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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 Jericho Covered Bridge  
AND/OR COMMON Franklinville Road Bridge No. 4

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Jerusalem Road  
Franklinville Road, 0.24 miles southeast of  
CITY, TOWN Jerusalem, Second  
STATE Maryland CODE 24 COUNTY Baltimore-Harford CODE 005-025  
VICINITY OF

## 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<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 type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Baltimore County/ Harford County - Joint Tenants c/o Mr. Ernest Radoci, Chief Structural Design & Approval Sec. (Mail stop 1204)  
STREET & NUMBER c/o Baltimore Cnty. Dept. of Public Works, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue  
CITY, TOWN Towson VICINITY OF Maryland 21204

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN Towson STATE Maryland

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historic American Buildings Survey  
DATE 1930's  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Library of Congress  
CITY, TOWN Washington STATE D. C.

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Jericho Covered Bridge carries Franklinville Road (formerly Jericho Road) across the Little Gunpowder Falls .24 mile southeast of Jerusalem Road between Baltimore and Harford Counties, Maryland. It is a Burr arch through truss, named for the inventor of the support design, Theodore Burr of Pennsylvania. Burr began to develop the style in 1803 and patented it in 1804. He later practiced bridge building in Maryland, constructing a notable span over the Susquehanna at Port Deposit. In Burr's technique, a series of king-post trusses was combined with a long wooden arch, a mixture that resulted in a stronger bridge. Single king posts had been used since the Middle Ages for short crossings. The pioneering and innovative bridge builders of the nineteenth century learned that it was possible to combine a series of structural triangles, king posts or queen posts, into a unified span. 1



Burr's "truss," the arch, upper chord and the diagonals of the truss withstand forces of compression; the vertical members of the truss and lower chord withstand the forces of tension. 2

By combining the rectangular frame or truss with the arch. . . Burr was being somewhat cautious. As Ithiel Town demonstrated with his lattice truss, wood trusses of reasonable span could stand alone. 3

Bridges of this type were strong, but the wood tended to weather rapidly, and builders adopted the European technique of roofing them over and boxing them in to protect both structural members and deck.

Jericho Covered Bridge was built some 61 years after the Burr truss was invented. It is 87 feet 6 inches long in its truss portion with an additional six feet of length devoted to the overhanging entrance roofing at each end, making a maximum length of 99 feet 6 inches. The bridge flooring is 15 feet above river level. Internal width is 17 feet, with 14 feet 10 inches clear road width. Overhead clearance is 12 feet 4 inches at the centerline of the roadway and 10 feet at the curb line.

Functionally, each of the two trusses consists of ten king-post panels, including the half-panels at each end. Four wooden arches are bolted to the upright members of the multiple king-post system, two arches on each side of the roadway, one arch on each side of each truss.

Both trusses and arches rest on stone-masonry abutments.

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DESCRIPTION (Continued)

A number of steel tie rods were added as part of the repairs carried out circa 1937 to link the upper chord to the vertical members. These elements would not change the classification of the bridge from a pure Burr arch through truss. (Note: One published article erroneously calls this span a Burr-Howe Truss, but a Howe Truss incorporates iron or steel vertical members.)

Flooring is timber of 3 by 10 inch size, full dimension. The flooring is supported by six steel I-beam stringers with timber nailing strips attached, the steel members added circa 1937 after the beginning of the automobile era. (The stringers are members that run lengthwise through the bridge.)

Size 8 I 18.4 steel stringers  
3-3/4 inch X 8 inch timber nailers

Spacing 3.0 feet center to center

Condition Good (1973)

The floor beams supporting the stringers are of steel. Technical data gathered in 1966 and revised in 1973 follows:

Type Steel WF beams

Size Approximately 6-3/4 inches X 12 inches  
X 1/4 inch thick fl.

Spacing 8 feet 9 inches center to center

Condition Good

The lower chord of the bridge is 12 by 12 inch timber.

The bridge is roofed with one inch of sheathing and shingle; sidewalls are of vertical board. The "unusual" features of the bridge, according to Jane Plant, writing in 1954, were the sloping portals and the narrow-strip flooring; that decking, of one-inch by two-inch oak strips, has since been replaced by heavy plank, laid transversly to the principal axis.<sup>4</sup>

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The 1973 structural report stated that the bridge was unsafe for bus or truck traffic because of cracked and rotting timber. A 6-foot length of one timber-arch member was found to suffer from cracking (downstream side). This and the heavy repairs to the lower chord of the truss nearby indicate possible failure damage. The downstream arch was found to be affected with rot at the bearing on the south abutment.<sup>5</sup> Whether by mistake or design, the vertical board siding does not extend down far enough to afford protection to the arch bearing.

