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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**

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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 **Mr. John W. Hanifin, President; Chessie System**

STREET & NUMBER **2 North Charles Street**

CITY, TOWN **Baltimore** VICINITY OF **Maryland 21201**

STATE

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

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

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 <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE <input type="checkbox"/> ART <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE <input type="checkbox"/> LAW <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
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SPECIFIC DATES	1851 and 1916	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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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.

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

[see section 8 for full reference].

London, 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

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

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

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

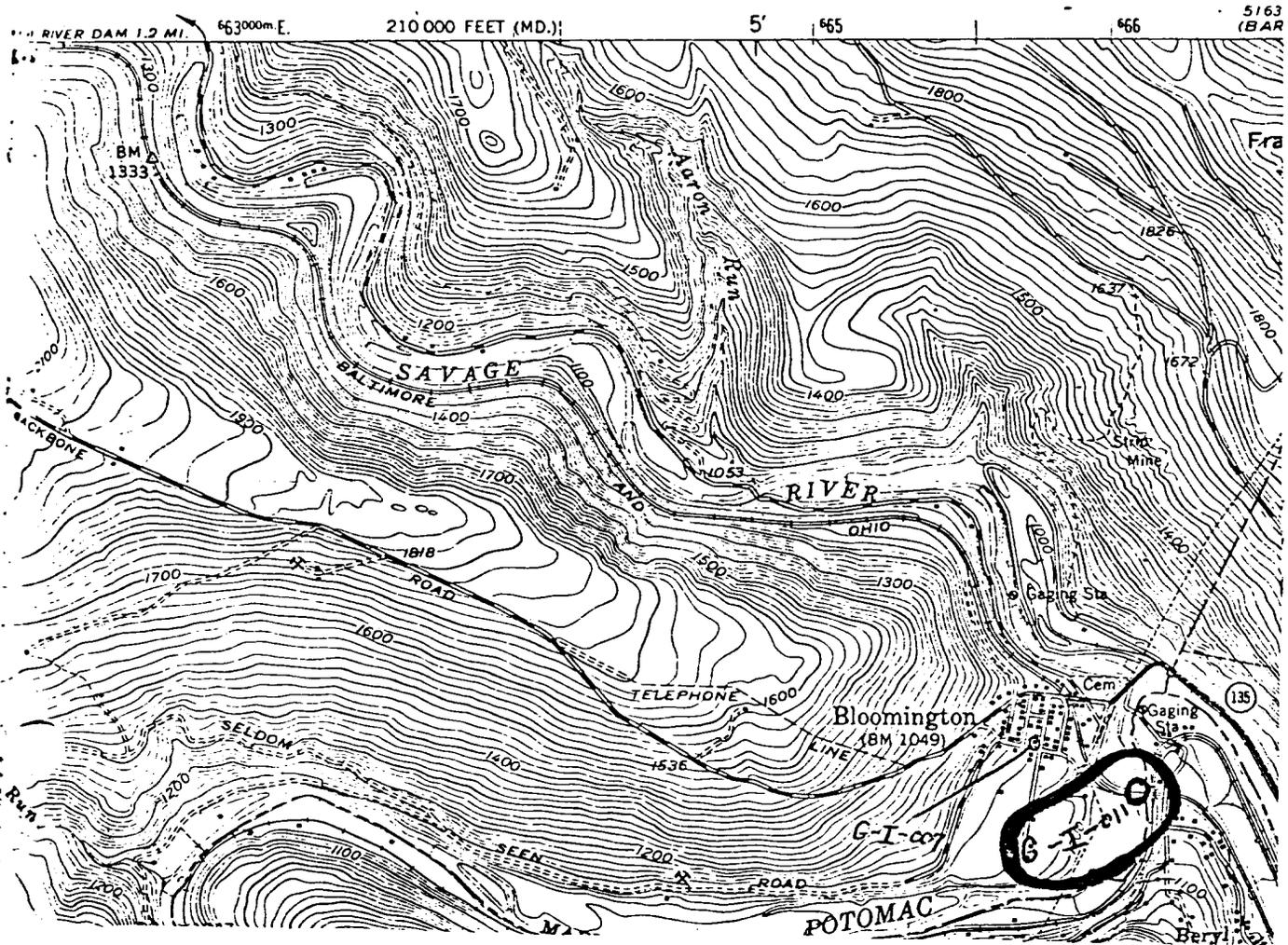
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ATTEST:

