

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties number: M: 23125.

Name: 15011/MD 97 OVER HAULINGS RIVER

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	Eligibility Not Recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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>

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC BRIDGE INVENTORY  
MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MHT NO. M:23-125

NAME AND SHA NO.: 15011

LOCATION

Road Name and Number: MD 97 over Hawlings River

City/Town: Sunshine  vicinity

County: Montgomery

Ownership:  State  County  Municipal  Other

Bridge projects over:  Road  Railway  Water  Land

Is bridge located within designated district?:  yes  no  
 NR listed district  NR determined eligible district  
 locally designated  other  
Name of District

BRIDGE TYPE

Timber Bridge  
 Beam Bridge  Truss-Covered  Trestle  Timber-and-Concrete

Stone Arch Bridge

Metal Truss Bridge

Moveable 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  
 Concrete Arch  Concrete Slab  Concrete Beam  Rigid Frame  
 Other Type Name  612

**DESCRIPTION**

**Describe the Setting:**

Located in Maryland's Piedmont physiographic zone, Bridge 15011 spans the Hawlings River in eastern Montgomery County. The bridge carries MD 97 across the river on a slight curve in a predominantly rural area composed of dwellings scattered among mature trees and fields. MD 97 generally runs in a north-south direction. The section of the Hawlings River flowing under the bridge meanders to the eastward. United States Geological Survey maps indicate that the Hawlings River Regional Park encompasses land on both the west and east sides of MD 97 in the vicinity of the bridge. However, the park does not appear to include either MD 97 or Bridge 15011 within its boundaries.

**Describe the Superstructure and Substructure:  
(Discuss points identified in Context Addendum, Section C)**

The bridge is a single-span, concrete-beam bridge with a total length of 30 feet. Concrete balustrades flank the 24-foot clear roadway carrying two traffic lanes. W-beam guardrails protect the bridge approaches. Concrete abutments and wing walls support the superstructure.

A survey of historic concrete beam bridges undertaken by the Maryland State Highway Administration in the Fall of 1995 identified 113 bridges of that type located throughout the state. Slightly more than two-thirds (76) of that total were single-span bridges.

**Discuss major alterations:**

A 1988 inspection report states that rubble and mortar originally composed the north abutment. At some date the bridge was rebuilt and widened using concrete over the existing rubble.

**HISTORY**

**When Built:** 1930

**Why Built:** Unknown

**Who Built:** State Roads Commission

**Who Designed:** Unknown

**Why Altered:** Deteriorated condition of the rubble and mortar composing the north abutment

**Was this bridge built as part of an organized bridge building campaign?:** No.

Construction of Bridge 15011 occurred after the State Roads Commission's efforts to improve the state's primary and secondary roads.

SURVEYOR ANALYSIS

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

A (Events)  B (Person)  C (Engineering/Architectural Character)

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

No. Research has not identified any associations with events significant 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?**

No, construction of Bridge 15011 did not have any impact on the development or growth of the surrounding area.

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

No, Bridge 15011 is not located within an area potentially eligible for historic designation.

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

No, Bridge 15011 is not a significant example of its type.

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

Bridge 15011 retains fair integrity of its character defining elements. However, the bridge's overall integrity is limited by the north abutment's insensitive repair.

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

No, Bridge 15011 is not a significant example of the State Roads Commission's bridge building.

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Should this bridge be given further study before significance analysis is made, and why?

No. Further study is unlikely to reveal any additional information linking Bridge 15011 with any significant patterns, events or persons, or associations with significant engineering and/or methods of construction.