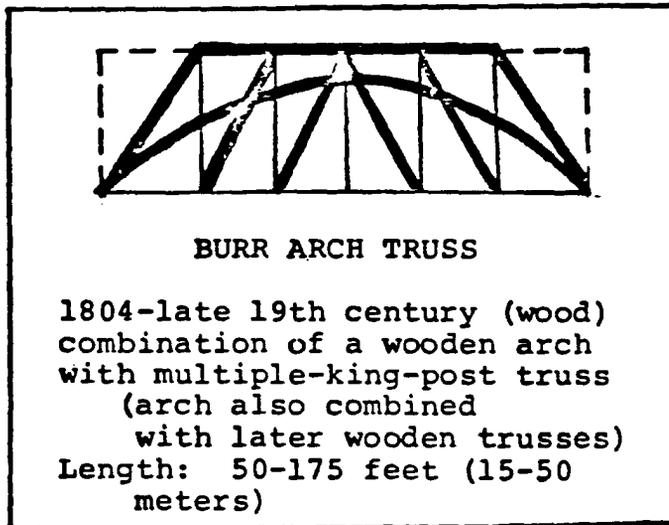


Figure 1.  
BURR ARCH TRUSS

Heavy lines are members that withstand forces of compression. Lighter lines are members that withstand forces of tension.<sup>6</sup> There is no stress on members represented by dotted lines.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 T. Allen Comp and Donald Jackson, Bridge Truss Types  
(Nashville, 1977), p. 2.
- 2 Comp and Jackson, Bridge Truss Types, pp. 2, 5.
- 3 Theodore Anton Sande, Industrial Archaeology  
(Brattleboro, Vermont, 1976), p. 94.
- 4 Jane Plant, "The Peace and Charm of Our Covered  
Bridges," American, Baltimore, April 4, 1954.
- 5 Baltimore County Bridge Department, "Bridge  
Reconnaissance and Rating Report," and "Structure Inventory & Appraisal  
Sheet," 1973. Updated, 1977.
- 6 Comp and Jackson, Bridge Truss Types, Diagram 9, p.5.

# 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1865                                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Thomas F. Forsyth

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

While not one of the engineering marvels of its class, the Jericho Covered Bridge is the last such span in either Baltimore or Harford Counties, and its basic structure is an authentic survival of the 19th century horse-drawn era.

A bridge had been requested by citizens of both Harford and Baltimore Counties in early 1864. At a session of the General Assembly on February 24 of that year, Mr. Hitchcock of the House of Delegates "presented a petition from citizens of Harford County praying for a law to authorize the commissioners of Harford and Baltimore Counties to make an appropriation for a bridge over the Little Gunpowder Falls."<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Pearce of Baltimore County presented a petition from D. S. Gittings and forty persons of Baltimore County, "praying the passage of an act to build a bridge across the Little Gunpowder Falls, between Baltimore and Harford Counties."

A bill was drawn up under the title: "An Act to Authorize the Commissioners of Baltimore and Harford Counties to construct a bridge across the Little Gunpowder Falls, between Jericho and Jerusalem Mills, and to levy a sum of money therefore."<sup>2</sup>

The bill was read twice, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read again, and passed on March 4, 1864.

Dr. David Sterett Gittings, whose name headed the list of petitioners was a prominent citizen, a graduate of Edinburgh University (1818) and a resident of Roslyn estate on Joppa Rolling Road (since renamed Bradshaw Road) at Upper Falls. Possibly the persons who dwelt between two toll roads, as did Dr. Gittings, wanted a free crossing somewhere nearby so they could avoid paying tolls on the Jerusalem Pike or Philadelphia Turnpike. The 1850 map of Baltimore County by J. C. Sidney and the 1857 map by Robert Taylor showed a road crossing Little Gunpowder Falls upstream of Jericho; possibly that crossing was a ford, or else a bridge had stood there and washed out.

The Little Gunpowder valley was in the 18th and 19th centuries the scene of several industries, with a flour mill at Jerusalem, a spade factory and wrought iron works at Franklinville and two cotton factories: Jericho

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and Franklinville. Each mill town spawned a cluster of workers' houses, various outbuildings, sheds, stores, dams, races, sluices, forebays and tailraces. The area was also noted for its series of Biblical names, which included Joppa and Egypt along with Jerusalem and Jericho already mentioned.

The records of the county commissioners trace the history of the bridge. The estimated account for 1865 showed a \$2,000 "special appropriation" for the bridge between Jerusalem and Jericho.<sup>3</sup>

On June 17, 1865, the first advertisement for proposals appeared in the local papers:

To Bridge Builders

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS OF BALTIMORE CO.

Towsontown, June 7th 1865

Proposals will be received at this office on the 5th day of July next, at noon,

for the erection of a WOODEN BRIDGE, of about eighty (80) feet span to be covered with shingles, and weatherboarded, with stone abutments, about fifteen feet high, well cemented, over the Little Gunpowder Falls, between Jericho and Jerusalem Mills. Persons proposing will submit plan, &c.

June 17.--3t

J. F. COCKEY, President (4)

The commissioners' records for July 5 show that Hugh Simms was appointed to superintend the building of the bridge and the contract was awarded to Thomas F. Forsyth.<sup>5</sup>

Simms was owner of the Franklinville Cotton Factory downstream of the proposed bridge site. Houston's 1867 city directory listed Thomas Forsythe as a "machinist" at 116 North Bond Street, and he was listed in the 1877 patron list in Hopkins' atlas as a resident of Pikesville and still a machinist; he had moved there that year from his native Baltimore City. The newspapers reported the award of contract:

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.--The Board at their session on Wednesday, 5th inst. awarded the contract for the building of the bridge between Jericho and Jerusalem Mills, to Mr. Thomas F. Forsyth. Mr. Hugh Sims. of Franklin Factory, was appointed to superintend the work.<sup>6</sup>

The commissioners' records of the award are very brief:

That the contract to build a bridge over Little Gunpowder falls between Jericho and Jerusalem be awarded to Thos. F. Forsyth at Three thousand 125 dollars, one thousand dollars to be paid when the abutments are finished and the material to complete the bridge is placed on the ground where the bridge is to be erected. The balance to be paid when the bridge is finished. Harford County and Baltimore County to pay the bridge in equal proportions.<sup>7</sup>

Part of the project was completed by October 13, when the commissioners resolved:

