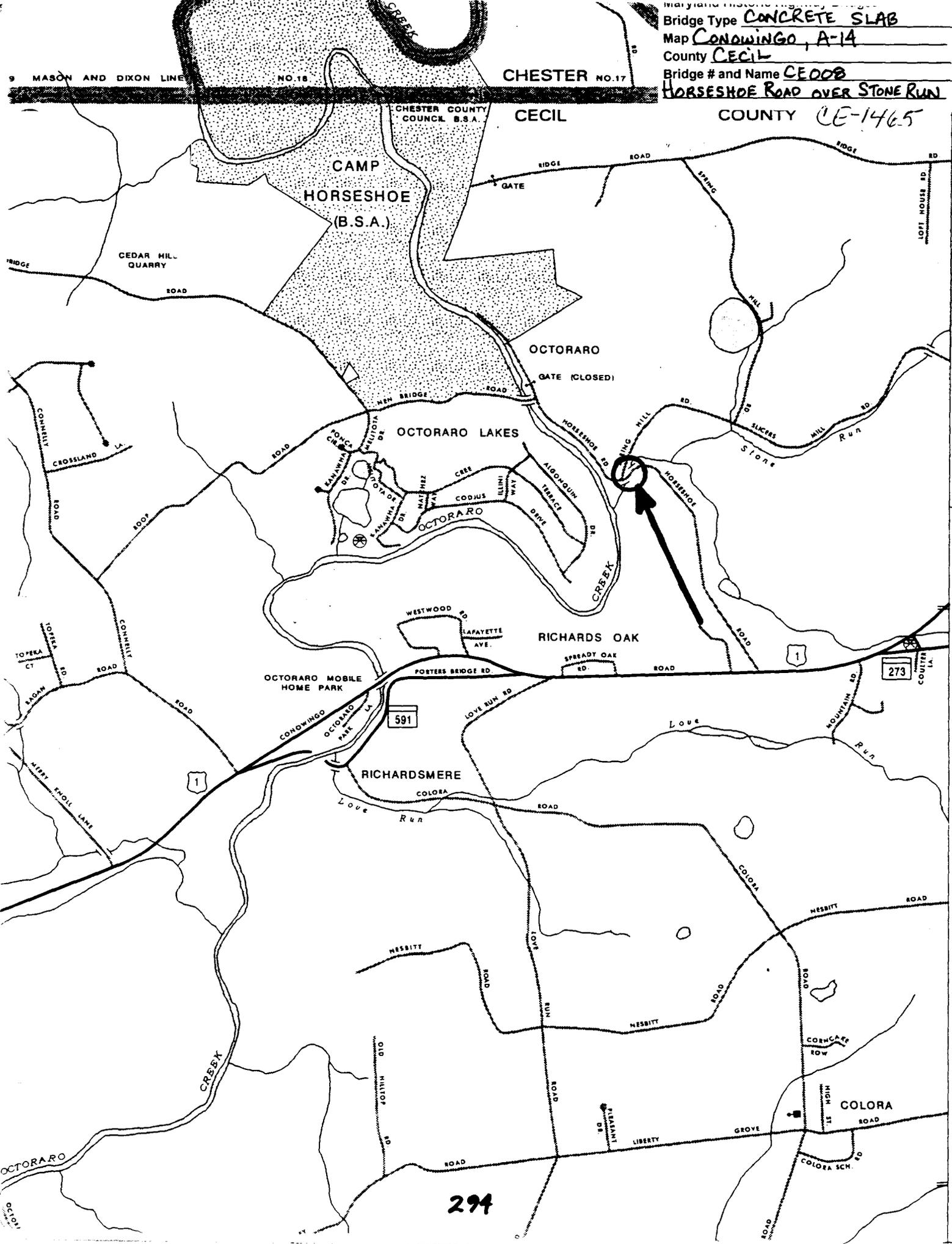
**FAX number** 410-296-1670

9 MASON AND DIXON LINE NO. 18

CHESTER NO. 17

Bridge Type **CONCRETE SLAB**  
Map **CONOWINGO, A-14**  
County **CECIL**  
Bridge # and Name **CE 008**  
**HORSESHOE ROAD OVER STONE RUN**

