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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC B & O Viaduct at Bloomington

AND/OR COMMON BLOOMINGTON VIADUCT (preferred)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Potomac River, south of Maryland
Route 135

CITY, TOWN Bloomington VICINITY OF Third

STATE Maryland CODE 24 COUNTY Garrett CODE 023

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. John W. Hanifin, President; Chessie System

STREET & NUMBER 2 North Charles Street

CITY, TOWN Baltimore VICINITY OF Maryland 21201

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Garrett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Oakland STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

UNALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE

GOOD

RUINS

ALTERED

MOVED DATE _____

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bloomington Viaduct, built in 1851, is located in the Bloomington area of southeast Garrett County, just west of the Allegany County line. It is a sandstone bridge of three full center arches, each with a 56-foot span and a 28-foot rise. When first built, it carried a double-track of the original Baltimore and Ohio main line across the Potomac River to Mineral County, West Virginia. In 1916 the viaduct was widened to accomodate two more tracks. The addition is a Melan-type reinforced concrete bridge of identical configuration built against the south face of the original stone bridge.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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

1851 and 1916

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bloomington Viaduct was built by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company in 1851 as part of its original main line. The construction of the B & O through southern Garrett County was a spur to the growth of this area. Timber and coal mining were initiated and farms and towns laid out, Bloomington being founded in 1849. It has been said that the railroad was the "most important single agency in the development of [Garrett] County."¹

According to Carl Condit in his American Building . . ., the B & O pioneered in the construction of multispan masonry railroad bridges such as the Bloomington Viaduct.² The viaduct is the only known example of this form of bridge in Garrett County, although a single arch masonry structure spans the Casselman River on the National Road, U.S. Route 40, to the east of Grantsville in the northern portion of the county (National Register).

¹"The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Thru Garrett County," The Glades Star (Oakland, Maryland: The Garrett County Historical Society), Vol. I, #33 (March 31, 1949), 329.,

²Carl W. Condit, American Building, Materials and Techniques from the First Colonial Settlements to the Present (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1968), pp. 71-73.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Thru Garrett County." The Glades Star.

[see section 8 for full reference].

Monahan, Carl W. American Building, Materials and Techniques from the First Colonial Settlements to the Present. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1968.

Notes from the files of Robert Vogel, Curator, Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ronald Andrews, Historic Site Survey; Pamela James, Assistant Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

June and August 1975

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 267-1438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE ___ LOCAL ___

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Bloomington Viaduct

AND/OR HISTORIC:
B & O Viaduct

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Potomac River, south of Maryland Route 135

CITY OR TOWN:
Bloomington

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Garrett

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: *Mr. John W. Hanfin, President*
Chessie System (formerly B & O Railroad)

STREET AND NUMBER:
2 North Charles Street

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore STATE: Maryland 21201

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncolored
	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Located in the Bloomington area of southeast Garrett County, just west of the Allegany County line, the Bloomington Viaduct spans the Potomac River and is visible from several points along Maryland Route 135.</p> <p>The viaduct is a three arch stone bridge that was erected in the mid 1800s and is still in use.</p>	