That the treasurer pay Thos. F. Forsyth Five Hundred Sixty Two 50/100 dols. on a/c of Bridge over Little Gunpowder between Jericho and Jerusalem.<sup>8</sup>

The entire span was completed by December 5, when the commissioners resolved:

That the Treasurer pay Thomas F. Forsyth one thousand dols, in full of Balto. County's portion for building a bridge over the Gunpowder falls between Jericho & Jerusalem.<sup>9</sup>

At the same session, they received two varieties of Bridge Report:

Upper Falls, Balto. Co.  
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To the Hon the Commissioners  
of Baltimore County

Gents. The undersigned being appointed by your Honorable body and also by the Hon. Commissioners of Harford County, Examiners of the Bridge and filling connected with it, over the falls of Little Gunpowder between Jericho and Jerusalem Mills, have the honor to report, that the bridge is finished and is a very substantial structure, finished according to the specifications and contract and reflects great credit upon Mr. Forsyth the Builder; the filling is nearly finished and when completed will be fully up to the contract, the filling being so nearly finished and the contractors being highly responsible gentlemen we recommend you to settle their account as well as that of the Contractor for the Bridge.

Hugh Simms  
Edw. H. Beans<sup>10</sup>

... the filling up of both ends of the bridge is finished fully up to the contract; no pains having been spared to make it fully satisfactory ....<sup>11</sup>

Contractor for the filling operation was a Mr. Haskins. The Maryland Journal contains no reference to the completion in the weeks and months following the payment of the contractor.

During the early automobile era, the bridge was strengthened, and in 1937, a Sun correspondent stated that the bridge at Jerusalem

is by far the best kept in Maryland. Thanks to recent repairs which include a reinforcement of the original bow-string arch with a queen-post truss, the addition of some metal braces and tie-rods, the laying of a new floor and the raising of new walls, it should stand for decades to come. Due to the very completeness of the repairs, however, it is not at the moment among the most picturesque; it looks too new.<sup>12</sup>

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Hervey Brackbill, the Sun writer, seemed to scramble some technical terms -- there isn't any queen-post truss -- but his story pins down the repair date more accurately than any papers available in the county records. He also interviewed an elderly gentleman of the neighborhood and asked of the dark black box was afflicted with ghosts.

"Yes," was the gruff reply. "Parkers!"  
 "Parkers?" Brackbill smelled a story. "Who was Parker and what did he do?"  
 "Parkers, parkers," came the retort. "Automobiles. Young fellows and girls. They drive in the bridge at night and park, and the Lord knows what they don't do."  
 The youth of Maryland, using modern conveniences was still living up to the old remantic traditions of the state's covered bridges.<sup>13</sup>

The repairs were most likely carried out in 1937, as the annual report of the county roads engineer shows nothing spent over 1934-1935, and only \$47.75 in 1936. In the year ending December 31, 1937, a total of \$1,969.72 was spent on the bridge, followed by nothing in 1938.<sup>14</sup>

On the other hand, the date of repair was given as 1935 in an undated clipping from one of the town papers in the Bel Air public library:

The old covered bridge leading from Jerusalem to Jericho is in excellent shape having been repaired and strengthened to 20-tons capacity during the W.P.A. program of 1935. Ladies belonging to the Garden Club strongly urged that the bridge be preserved as a relic and this suggestion was followed. Strengthening and repairing the span cost many thousands (missing words ....) consequence the former W.P.A. administrative staff, and all road workers formerly carried under that department have been paid entirely from Harford County funds.<sup>15</sup>

As the number of such bridges dwindled--there was once a total of fifty in Harford County--Jericho Bridge attracted more attention from photographers and writers. When it was featured in the Washington Star in 1952, it was painted white; it was a deep green when photographed in 1964, and later became a deep orange-red, much splotched by names,

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mottoes and personal messages now dignified by the name graffiti.<sup>16</sup>

The bridge is often spoken of as historic, although no specific events are associated with it. There have been erroneous stories that James Mahool, owner of Franklinville Cotton Factory, died when his horse bolted in the covered bridge; but that fatal accident took place ten years before the bridge was built, and on the Philadelphia Turnpike. Harry Gilmor's Confederate raiders reputedly galloped across the bridge, but they were more than a year too early; they did indeed raid the Jerusalem Mill on July 11, 1864.<sup>17</sup> There have even been legendary visits from George Washington.

- <sup>1</sup> Proceedings of the House of Delegates, 1864, Annapolis, P.521.
- <sup>2</sup> Proceedings of House, 1864, p. 689.
- <sup>3</sup> County Commissioners, Journal of Proceedings, Records Management Office, Towson, 1:171.
- <sup>4</sup> Maryland Journal, Towson, July 1, 1865, p. 3, col. 4.
- <sup>5</sup> County Commissioners, Journal, 1:186.
- <sup>6</sup> Maryland Journal, July 8, 1865, p. 2, col. 5.
- <sup>7</sup> County Commissioners, Journal, 1:197.
- <sup>8</sup> " " " 1:199.
- <sup>9</sup> " " " 1:215.
- <sup>10</sup> " " " 1:218.
- <sup>11</sup> " " " 1:224.
- <sup>12</sup> Hervey Brackbill, "Maryland's Covered Bridges," Sun, October 17, 1937.
- <sup>13</sup> Brackbill, 1937, Also, Richard Sanders Allen, Covered Bridges of the Middle Atlantic States (New York, 1959), pp. 47-49.

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14 Annual Report of the Roads Engineer of Baltimore County for the Year Ending December 31, 1937 (Towson, 1938), p. 8. Also, reports of 1934, 1935, 1936, 1938.