COUNTY **CE-1465**



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TO BEING SIGN TO NOTTINGHAM

RESTRICTED BRIDGE

SINGLE UNIT  
100 LBS GVW

UNION UNIT  
100 LBS CCW



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CECIL COUNTY, MD

MATT HURLEY

FEB 13, 1995

~~MARYLAND SEPO~~ S IVA

BRIDGE NO CE 008

LOOKING DOWNSTREAM

1 OF 4



CE-1465

CECIL COUNTY, MD

MATT HURLEY

FEB 13 1995

~~MARYLAND SHPO~~ S + A

BRIDGE NO. CE008

LOOKING UPSTREAM

2 OF 4



RESTRICTED BY WEIGHT  
SINGLE UN 6000 LBS  
COMBINATION 6-11 LBS

NO PARKING

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CECIL COUNTY, MD

MATT HURLEY

FEB 13 1995

~~MARYLAND SAPO~~ SMA

BRIDGE NO CE 008

LOOKING SOUTH

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CE-1465

CECIL COUNTY, MD

MATT HURLEY

FEB 13, 1995

~~MARYLAND SAPO~~ STA

BRIDGE NO CE 008

LOOKING NORTH

4/4

**Cecil County Bridge CE008**  
**MIHP No. CE-1465**  
**Horseshoe Road over Stone Run**  
**Rising Sun vicinity**  
**Cecil County**  
**1913**  
**Public**

**Description**

Bridge No. CE008 carries Horseshoe Road over Stone Run near the Octoraro subdivision in northern Cecil County. Constructed in 1913, the bridge currently consists of two distinctly different structural systems: the original concrete structure, and a temporary "jumper" bridge that has been placed over the deck of the original concrete bridge. The original structure is a single-span, two-lane, reinforced concrete slab bridge with reinforced concrete vertical parapets that serve as through girders and are integral with the slab. The interior and exterior faces of the vertical parapets are inscribed with five recessed rectangular panels. The bridge has a span length of 31'-0" supported by two non-reinforced concrete abutments with rectangular wingwalls. The bridge was modified in 1985 and 1997. The first modification consisted of the addition of full-length reinforced concrete cutoff walls installed in 1985. The second modification occurred in 1997 when both backwalls and the wingwall parapets were removed. In addition, a steel jumper bridge was installed over the deck of the concrete slab bridge supported by timber cribbing behind the existing abutments. The original concrete slab bridge was left in place and is no longer carrying any live loads. The bridge exhibits a large number of honeycomb and hairline cracks, efflorescence over the entire underside of the deck, reinforcement bar exposure and corrosion, areas of severe scaling, and severely deteriorated concrete in the upstream through girder.

**Significance Statement**

Bridge CE008 retains much of the Character-Defining Elements (CDEs) of a concrete slab bridge, however, the integrity of these elements has been compromised by severe deterioration and alterations. This concrete slab bridge was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic

Places as significant under Criterion C for engineering as an early example of concrete slab bridge construction in Maryland by the Interagency Historic Bridge Committee. Since this structure will be demolished, this documentation is provided as mitigation for adverse effects, per agreement between the Maryland Historical Trust and the Cecil County Department of Public Works.

### **History**

U.S. 1, passes through Cecil County in an area originally settled by Quakers and Scotch-Irish who cleared much of the land for agriculture. From its intersection with U.S. 1, Horseshoe Road heads north crossing Stone Run on Bridge CE008 just before arriving on the east side of Octoraro Creek above a bend in that creek known as Horseshoe Bend. There were several early eighteenth- and nineteenth-century mills and industries located in the vicinity of Horseshoe Bend from which Horseshoe Road undoubtedly derived its name. The area around Bridge CE008 has remained largely agricultural since the days of the early settlers with the exception of a number of mills and industries that were located along the many creeks and streams in the area. According to *Hopkin's 1877 Atlas of Cecil County*, a road was in place by 1877 that followed the same general path as Horseshoe Road with a crossing of Stone Run located in the same vicinity as the present bridge. In addition, a grist mill and a saw mill were located on Stone Run a short distance upstream from the present bridge site. Research conducted at the Cecil County Courthouse, Cecil County Department of Public Works, Cecil County Historical Society, and within the Cecil County Public Library system located no additional references to the Stone Run crossing predating the present structure. The present bridge, built in 1913, is typical of the short single span bridges built on light duty rural roads during the early twentieth century.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CE-1465

