

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
 for the  
 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: Bridge over Antietam Creek			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: Miller's Church Road, west of Route 60			
CITY OR TOWN: Leitersburg vicinity			
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>			
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	
		STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>			
OWNER'S NAME: Board of County Commissioners of Washington County			
STREET AND NUMBER: Washington County Court House			
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):			
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This bridge carries Miller's Church Road across the Antietam Creek just west of Maryland Route 60 in the Leitersburg vicinity, south of the Pennsylvania line in Washington County, Maryland.

The structure is a single lane steel truss span with vertical truss members reinforced by diagonal tension rods. Wooden timbers and decking comprise the flooring. Metal tablets attached to the top of the truss record the builder as the Smith Bridge Company of Toledo, Ohio, and the date of construction as 1890.

The steel and wooden span rests on stone abutments which terminate with stone parapets topped with concrete coping. The overall length of the bridge is 123' 3" with the vertical members of the truss being 20' 9" in height.

According to a September, 1974 report, the "Bridge Repair and Replacement Program," prepared for the Washington County Engineering Department by Baker-Wibberley and Associates, Inc., Hagerstown, the bridge is capable of sustaining its current ten ton load limit. However, the report notes that one of the abutments is cracked and that parts of the bridge are badly corroded. The report recommends replacement of the bridge.

The bridge appears to be in fair condition.

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**6. 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) 1890 - Smith Bridge Company

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | losophy  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-             | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | itarian  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This steel bridge is significant for its architecture, for its contribution to commerce and transportation in the area and as a reflection of the engineering abilities of its builders.

The steel bridge is one of relatively few such structures in the County. All date from the late nineteenth century and represent a type of bridge construction prevalent at that time. The bridge has accommodated transportation needs of the area since 1890, thus aiding commerce. Still in daily use, the bridge reflects the engineering abilities of its builders, the Smith Bridge Company.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baker-Wibberley and Associates, Inc., "Bridge Repair and Replacement Program, Washington County, Maryland, September, 1974.

**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 TEN ACRES				
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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historical Sites Survey      DATE: July, 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:  
West Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown      STATE: Maryland

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:

National       State       Local

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Signature

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(F.A.)

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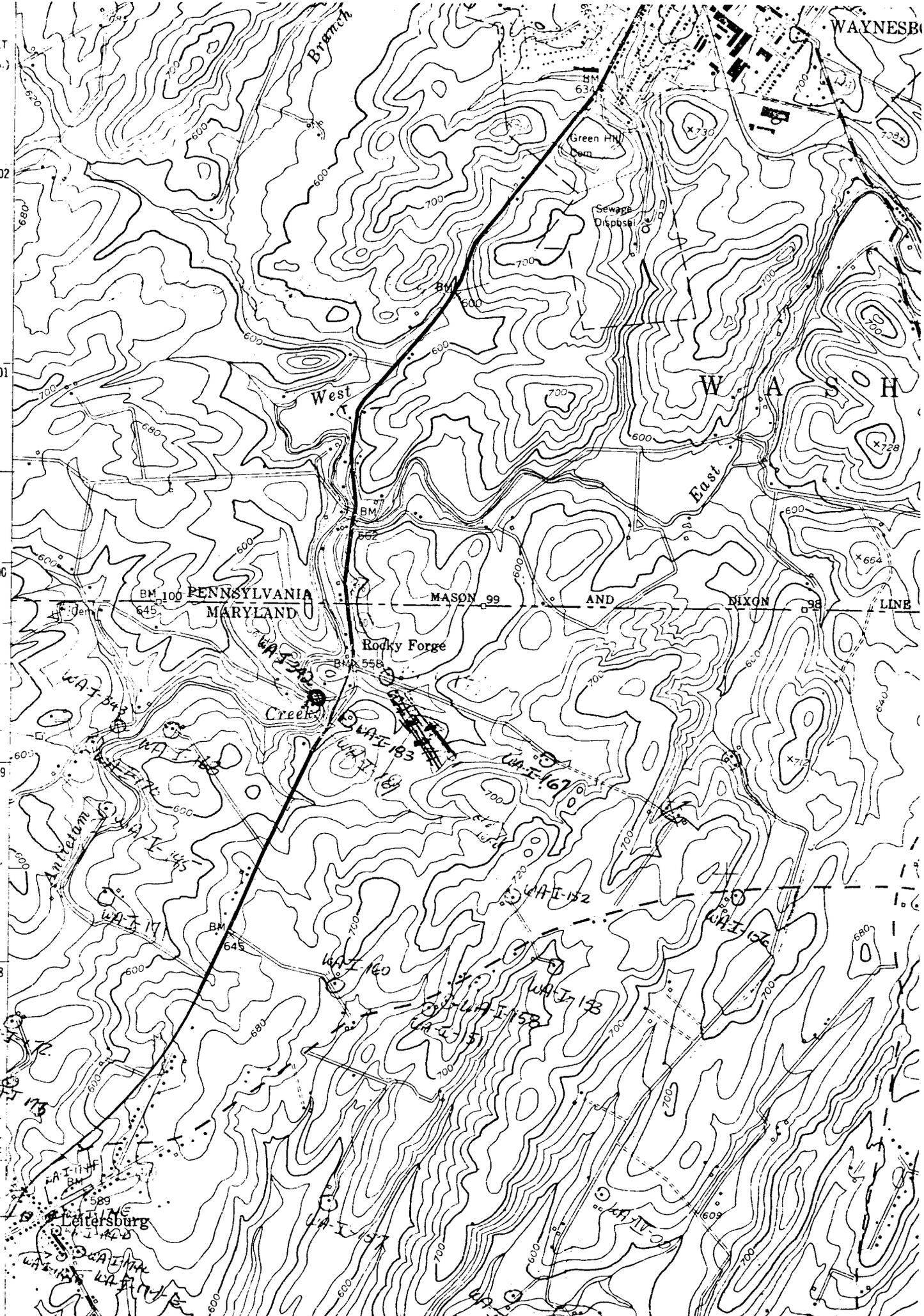
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MASON 99 AND DIXON 98 LINE

West

W A S H

East

Rocky Forge

Creek

Antietam

Leifersburg



1915-1916

N.C.

1915-1916

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