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ~~1851~~ 1851 and 1916

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bloomington Viaduct is a mid nineteenth century multispan masonry railroad bridge that spans the Potomac River in southeastern Garrett County. It was built by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad which, according to Carl Condit, pioneered in this type of bridge construction.¹ (American Building, pp. 71-73.) The viaduct is the only known example of this form of bridge in Garrett County although a single arch masonry structure spans the Casselman River on the National Road, U.S. Route 40, to the east of Grantsville in the northern portion of the county.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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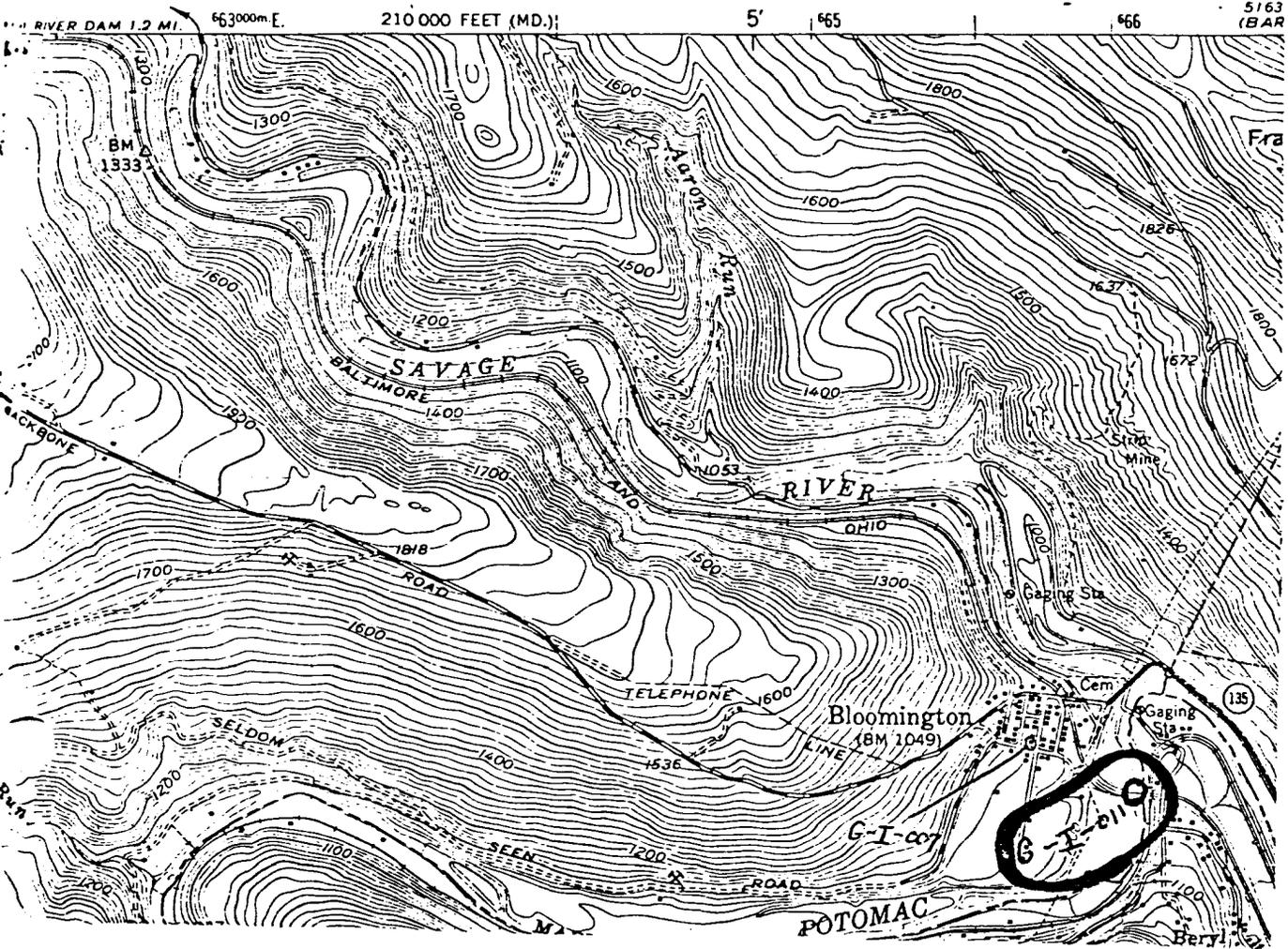
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ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.	DATE 6/9/75
STREET AND NUMBER: Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510	
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland

12 State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____



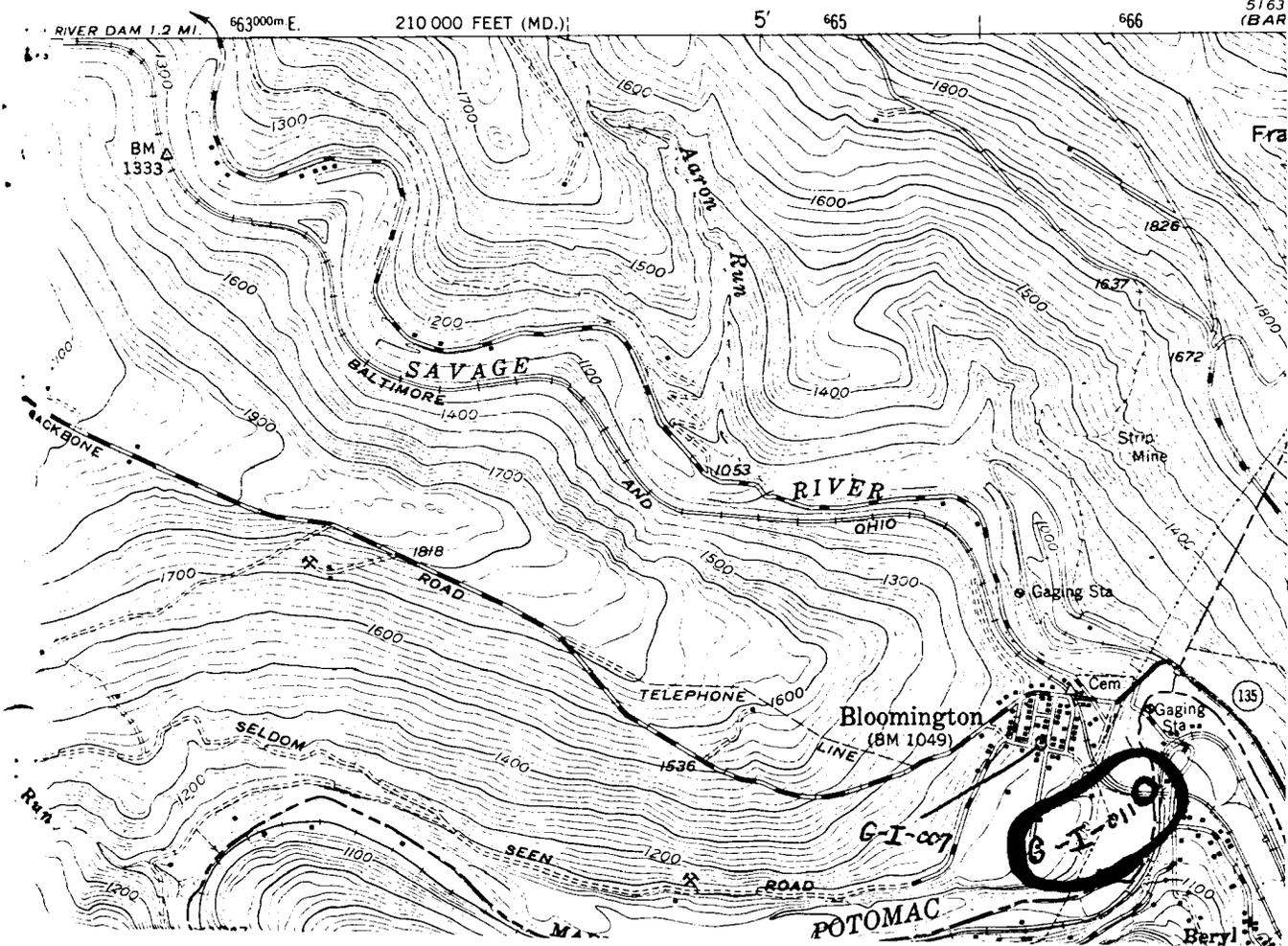
