

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no X

Property Name: Queenstown Bridge Inventory Number: QA-523

Address: US 50 overpass northwest at Rt. 301 City: Queenstown Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: Queen Annes USGS Topographic Map: Queenstown

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: US 50/301 from Cox Creek to MD 404 Agency: DOT/FHWA

Site visit by MHT staff: X no \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

Is the property located within a historic district? \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed? \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ yes Determined eligible? \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ yes District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:  
federal files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Queenstown Bridge is less than fifty years old and does not appear to us to be of exceptional importance as required by National register criteria. We do not believe the use of brick or the 1950 "Colonial Williamsburg" design gives the bridge sufficient technical or historical significance to qualify for the National Register.

Prepared by: E. Elinsky (DOT) Date Prepared: 11/28/1979

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| <b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>   |   |
| Eligibility recommended ___   | Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u>                              |
| Criteria ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D  | Considerations ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None |
| <b>MHT Comments:</b><br><u>This was a Federal DOE. The bridge was recommended eligible by the SHPO but determined not eligible by the Keeper of the National Register (signed by Acting Keeper Carol D. Schull (Sgd.) on 02/22/1980).</u> |   |
| Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services<br><u>[Signature]</u><br>Reviewer, NR Program   | Date<br><u>5/31/01</u><br>Date                                    |

*[Handwritten Signature]*

**E.O. 11593**

**DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION  
National Register of Historic Places  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

QA-523

**Name of property:** Queenstown Bridge

**Location:** Queenstown, Queen Anne Co.

**State:** MD

**Request submitted by:** DOT/FHWA/Emil Elinsky

**Date received:** 12/3/79

**Additional information received:**

**Opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer:**

**Eligible**

**Not Eligible**

**No Response**

**Comments:**

**The Secretary of the Interior has determined that this property is:**

**Eligible** Applicable criteria:

**Not Eligible**

**Comments:**

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**Documentation insufficient**

**(Please see accompanying sheet explaining additional materials required)**

Carol D. Shull (Sgd.)

Acting

**Keeper of the National Register**

**Date:** FEB 22 1980

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NAME: Queenstown Bridge

ADDRESS: U.S. Route 50 overpass bound northwest at Route 301  
Queenstown, Maryland

DESCRIPTION: The Queenstown Bridge was constructed in 1950 for \$263,672 with a minor alteration effected in 1972 when the dark metal railing was replaced by a concrete parapet. It is a double 108 foot span steel deck girder bridge with a 30-foot roadway which is supported by reinforced concrete abutments.

With some Georgian overtones, somewhat similar to the wall and gateway at the entrance to the Governors Palace in Williamsburg, Virginia, the bridge has a simple striking form: on each side, complete with beltcourse and coping, are two great brick faced retaining walls which are shouldered where they join precast white cement concrete abutment piers which have multiple pier caps. A shorter, intermediary pier supports the bridge in the median. The steel span carrying the roadway, painted white, has a sunken, square panel pattern which results from vertical stiffeners being applied to the web plate.

The design of the only brick-faced bridge in Maryland is due to a stipulation in an informal agreement between Thomas Marsalis, who owned the property, and the State Highway Administration--"the overpass structure is to be of a pleasing design, preferably Colonial." In order to find a basic model on which the design could be based, inquiry was made with the New Hampshire State Highway Administration about the 1935 brick faced bridge near Epping, over the Lamprey River, on U.S. 101. It was required that the Queenstown bridge have special size "Colonial" type brick similar to that used in Williamsburg, Virginia. Mr. Tormey, S.H.A. artist, executed the design and set up sample wall and joint specifications for the brick encasement of the bridge. Laid in Flemish bond, the brick has a filleted edge which, to be exposed, required a 3/8 inch joint and brushing in order to knock off the ragged edge of the joint.

SIGNIFICANCE: The Queenstown bridge, striking in both design and location, is the only brick faced bridge in the state of Maryland.

ACREAGE: ---

BOUNDARIES: Co-terminous with structure.