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Cecil County Bridge CE008 / Horseshoe Road over Stone Run

## 2. Location

street and number Horseshoe Road over Stone Run \_ not for publication

city, town Rising Sun X vicinity

county Cecil

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

name Cecil County Department of Public Works

street and number 129 East Main Street telephone

city, town Elkton state MD zip code 21921

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cecil County Courthouse liber folio

city, town Elkton tax map tax parcel tax ID number

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration, Concrete Slab Bridges

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary		
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			1	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

Bridge No. CE008 carries Horseshoe Road over Stone Run near the Octoraro subdivision in northern Cecil County. Horseshoe Road runs generally east-west and Stone Run flows north-south. The bridge is surrounded by rural farmland and woods with one twentieth-century house just to the northwest.

The bridge currently consists of two distinctly different structural systems: the original concrete structure, and a temporary "jumper" bridge placed over the deck of the original concrete bridge.

The original structure is a single-span, two-lane, reinforced concrete slab bridge with reinforced concrete vertical parapets that serve as through girders and are integral with the slab. The interior and exterior faces of the vertical parapets are inscribed with five recessed rectangular panels. The bridge has a span length of 31'-0" supported by two non-reinforced concrete abutments with rectangular wingwalls. Originally built in 1913, the bridge was modified in 1985 and 1997 (see below for a complete description of those modifications). The structure has a clear roadway width of 16'-0" with no sidewalks and an out-to-out width of 19'-0". The reinforced concrete slab is 1'-0" thick and is approximately 5'-5" above normal stream level. The east wingwalls are roughly parallel to the road and the west wingwalls are at approximate 45 degree angles to the road. The tops of the wingwalls are irregular and broken as a result of the 1997 modifications. Information about the bridge was cast into the east parapet. Although little of it can still be read due to extensive spalling, the date appears to be 1913. The original structure is currently not carrying any live load (see below).

Bridge No. CE008 has undergone two significant modifications. The first modification consisted of the addition of full-length reinforced concrete cutoff walls installed in 1985. Prior to the installation of those walls, the 1985 Cecil County Department of Public Works Inventory and Rating Report, stated that both abutments were in critical condition and were in danger of collapse due to extensive deterioration of the breastwalls at the waterline. The wingwalls were also noted to be in poor condition and both the abutments and wingwalls were listed as being constructed of non-reinforced concrete.

The second modification occurred in 1997. While preparing repairs to the backwalls and girders, a June 30, 1997 letter to the Cecil County Department of Public Works Bridge Maintenance Coordinator documented that the upstream girder contained voids up to 6" high the full 18" width of the parapet over 65% of the length of the girder and that the girder concrete was of poor quality. Both backwalls were removed because sound concrete could not be found and the wingwall parapets were removed. In addition, the breastwalls of both abutments were deteriorated at the waterline to a depth of approximately 40% of the wall thickness for the full length of each abutment, and the sufficiency of the cutoff wall repair was noted to be uncertain. As a result, it was recommended that the structure be replaced and the bridge was closed until the steel jumper bridge was installed in September 1997. The existing one-span steel beam jumper bridge is supported on timber cribbing behind the existing abutments. The original concrete bridge was left in place and is no longer carrying any live loads. The 9½" bituminous concrete wear surface was removed from the concrete slab prior to the installation of the jumper bridge and the height of the road approaches were realigned to the ends of the new steel structure. The west approach is tangent and the east approach has a 90 degree curve immediately off the bridge.