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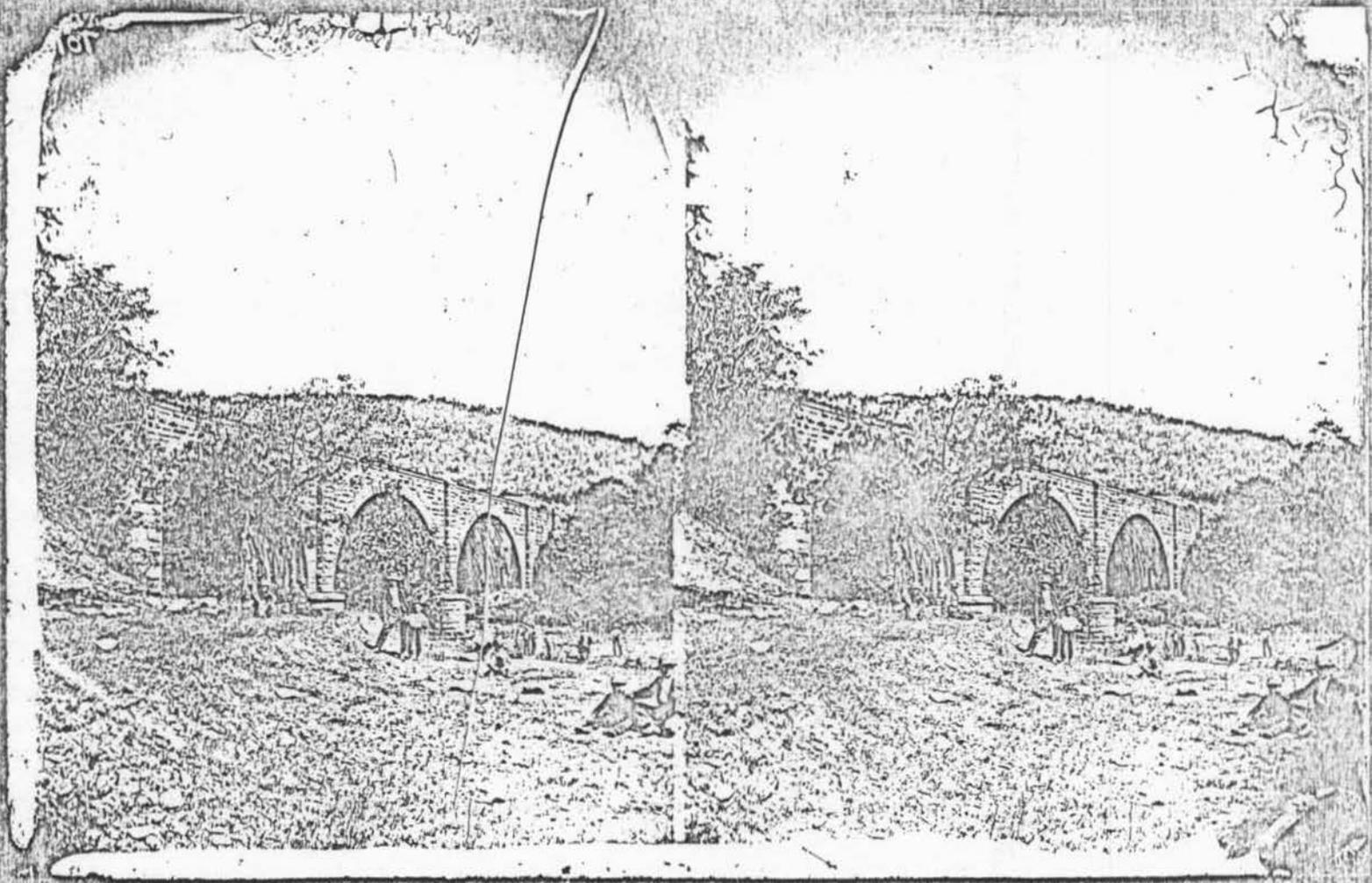
