

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties number: HA-1878

Name: Glenville Rd. over Graveyard Creek

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 _____
Criteria: <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>X</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u>	Considerations: <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u> <u>E</u> <u>F</u> <u>G</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>

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Historic Bridge Inventory  
Maryland State Highway Administration  
Maryland Historical Trust

MHT Number HA-1878

Name and SHA No. H 26 over Graveyard Creek

**Location:**

Street/Road Name and Number: Glenville Road over Graveyard Creek

City/Town: Webster Vicinity X

County: Harford

Ownership: State X County    Municipal    Other   

This bridge projects over:    Road    Railway X Water    Land   

Is the bridge located within a designated district: X yes    no

   NR listed district    NR determined eligible district

   locally designated    other

Name of District Lower Deer Creek National Register Historic District

**Bridge Type:**

   Timber Bridge

   Beam Bridge    Truss-Covered    Trestle

   Timber-and-Concrete

   Stone Arch

   Metal Truss

   Movable Bridge

   Swing    Bascule Single Leaf    Bascule Multiple Leaf

   Vertical Lift    Retractable    Pontoon

X Metal Girder

X 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 # H 26 carries Glenville Road east-west over Graveyard Creek in Harford County, Maryland. The bridge approach roadway has a bituminous concrete travelled way which is 16' wide at the east approach, and 17' wide at the west approach. The east approach is on a slight grade and tangent near the bridge, then curves. The west approach is on slight grade and curved. There are no guardrails on the approaches. Stream banks are heavily vegetated. Overhead lines are visible on the north side of the bridge. Area is wooded along stream margins but numerous residences are located on both sides of the bridge.

**Describe Superstructure and Substructure:**

Bridge H 26, built in 1930, is a single span steel beam bridge 25' in length, with a concrete slab deck and full height abutments. The steel stringers and are wide flange beams, and the beam ends are encased in concrete. The bearings, if any are present are not visible. The deck is a 7" reinforced concrete slab with a 1/2" wearing surface, and is 18.5' (out-to-out) width and a clear roadway width of 17.5'.

**Discuss Major Alterations:**

The bridge paving was overlaid in 1993. The concrete curbs have been patched in places and are generally in fair condition with small spalls on the south side curb. The bridge has a newly installed guardrail system which was emplaced between 1991 and 1993, replacing an earlier pipe railing. The east abutment and both the wingwalls were patched around 1993. Bridge inspection reports indicate that the bridge rating for the steel beams in this bridge is 18,000 PSI. This rating is consistent with steel stringers used in bridges between the years 1936 and 1963. One bridge inspection report indicates that this bridge was built in 1951. This in conjunction with the dates derived from the PSI rating indicate that the steel stringers may have been rebuilt in 1951.

**History:****When Built:** 1930 (possibly 1951)**Why Built:** Unknown**Who Built:** Unknown**Why Altered:** Safety**Was this bridge built as part of an organized bridge building campaign:** Unknown

**Surveyor Analysis:**

**This bridge may have NR significance for association with:**

- A Events     Person
- C Engineering/Architectural

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

This bridge was not constructed in response to significant events in Maryland or local history.

**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?**

Construction of this bridge does not appear to have had a major impact upon the growth and 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 historic and visual character of the possible district?**

This bridge is already located in the Lower Deer Creek Historic District. This bridge would most likely detract from the visual character of the district.

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

No, this bridge is not a significant example of its type.

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

It is unknown whether this bridge retains integrity of its primary character defining elements. This bridge was built in the 1930's and appears to retain integrity. However, conflicting evidence from the bridge inspection files indicates that this bridge may have been rebuilt c.1951.