15 "The Best of Harford County's Remaining Covered Bridges," Bel Air, n.d.

16 "Bridges into the Past," Jane Plant, Washington Star, Pictorial Magazine, November 30, 1952, p. 6.

17 Robert E. Michel, Colonel Harry Gilmor's Raid Around Baltimore (Baltimore, 1976), p. 11.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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B										
	ZONE		EASTING		NORTHING					
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Maryland	024	Harford	025
Maryland	024	Baltimore	005

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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

John W. McGrain, Executive Secretary, Landmarks Preservation Commission

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Office of Planning and Zoning

July 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Towson,

Maryland 21204

## 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

William N. Pearce 3/16/78

DATE

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

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

R. B. Pethig

DATE

9/13/78

ATTEST

William L. ...

DATE

9/11/78

LETTER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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UTM REFERENCES

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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## 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

John N. Pearce 3/16/78

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

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST  
BOX 1704

ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404 *Type all entries - complete applicable sections*

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Jerusalem Covered Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Reynolds Road at Little Gunpowder Falls

CITY OR TOWN: Jerusalem

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Harford CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> <u>A</u>

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: Harford and Baltimore County Highway Depts

STREET AND NUMBER: 39 Moseley Ave. Bel Air Towson

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air STATE: Md CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**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: CODE:

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STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE FOR NPS USE ONLY

7. DESCRIPTION N. R. FIELD SHEET

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built by cooperation between Harford and Baltimore Counties, this covered wooden bridge has large timbers, sawed and hewn, supporting the road, and smaller ones supporting the roof which overhangs the plank flooring by several feet at each end. Vertical siding protects the wood and used to help keep horses from skying at the height of the crossing. Painted dark red, it is well maintained.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1864

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Urban Planning</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Recreation</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Transportation</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Overseers of the roads, appointed in 1784, included David Lee, whose jurisdiction covered the way from his Jerusalem Mill to Joppa. This is probably the site of a ford that crossed to Franklinville, another ford below bringing wagons back to the east side of the valley on down to Joppa via Old Joppa Road.

The Harpic half of this bridge is all that our country has in the way of covered bridges. Traffic on this road is legit, the bridge is well-kept, a favorite site for tourists.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wright, C. Melton, San Harbors Heritage p 111-115

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S. EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: **50 STATE CIRCLE**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS** STATE: **MARYLAND** CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