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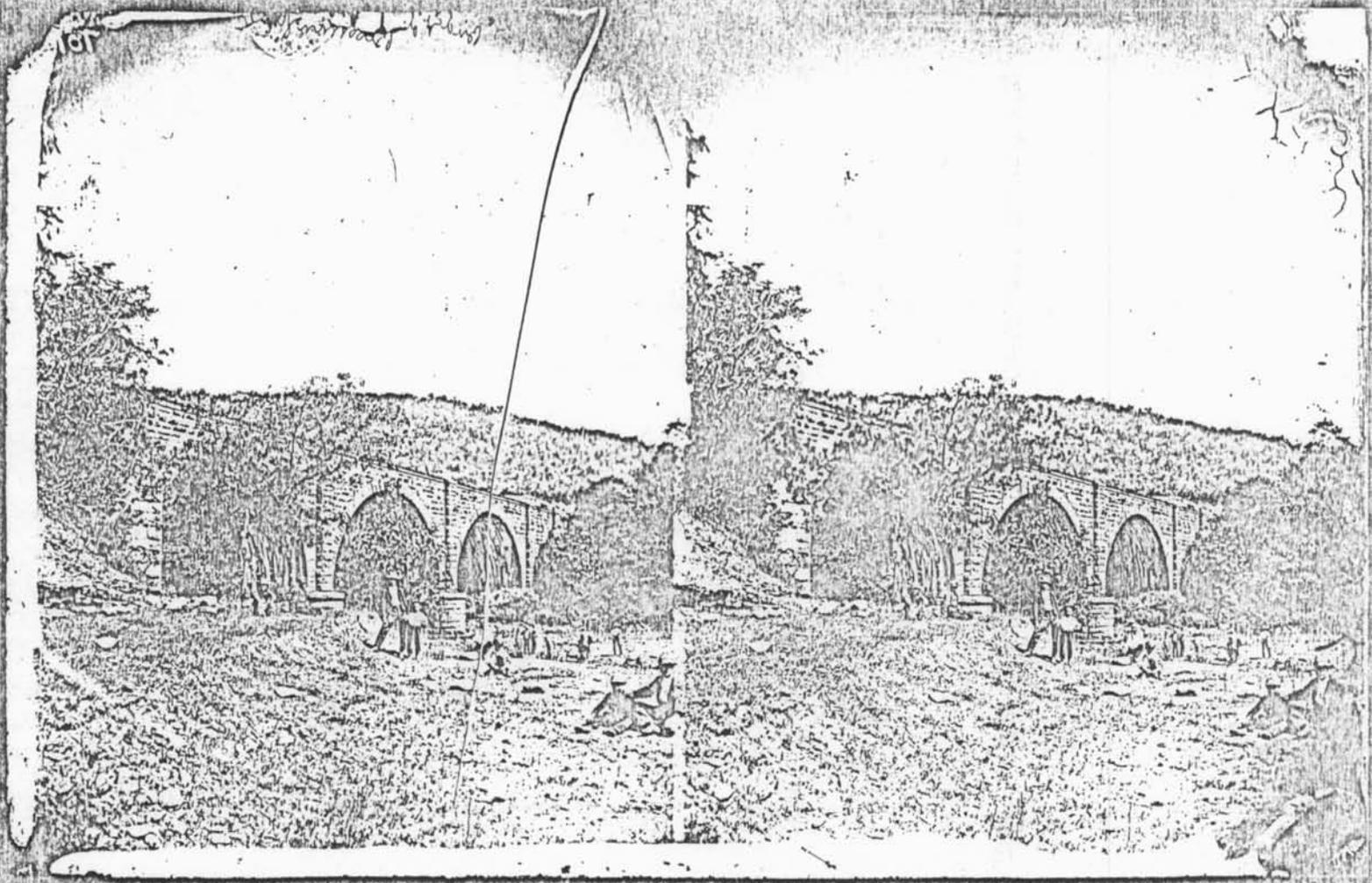
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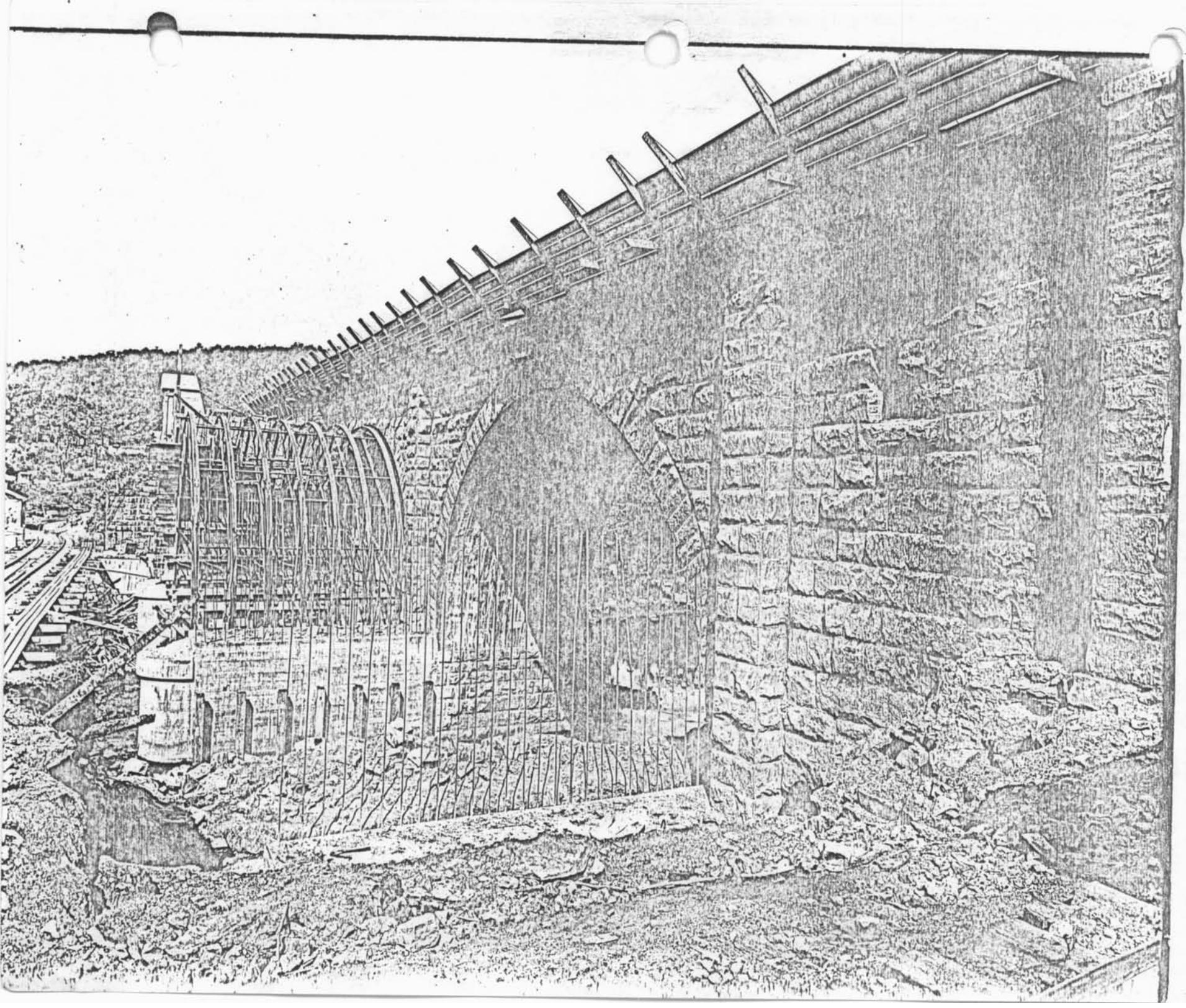