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

Further study of this bridge is needed to determine the integrity of this bridge before a significance analysis is made. The conflicting data in the bridge files makes it impossible to determine whether this bridge should be considered eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

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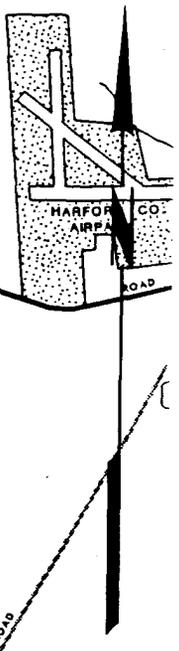
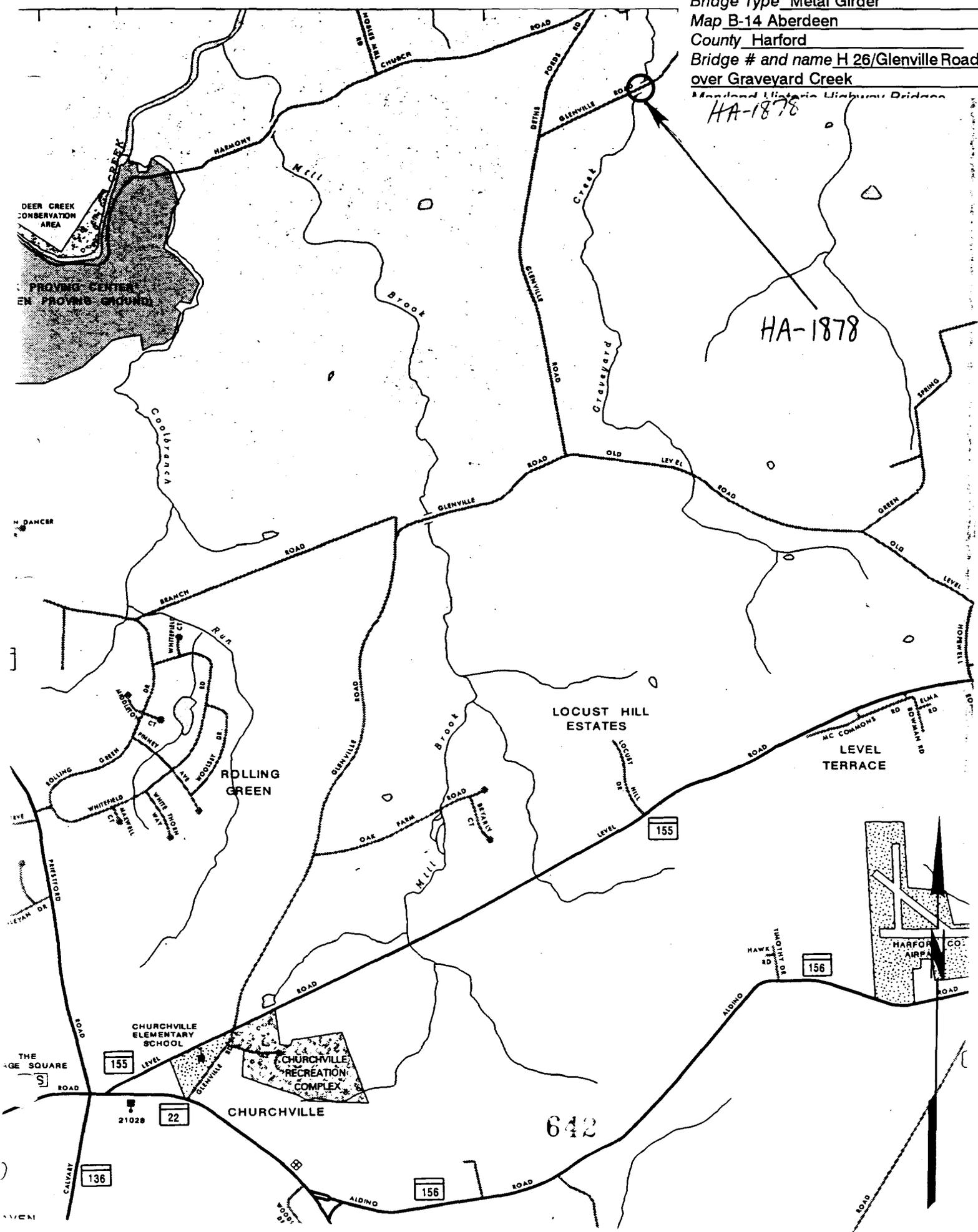
**Surveyor:**