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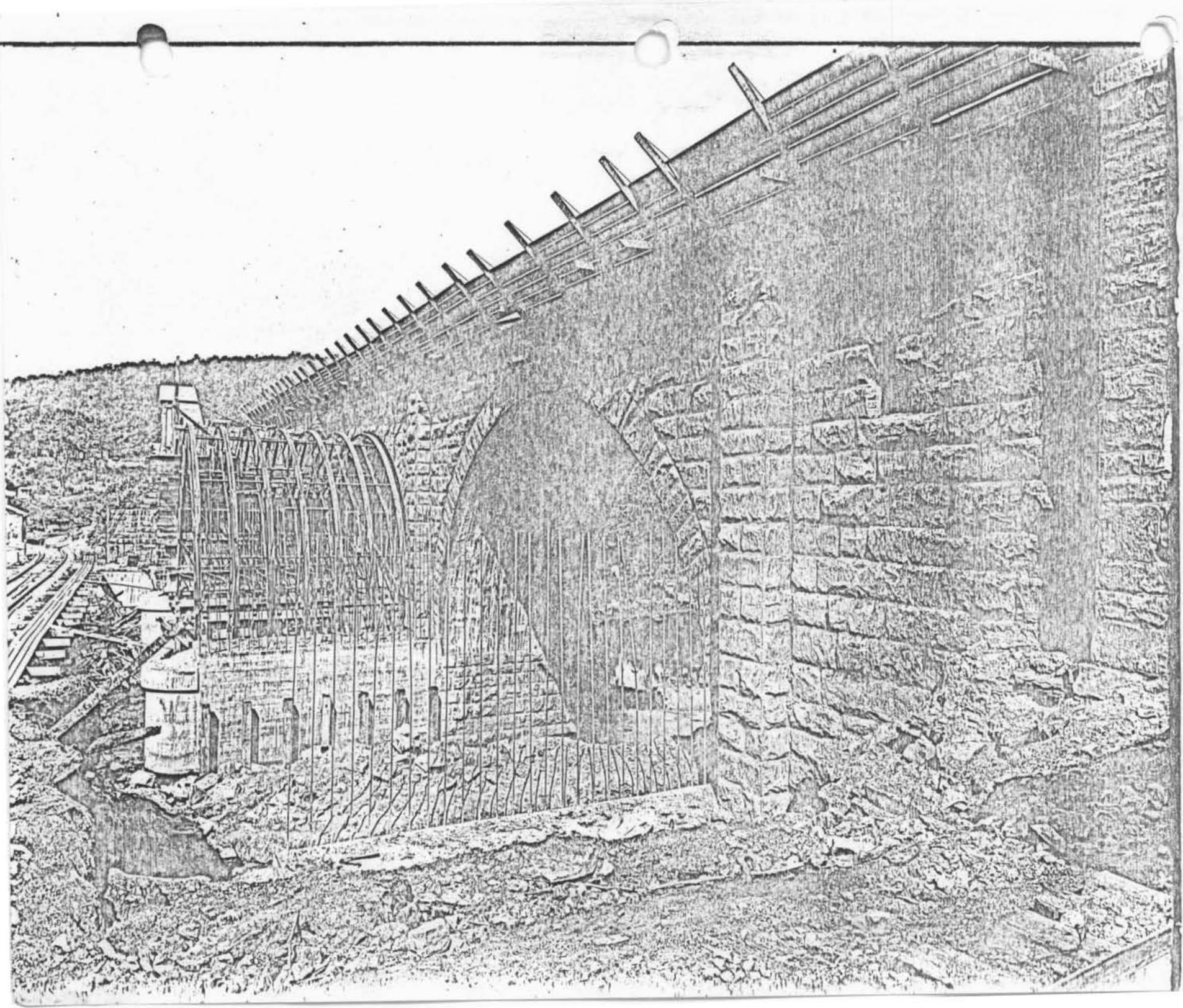