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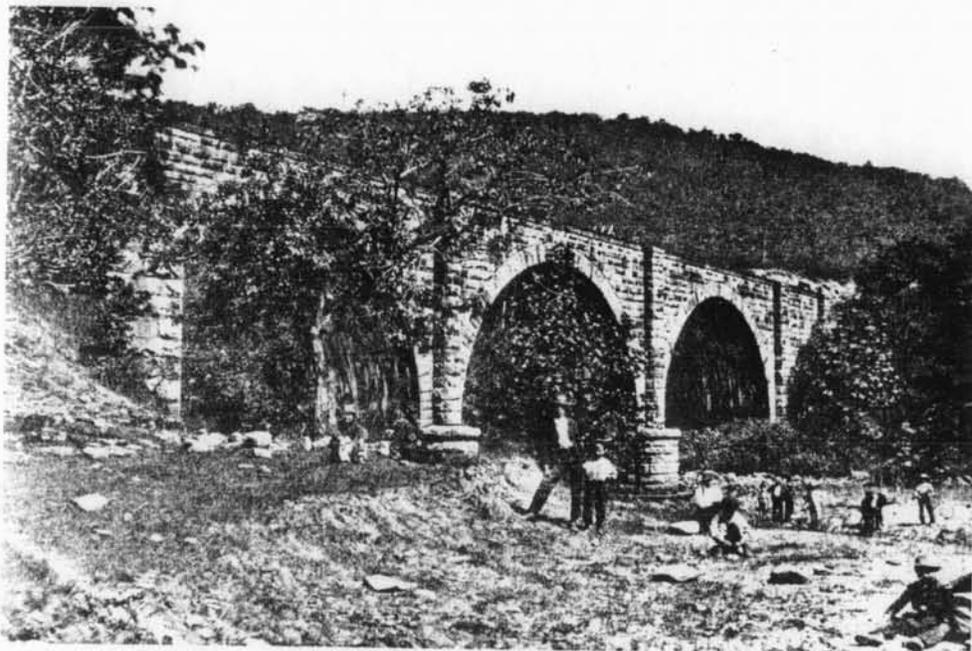
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B & O Viaduct
Potomac River, south of Maryland Route 135
Bloomington