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**SURVEYOR INFORMATION**

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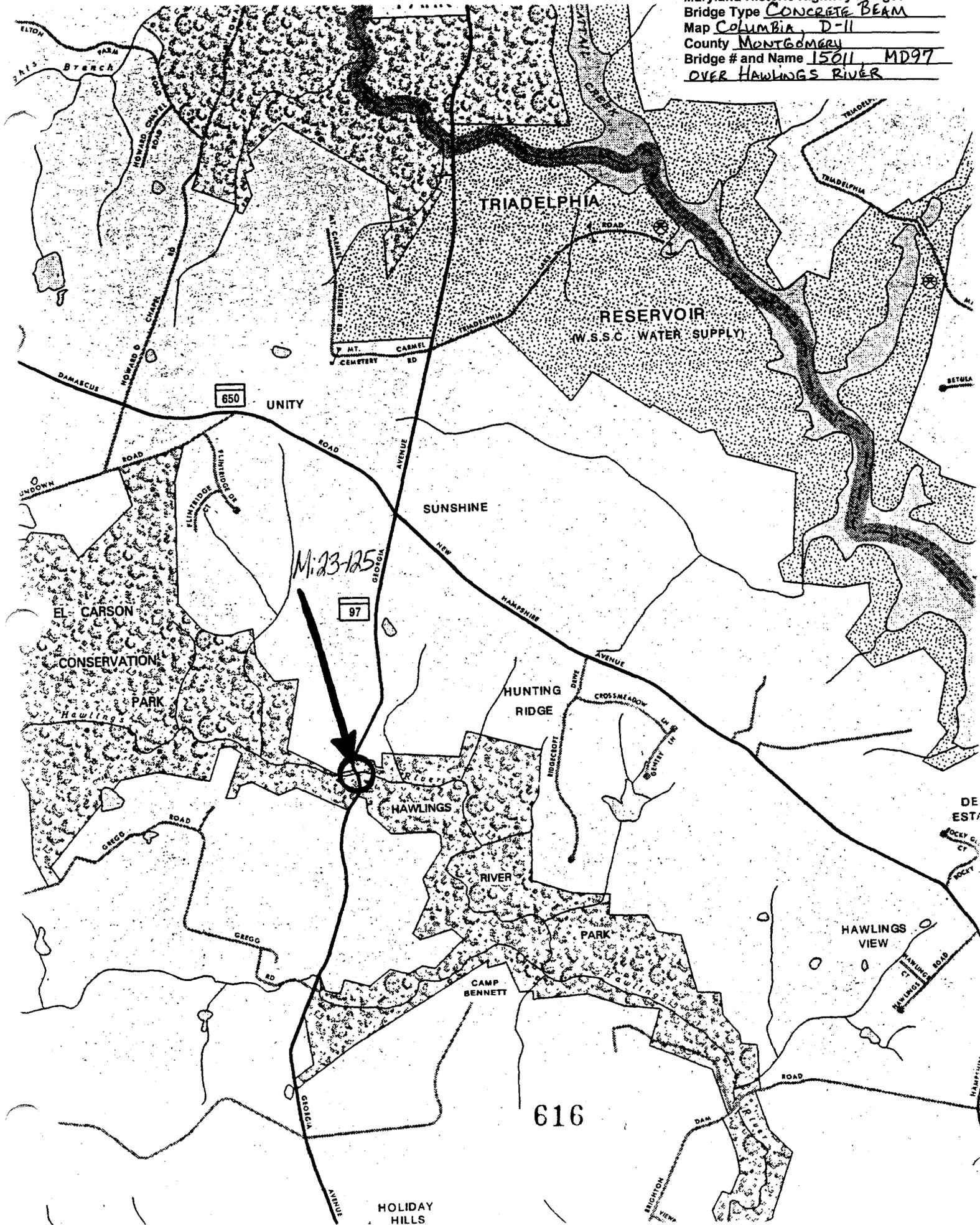
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Maryland Historic Highway Bridges  
Bridge Type CONCRETE BEAM  
Map COLUMBIA, D-11  
County MONTGOMERY  
Bridge # and Name 15011 MD97  
OVER HAWLINGS RIVER



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HOLIDAY HILLS



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Name 15011 - MD 97 OVER HAWLIOS RIVER

County/State MONTGOMERY / MD

Name of Photographer FRANK JULIANO

Date 2/95

Location of Negative SHA

Description APPROACH SOUTH

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Location of Negative SAA

Description EAST ELEVATION

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Location of Negative SHA

Description APPROACH NORTH

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Name of Photographer FRANK JULIANO

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Location of Negative SHA

Description WEST ELEVATION

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