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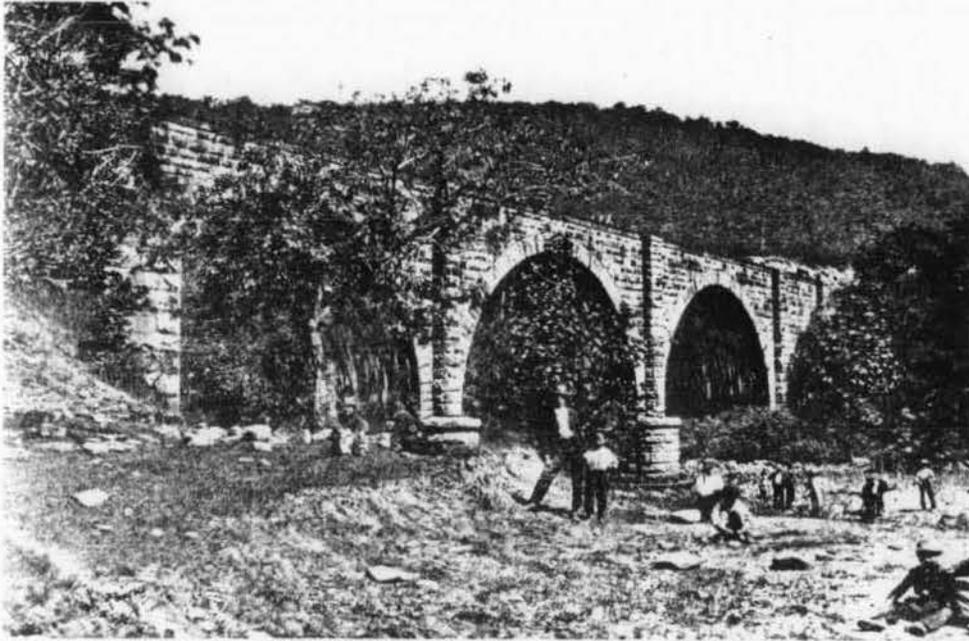
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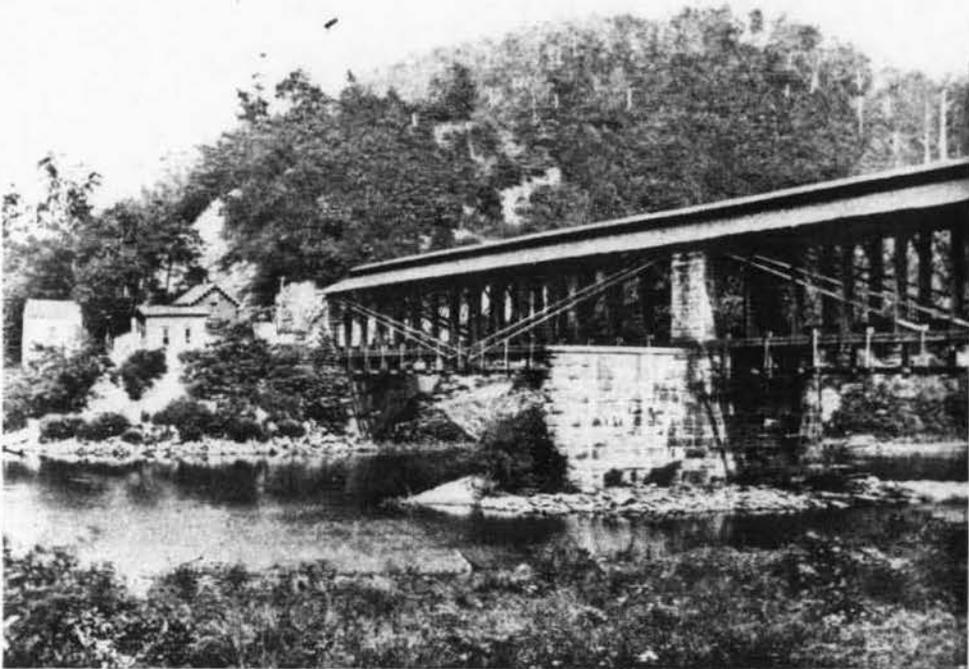
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The Bloomington Viaduct across the Potomac River marked the beginning of the Baltimore and Ohio's ascent of Big Savage Mountain, the Allegheny backbone. (The B & O Railroad Museum, Inc., Collection.)



Dilts, James D.

1993 The Great Road: The Building of the Baltimore and Ohio, The Nation's First Railroad, 1828-1853. Stanford, California: Stanford University Press.



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