In addition to the above noted modifications, the August 1996, Inspection and Rating Report also noted a large number of honeycomb and hairline cracks, efflorescence over the entire underside of the deck, reinforcement bar exposure and corrosion, and areas of severe scaling. After removal of the deck in 1997, severe concrete deterioration was found in the upstream through girder. This deterioration precludes repairs to the structure; it will be demolished and replaced with a new bridge.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1913 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1913, 1987, 1995

Evaluation for:

National Register  Maryland Register  not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Toward the end of the eighteenth century, a road was built from Baltimore in a northeast direction through Conowingo and Rising Sun. This road, now a part of U.S. 1, passes through Cecil County in an area originally settled by Quakers and Scotch-Irish who cleared much of the land for agriculture (Miller 1949: 23). Horseshoe Road is a light duty rural road that intersects U.S. 1 approximately 1¼ miles east of where U.S. 1 crosses Octoraro Creek. Like most light duty roads in this part of the county, Horseshoe Road meanders through the countryside following the contours of the land. From U.S. 1, Horseshoe Road heads north, crossing Stone Run on Bridge CE008 just before arriving on the east side of Octoraro Creek above a bend in that creek known as Horseshoe Bend, undoubtedly the source from which Horseshoe Road derived its name. In George Johnston's *History of Cecil County, Maryland*, there are several references to early eighteenth- and nineteenth-century mills and industries that were located in the vicinity of Horseshoe Bend (381-382).

The area around Bridge CE008 has remained largely agricultural since the days of the early settlers with the exception of a number of mills and industries that were located along the many creeks and streams in the area. As early as 1795, an iron forge was located on Octoraro Creek below Horseshoe Bend on a tract of land that contained 3,000 acres. That land contained mineral deposits and was said to "embrace the Horse Shoe Bend, in the Octoraro Creek" (Johnston 1881: 381). Known for some time as Frey's Forge, the McCullough Iron Company bought the mill in 1859 and the site was converted over to the manufacture of paper sometime during the last quarter of the nineteenth century (Miller 1949: 135). As seen in *Hopkin's 1877 Atlas of Cecil County*, a road was in place by 1877 that followed the same general path as Horseshoe Road with a crossing of Stone Run located in the same vicinity as the present bridge. In addition, a grist mill and a saw mill were located on Stone Run a short distance upstream from the present bridge site, however, no additional references to the Stone Run crossing or the mills has been found.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cecil County Department of Public Works inspection/bridge files.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage of historical setting \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name           Rising Sun          

Quadrangle scale:   1:24,000  

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The National Register boundary for Cecil County Bridge CE008 consists of the rectangular area that begins at the back of the east abutment and wingwalls, and includes the single-span concrete slab bridge span, and the west abutment and wingwalls to the back side. The boundary includes the entire superstructure and substructure of Bridge No. CE008. The period of significance of this structure is 1913.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Paula A. C. Spero / James H. Bailey		
organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	November 2000
street & number	10 North Park Drive	telephone	410-316-7800
city or town	Hunt Valley	state	Maryland, 21030

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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

return to:                   Maryland Historical Trust  
                                  DHCD/DHCP  
                                  100 Community Place  
                                  Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
                                  410-514-7600