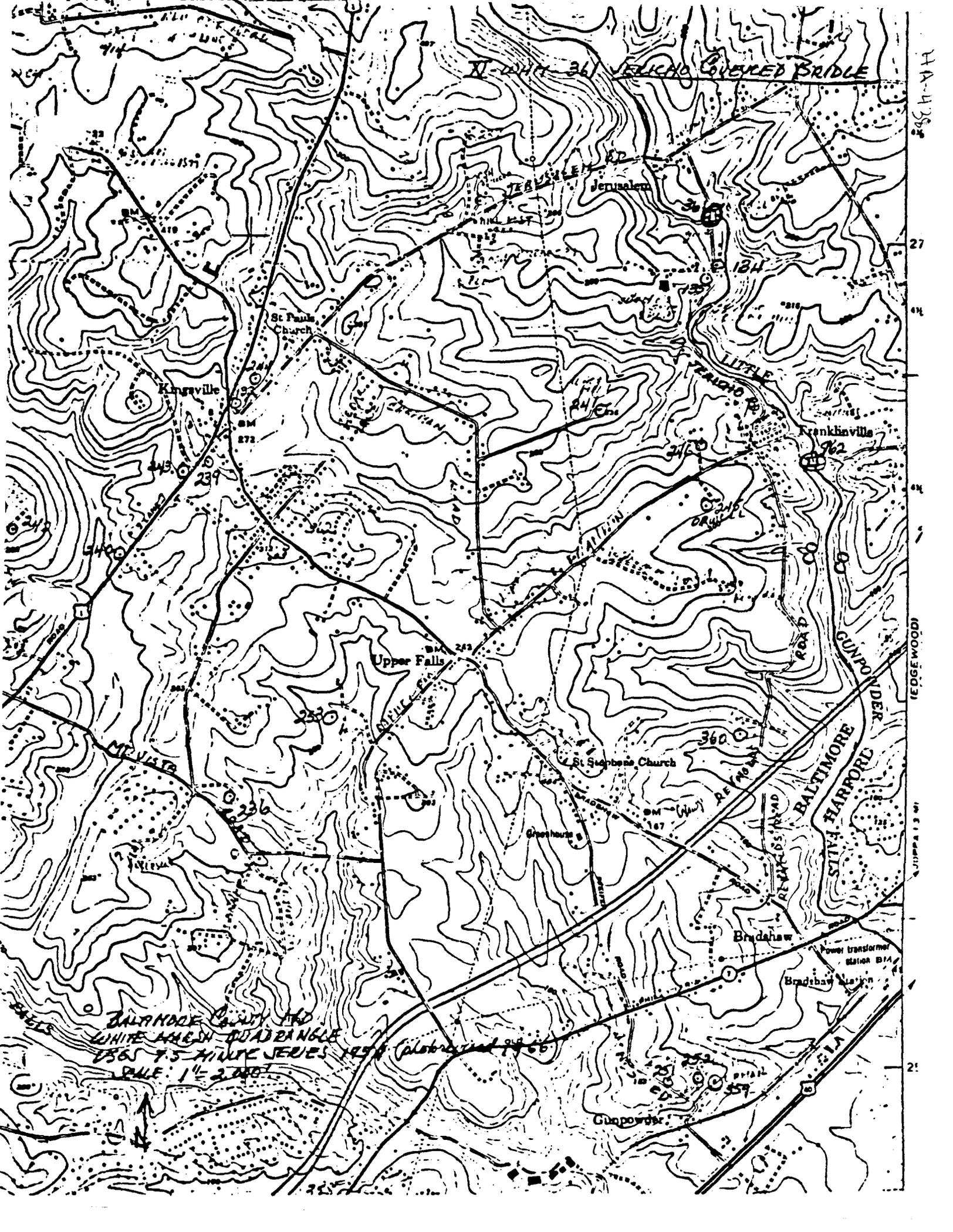
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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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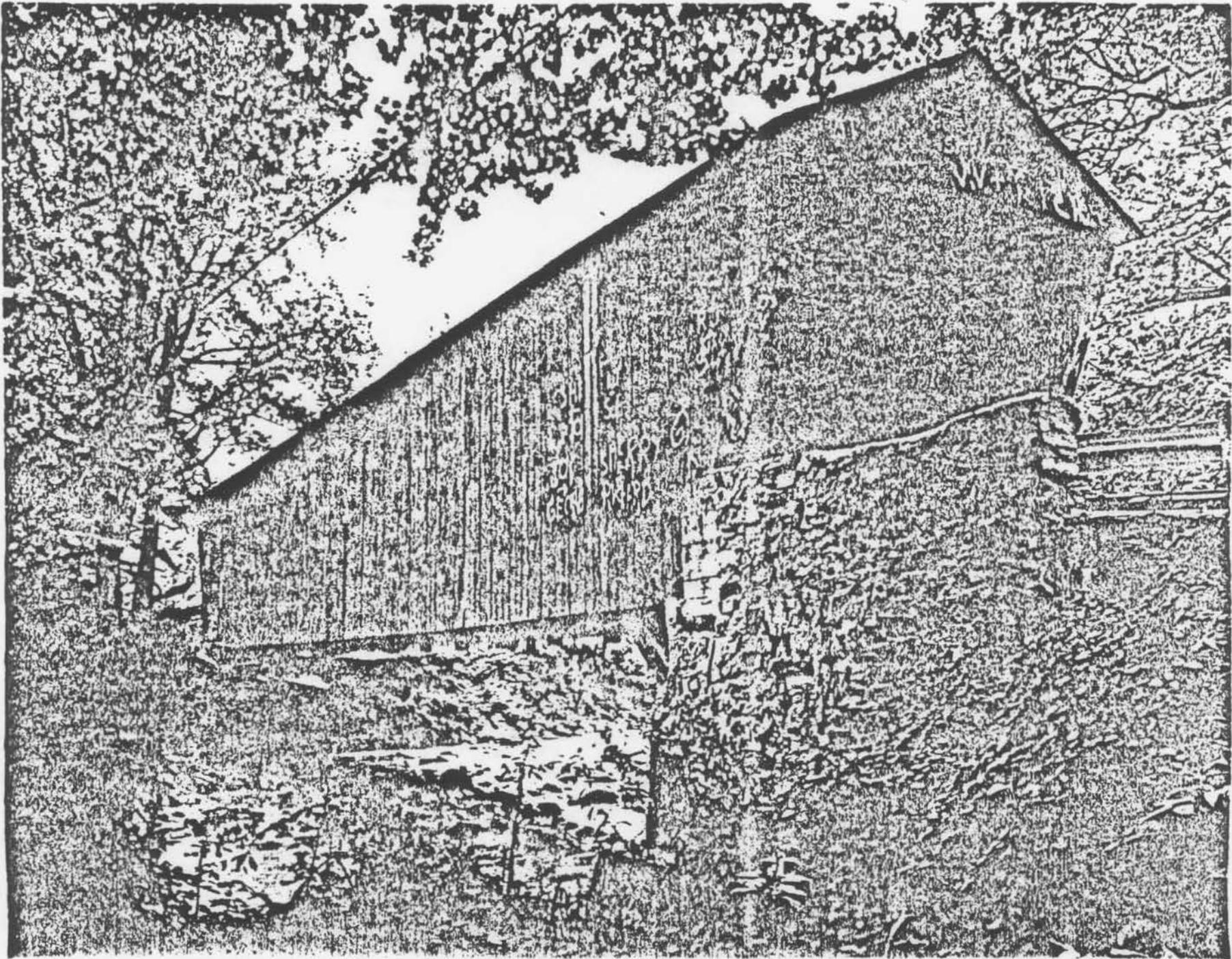