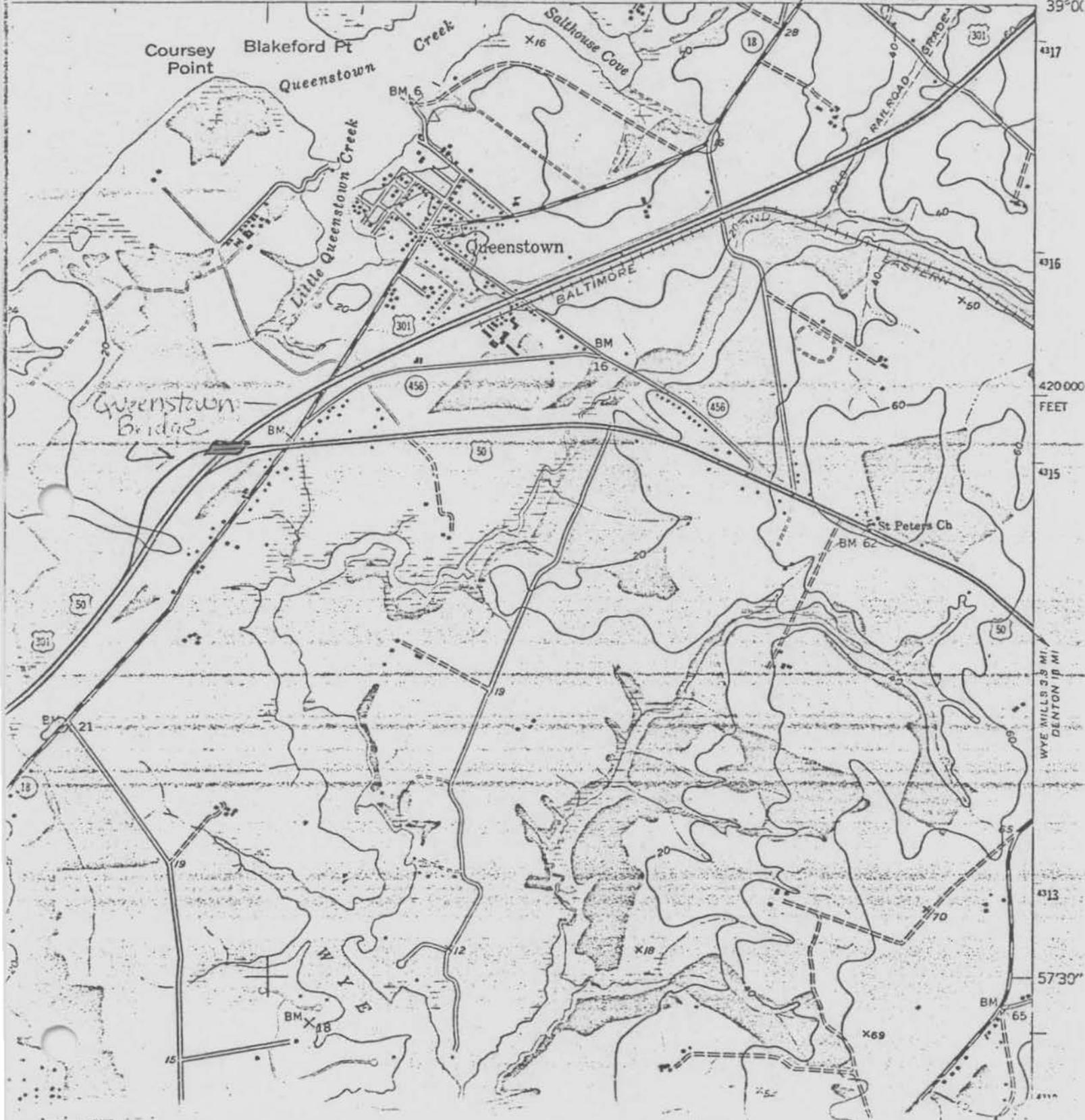
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Queen Annes Co. (US 50 overpass at 301)

QUEENSTOWN QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

98 10' 1 040 000 FEET 401 76°07'30" 39°00'



WYE MILLS 3.3 MI.  
DENTON 1.9 MI.

57'30"

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