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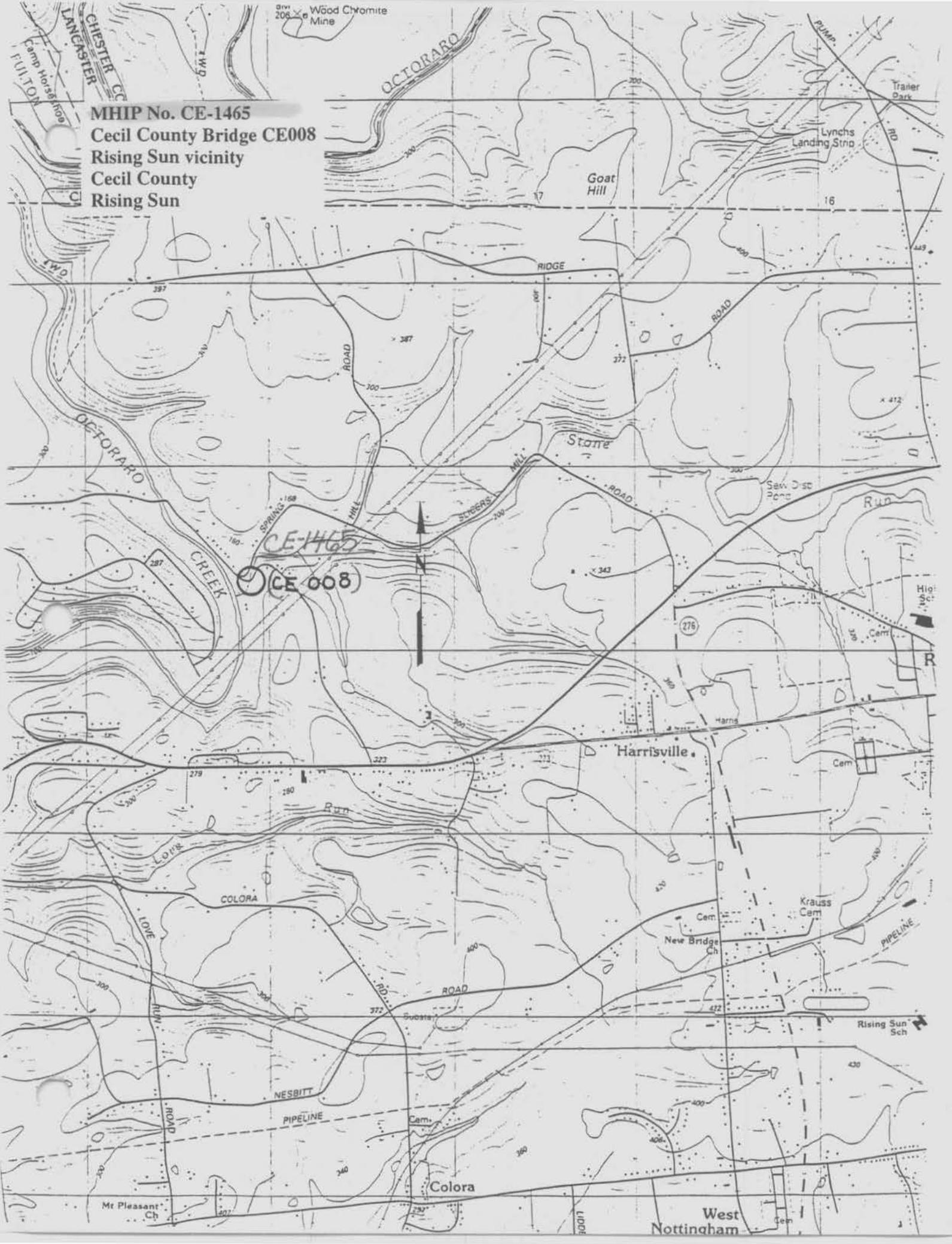
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View E - General context view

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View W - steel jumper bridge over concrete slab  
bridge (obscured)

