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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 Old Mill Road Bridge

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Old Mill Road over Owens Creek

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Rocky Ridge VICINITY OF Loys CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Sixth

STATE Maryland CODE 24 COUNTY Frederick CODE 021

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
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 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 The Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland
c/o William Fout, Roads Department Engineer

STREET & NUMBER Winchester Hall

CITY, TOWN Frederick VICINITY OF STATE Maryland 21701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Roads Department (Bridge #0405)

STREET & NUMBER Montevue Lane

CITY, TOWN Frederick STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historic American Engineering Record

DATE Summer, 1977 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS National Park Service, 1100 L Street, NW

CITY, TOWN Washington STATE D.C. 20240

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Mill Bridge spans Owens Creek southwest of Rocky Ridge on Old Mill Road. It is a Pratt half hip thru iron truss structure in a single span 69 feet in length and 16 feet wide. It was built by the Pittsburgh Bridge Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1882.

The structure is set on two random coursed stone abutments with wing walls, and is located in a rural setting. A truss design similar to many bridges in the county, including Sixes and Fourpoint Bridges, it is important as one of the oldest dated such structures and the only one known to have been built by the Pittsburgh Bridge Company in Frederick County. It is likely, however, that the company built other bridges here, though they are no longer in existence. According to Dan Deibler's Metal Truss Bridges in Virginia, "the smaller county highway bridges . . . would have been a standard 65 foot or 100 foot span built from plans kept in large supply in company files and sent to local officials on request. The large bridge companies were less likely to undertake these relatively minor projects contracted on an individual basis unless a number of such structures were involved."¹

¹Dan Deibler, Metal Truss Bridges in Virginia, 1865-1932, Vol. I (Virginia Highway and Transportation Research Council, 1975).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .20 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	[][]	[][][][]	[][][][][]
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	[][]	[][][][]	[][][][][]

B	[][]	[][][][]	[][][][][]
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	[][]	[][][][]	[][][][][]

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell

1km

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Preservation

DATE

January 17, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall; 12 East Church Street

TELEPHONE

(301) 663-8300

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

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

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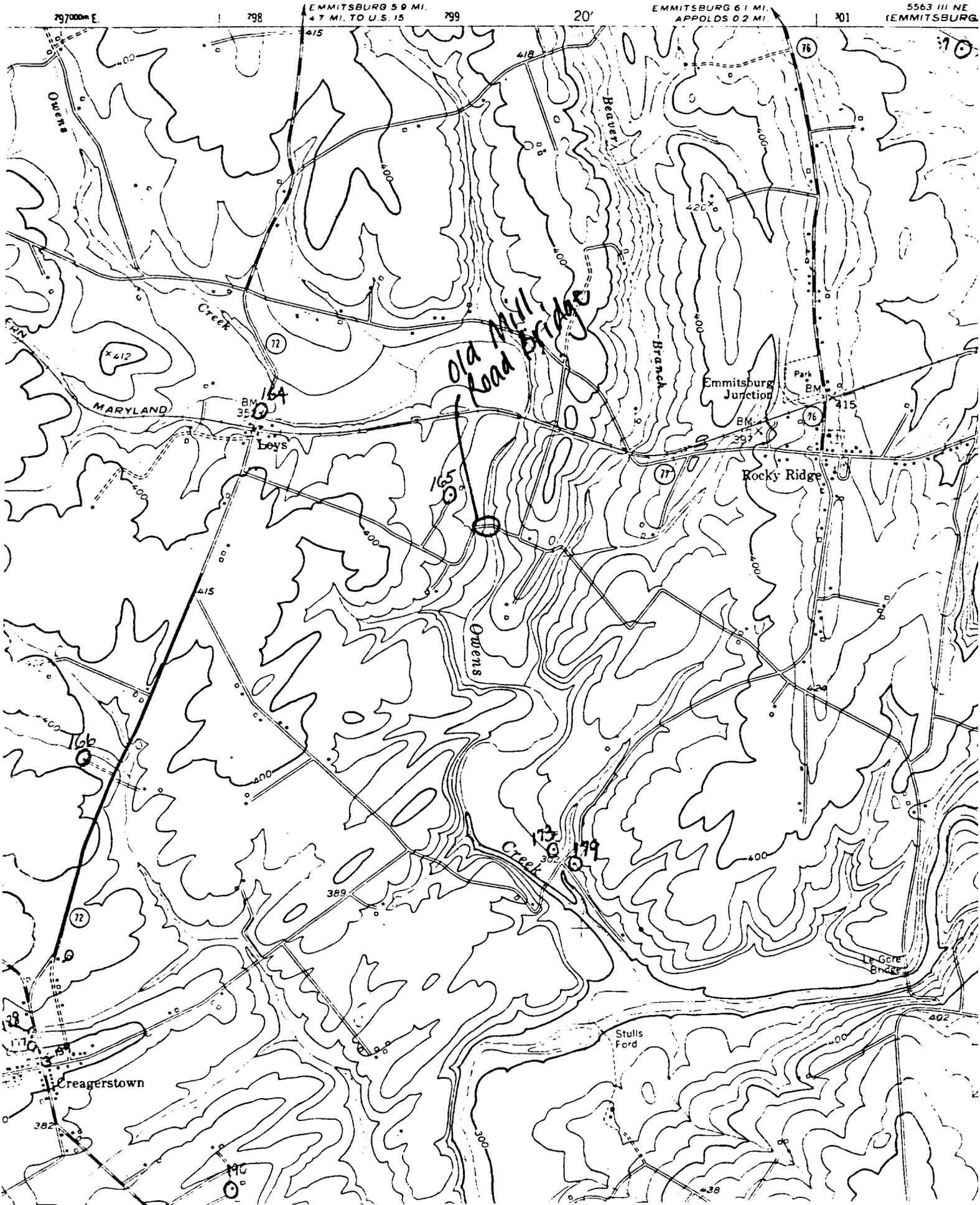
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OLD MILL RD BRIDGE

OLD MILL RD OVER OWENS CREEK

SOUTH ELEVATION

CEW 8/78

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