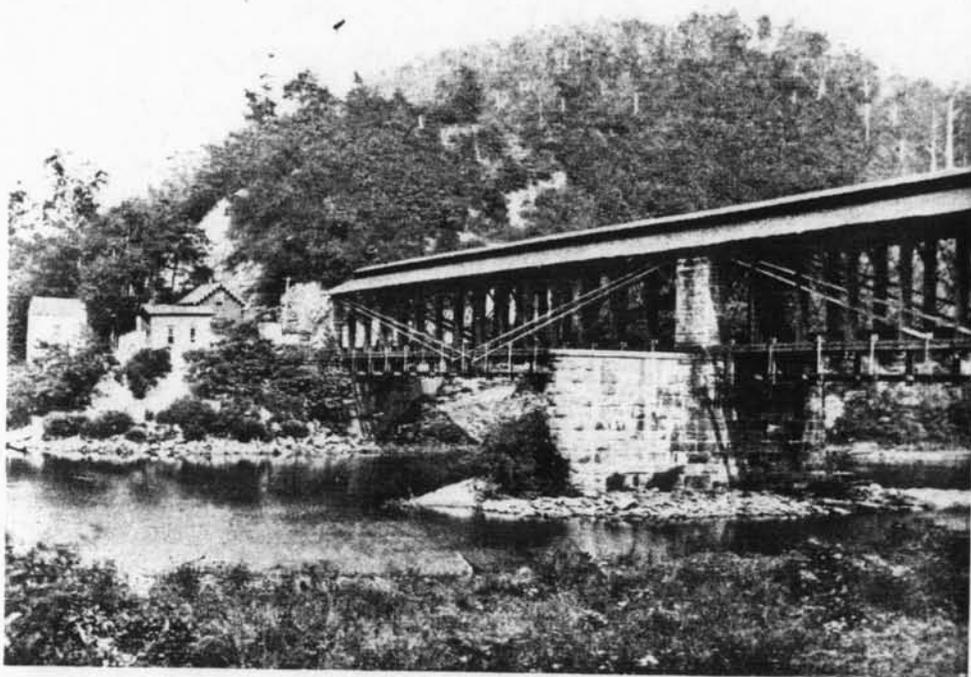
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The Bloomington Viaduct across the Potomac River marked the beginning of the Baltimore and Ohio's ascent of Big Savage Mountain, the Allegheny backbone. (The B & O Railroad Museum, Inc., Collection.)



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.



(Opposite, top) The [unclear] the Baltimore and Ohio B&O Railroad Museum

(Opposite, bottom) T truss designed by Alb dating from the early Inc., Collection.

(Above) Past the Che and crossed several d ing west. It became a Maryland Historical S