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View N - South Elevation

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VIEW W - Steel jumper bridge over concrete slab  
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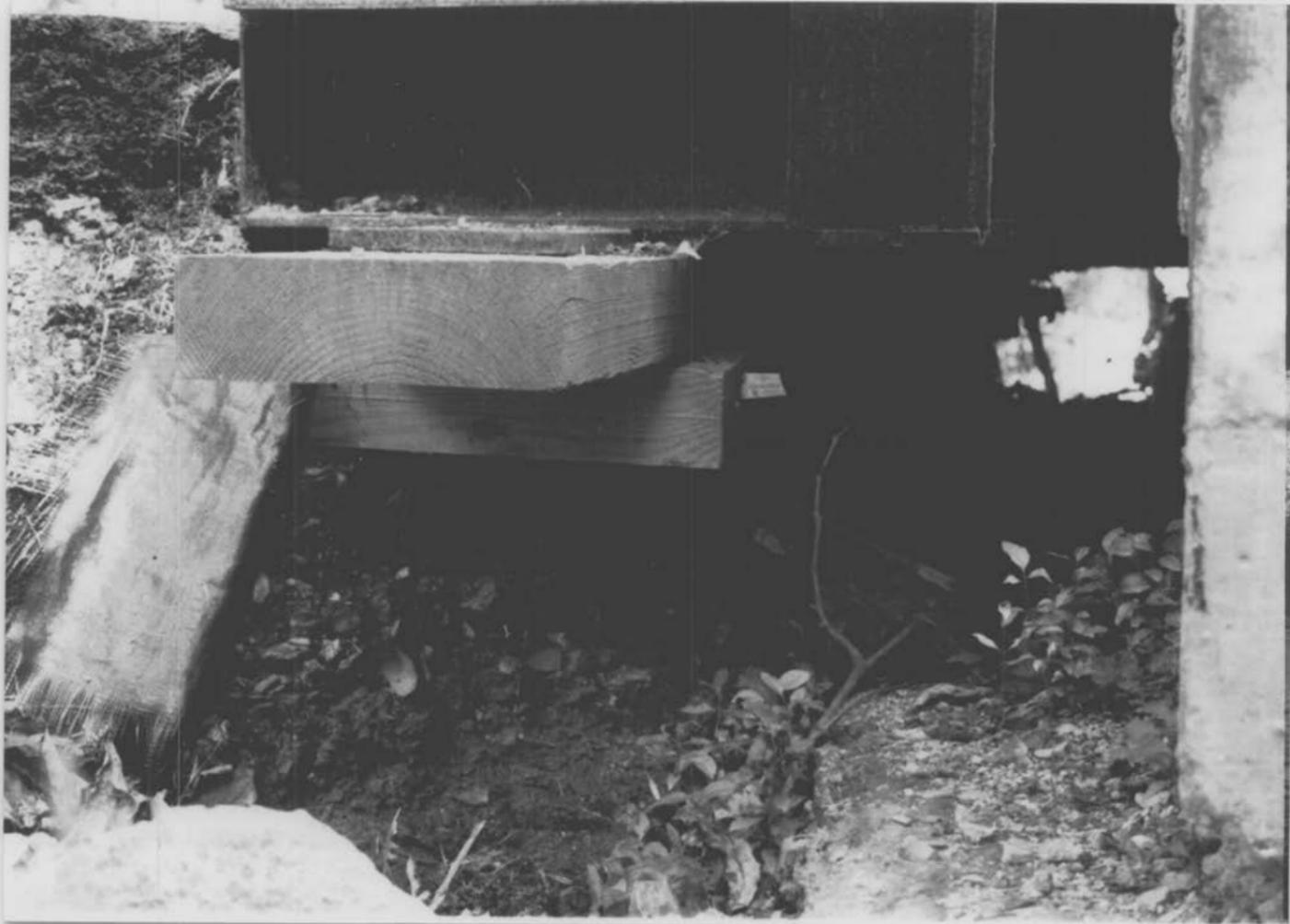
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View SW - North Elevation

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View N - Area where west backwall was removed.  
Steel jumper bridge resting on wood cribbing  
behind the existing abutment. Backwall  
removed in 1997.

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View NE - Detail of SW wingwall - wing wall  
parapet removed in 1997.

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View NE - Detail of S parapet/girder. Note  
deteriorated concrete and exposed  
reinforcement bar at bottom.

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View NE - SE wingwall - wingwall parapet removed  
in 1997.

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View E - Underside of concrete slab bridge and  
concrete cut-off wall installed to reinforce  
east abutment in 1985.