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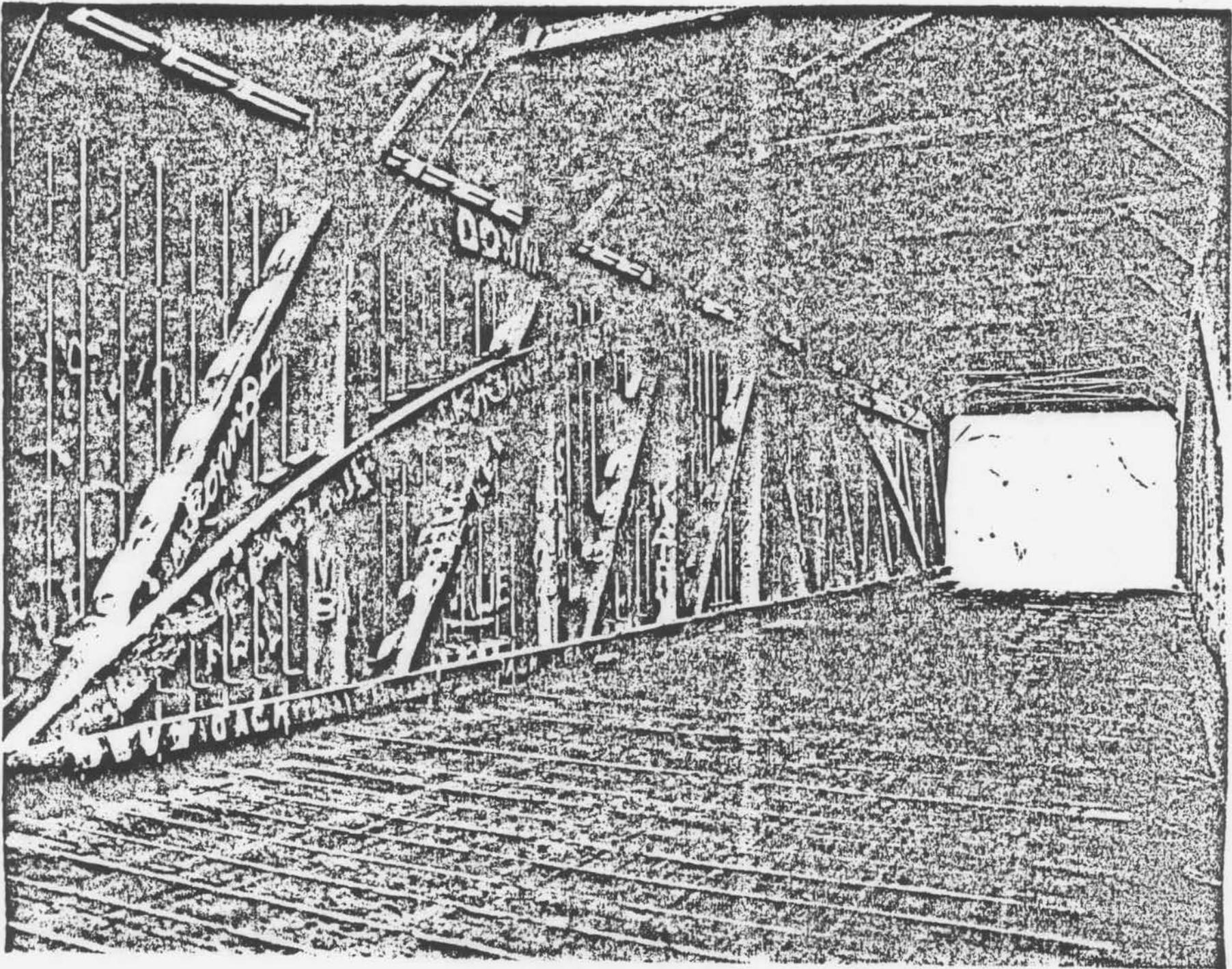
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BALTIMORE COUNTY AND  
WHITE MARSH QUADRANGLE  
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SCALE 1" = 2,000'