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**Organization:** State Highway Admin. **Telephone:** (410) 321-2213  
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Bridge Type Metal Girder  
Map B-14 Aberdeen  
County Harford  
Bridge # and name H 26/Glenville Road  
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VIEW LOOKING EAST ON GRAVEYARD  
GLENVILLE RD CREEK

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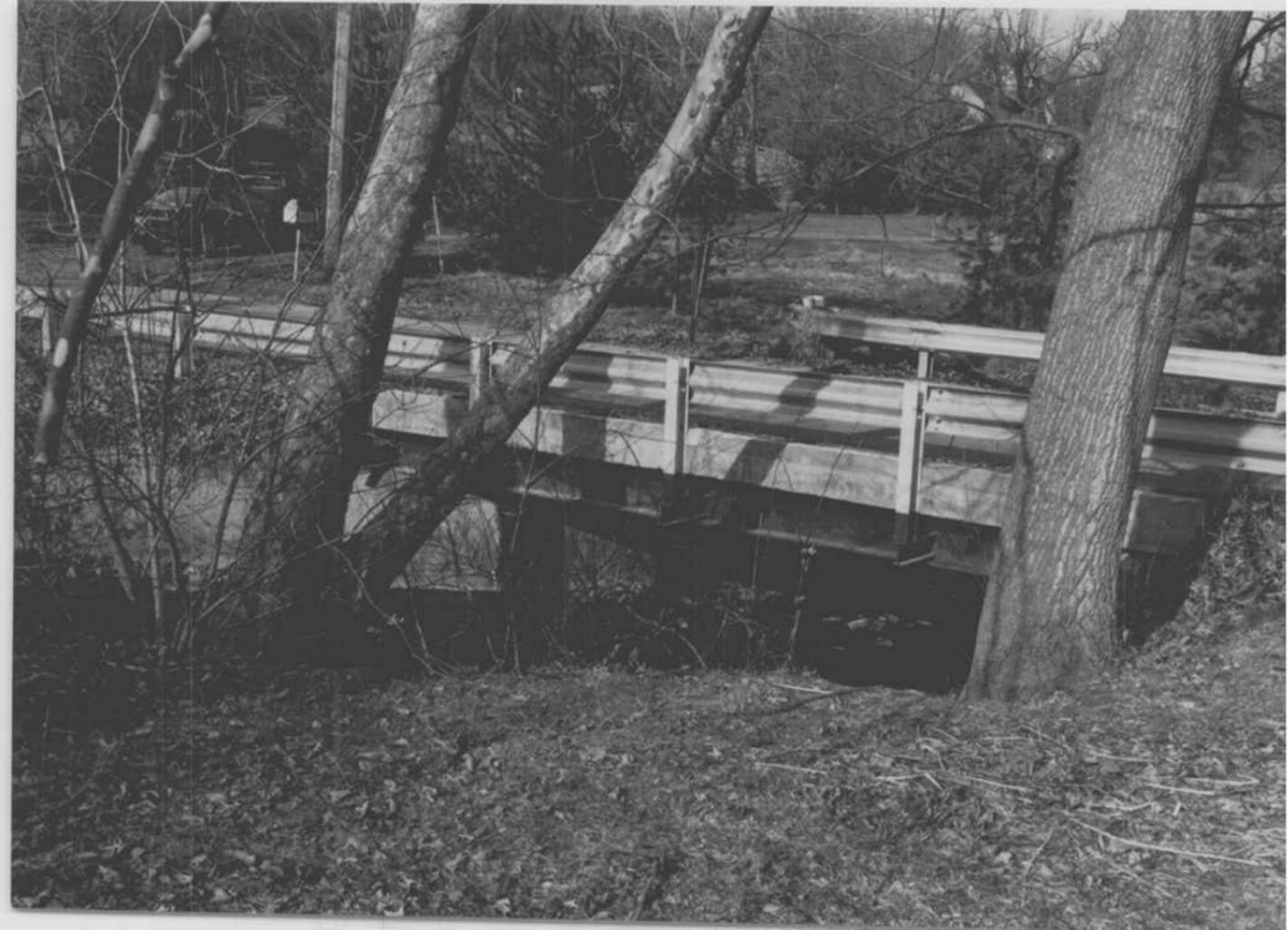
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