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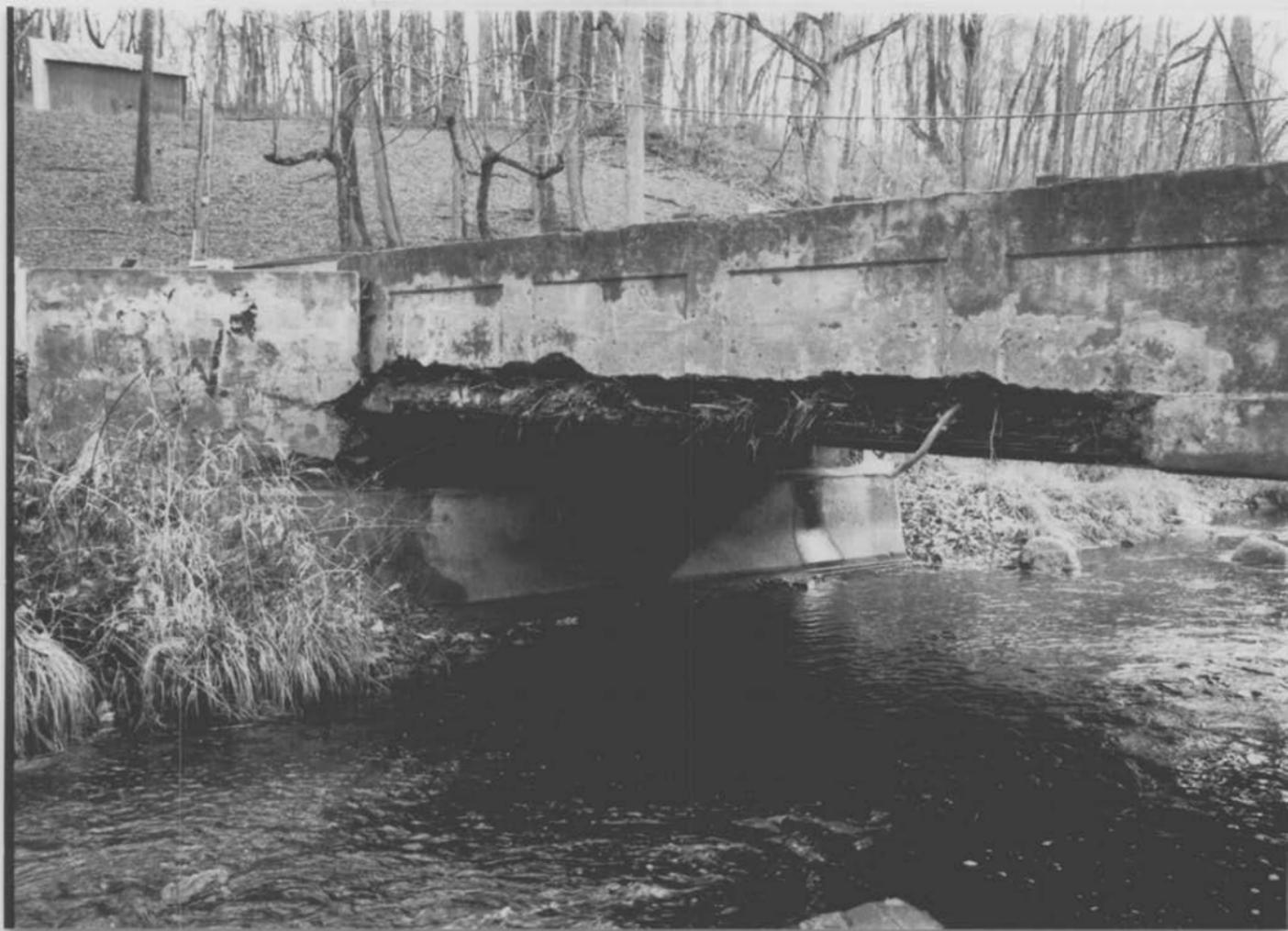
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View SE - NE wingwall with parapet still intact.