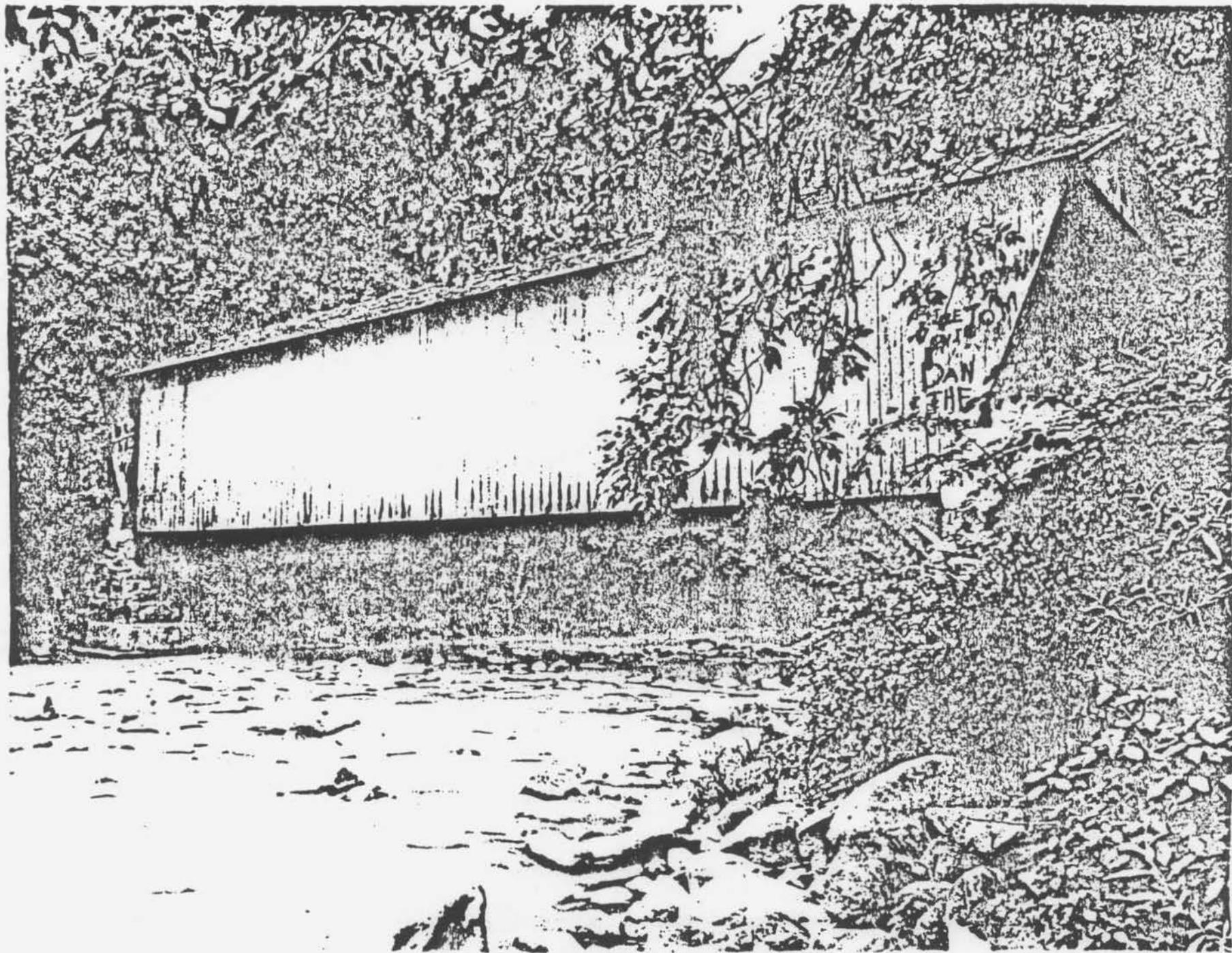




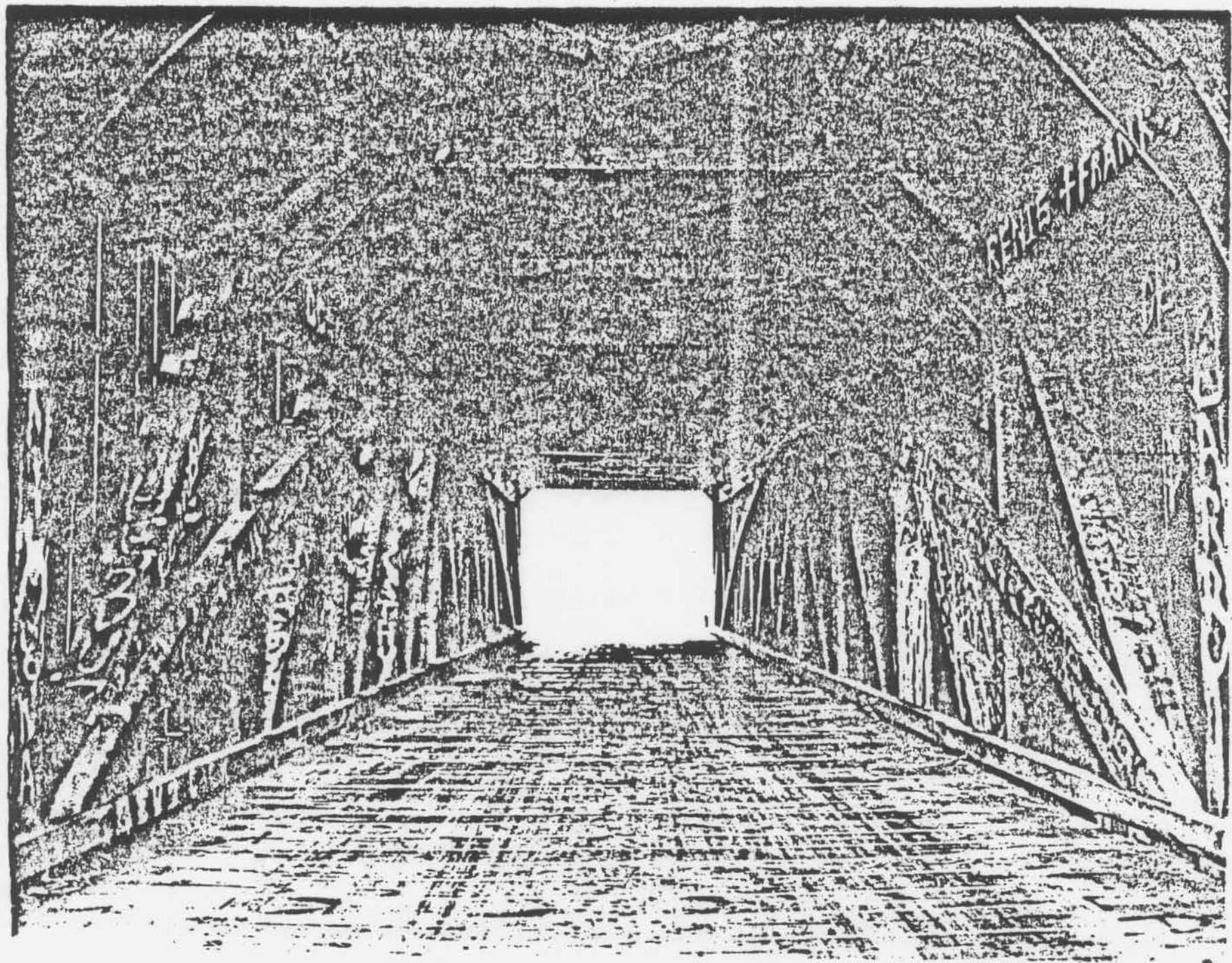
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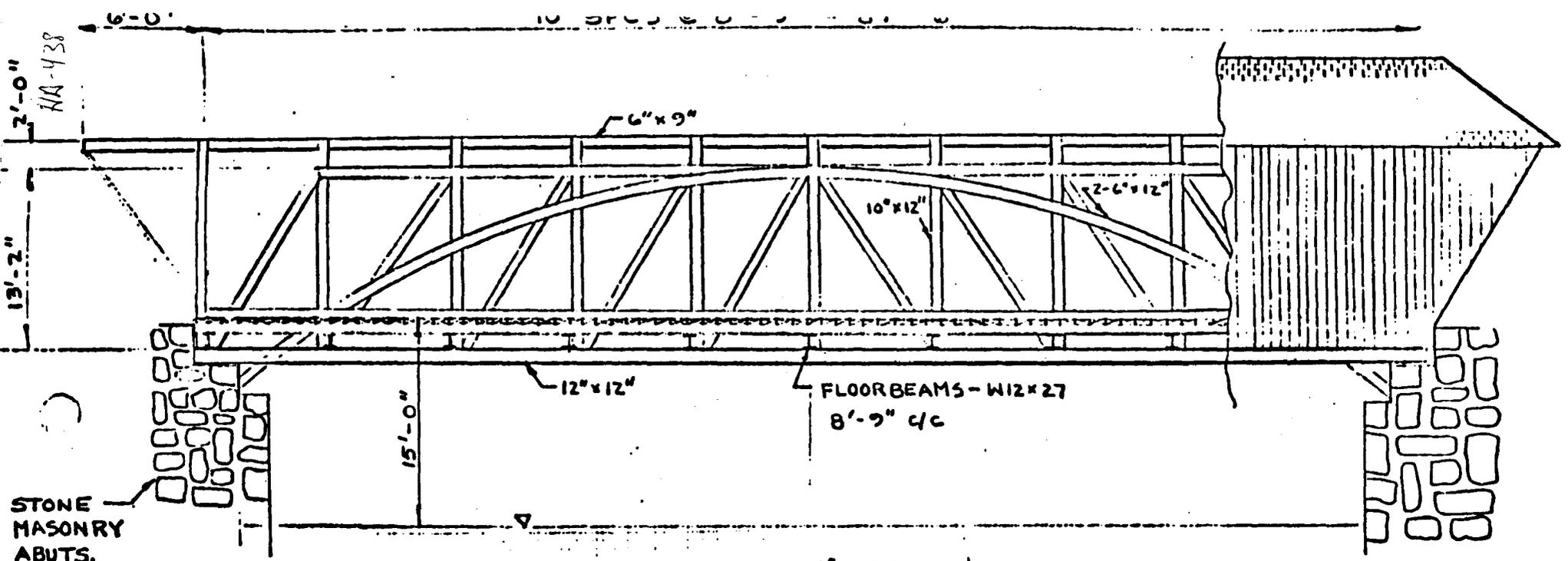
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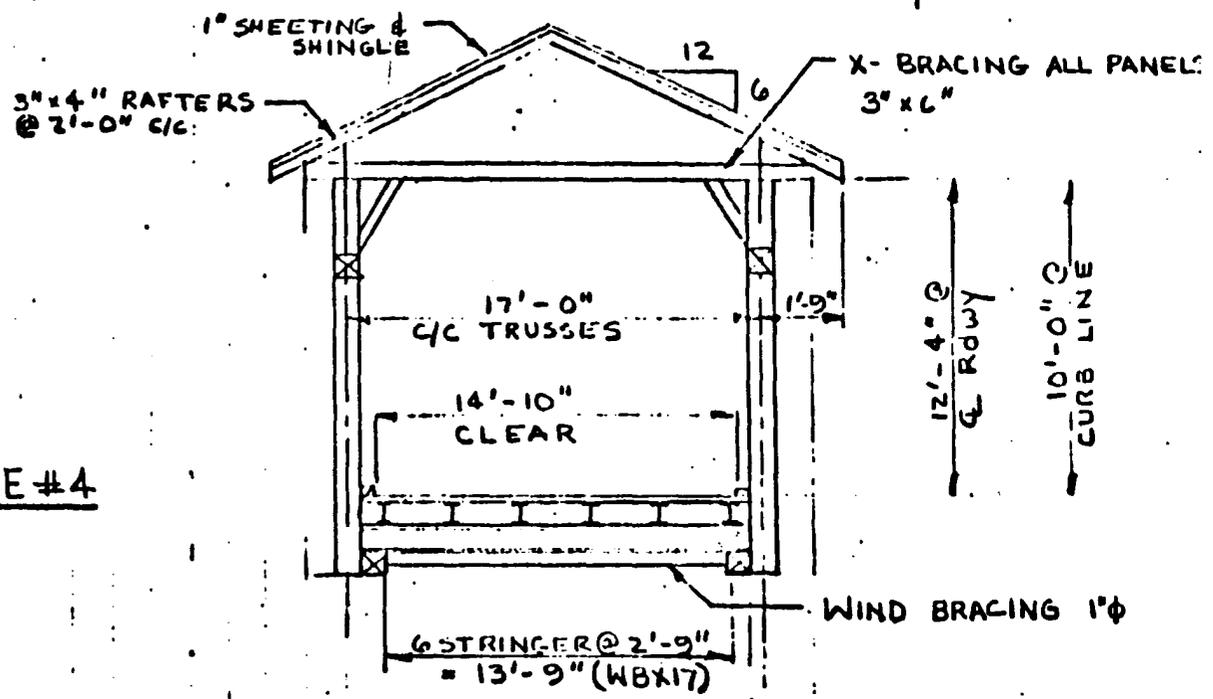
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**ELEVATION**  
SCALE:  $\frac{3}{32}$ " = 1'-0"



**SECTION**  
SCALE:  $\frac{1}{8}$ " = 1'-0"

**FRANKLINVILLE RD. BRIDGE #4**  
DISTRICT NO. 11-C-5