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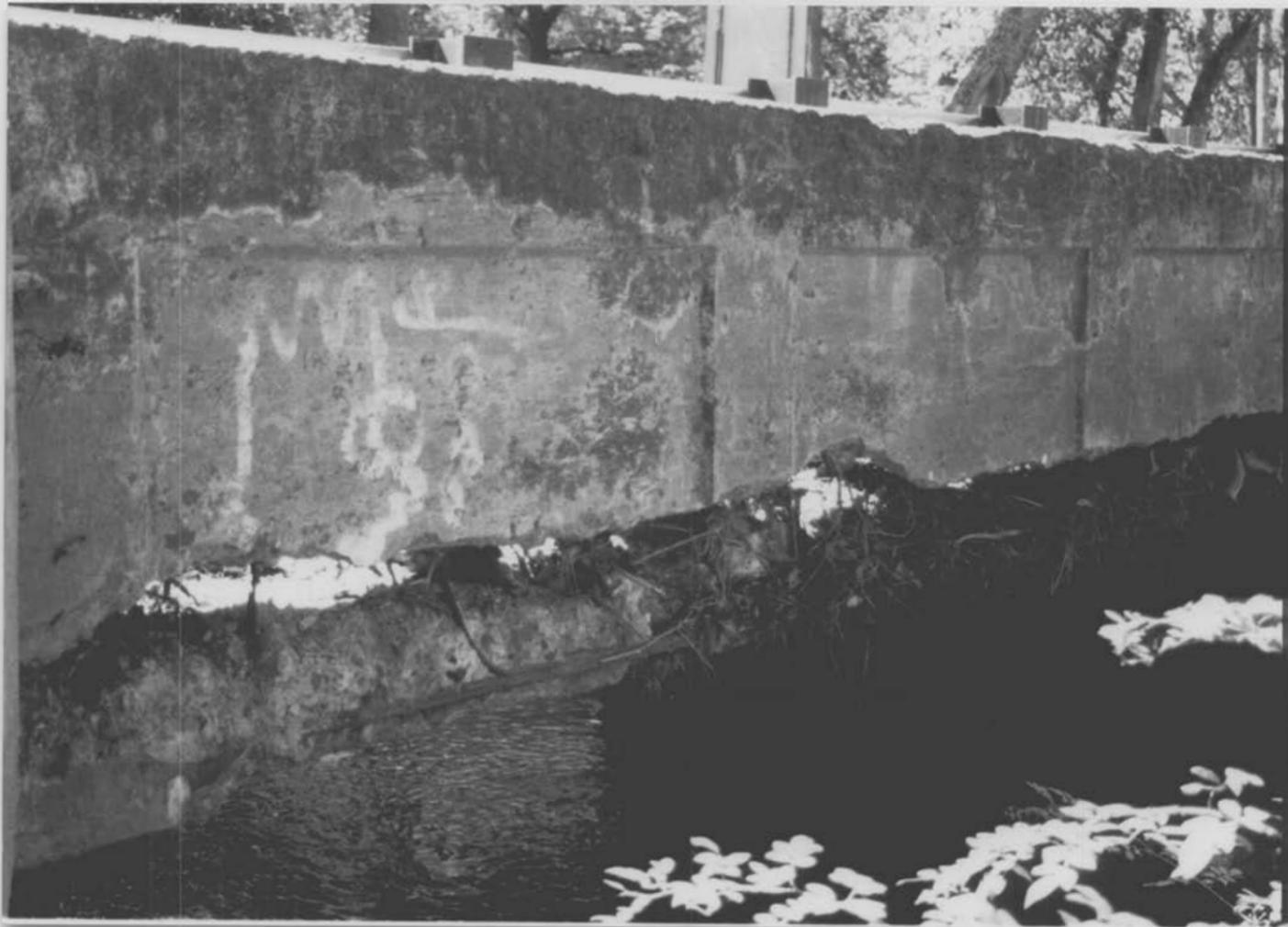
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View SE - Extensive damage at bottom of N  
parapet/girder

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View SW - Detail of damage to N parapet/girder.  
Note daylight showing through from  
S side where girder intersects the slab

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View SW - NW wingwall - wingwall parapet  
removed in 1997.

Note concrete cut-off wall installed  
in 1985

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View S - Detail of NW wingwall - wingwall parapet  
and backwall removed in 1997

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View W - Deck of steel jumper bridge and integral  
guard rails

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View NE - Cast builders plate on inside of N parapet showing extensive spalling.

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View N - Looking upstream from bridge deck.

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View S - Looking downstream from bridge deck.

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