

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

in NR as part of Antietam Battlefield listing

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Burnside Bridge, Lower Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Antietam Creek, Antietam National Battlefield Site

CITY OR TOWN:
Sharpsburg vicinity

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Washington

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <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	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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"/> Government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Antietam National Battlefield Site (National Park Service)

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 158

CITY OR TOWN: Sharpsburg STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Washington County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
West Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
National Register of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:
21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> </div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Burnside Bridge is located on the Antietam National Battlefield Site. Now used as a foot bridge, the structure once carried the Sharpsburg-Rohrersville Road (now Burnside Bridge Road) across the Antietam Creek about one mile south of Sharpsburg in Washington County, Md.</p> <p>The three-arched structure is constructed of coursed local limestone. According to historians, it was built in 1836 by John Weaver at the cost of \$2300.¹ Burnside Bridge spans the Antietam with three segmental arches resting on piers which display rounded projections at both the up and downstream elevations. The arches are lined with uniformly cut radiating voussoirs. The bridge shows evidence of some modern repointing and new wooden coping tops its walls.</p> <p>Burnside Bridge appears to be in excellent condition. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Antietam National Battlefield Site.</p> <p>The Burnside Bridge Road has been relocated to bypass the bridge which is open only to pedestrians. Also known as the Lower Bridge, the structure was the scene of a major portion of the military action of the Civil War Battle of Antietam fought September 17, 1862.</p>	
<p>¹Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, exhibition catalog, "Bridges: Our Legacy in Stone," Hagerstown, Md.: August-September, 1965, p. 15.</p>	

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1836

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" 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/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Burnside Bridge is significant for its architecture, as an example of the engineering skills of its builder and as an aid to transportation in the county. The bridge has become particularly outstanding for the role it played in a crucial segment of the Civil War Battle of Antietam resulting in the structure having been included in the Antietam National Battlefield Site. As a part of the National Park system, the bridge has been preserved as a monument to the people who fought at Antietam thus receiving social and educational significance.

Further information on the bridge is in the files of the National Register of Historic Places.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, exhibition catalog, "Bridges: Our Legacy in Stone," Hagerstown, Md., August-September, 1965.

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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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Annex

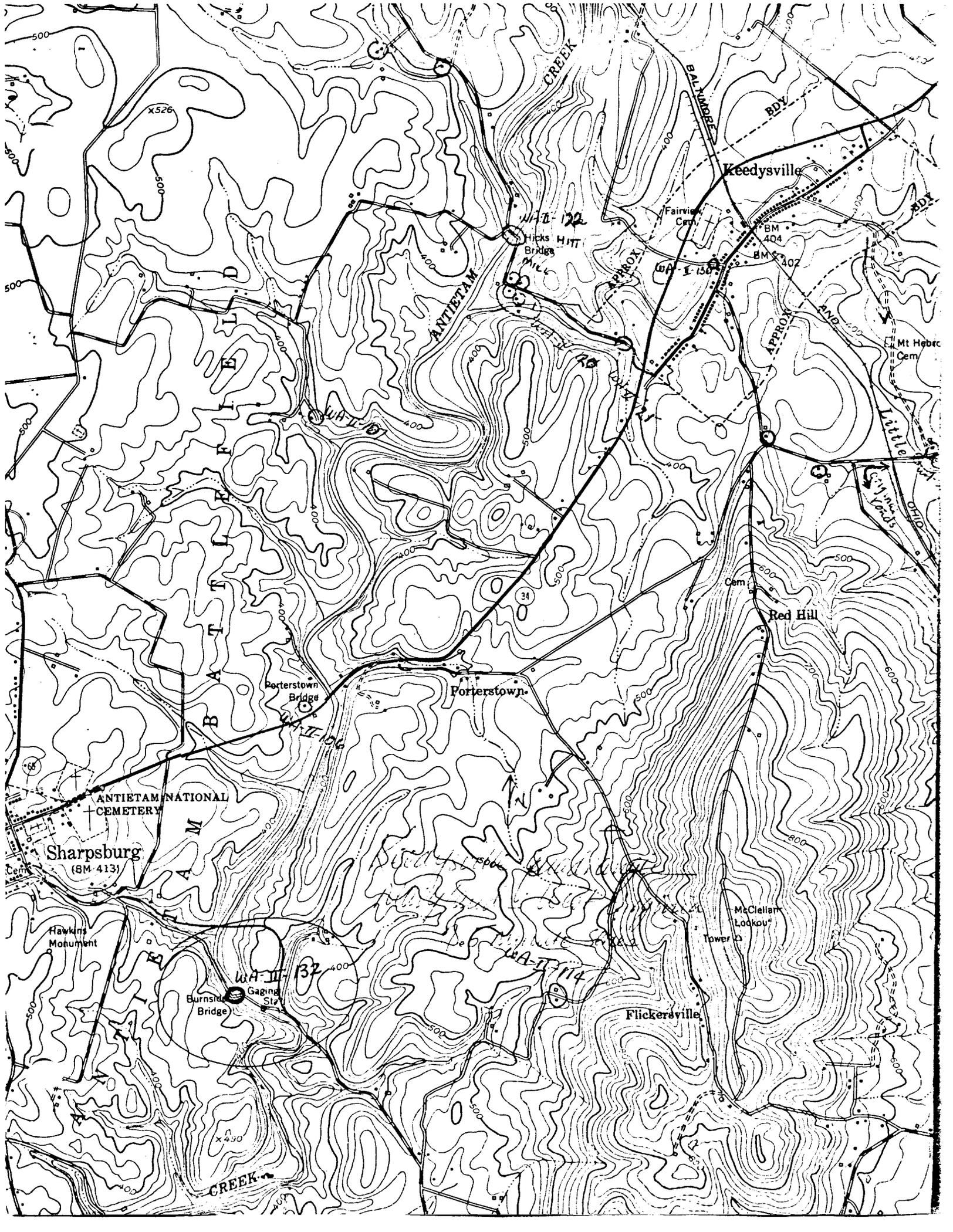
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____



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ANTETAM
BATTLES
FIELD

ANTETAM NATIONAL
CEMETERY
Sharpsburg
(BM 413)

Hawkins
Monument
Burnside
Bridge
Gaging
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CREEK
x430

Hicks
Bridges
MILL
ANTETAM
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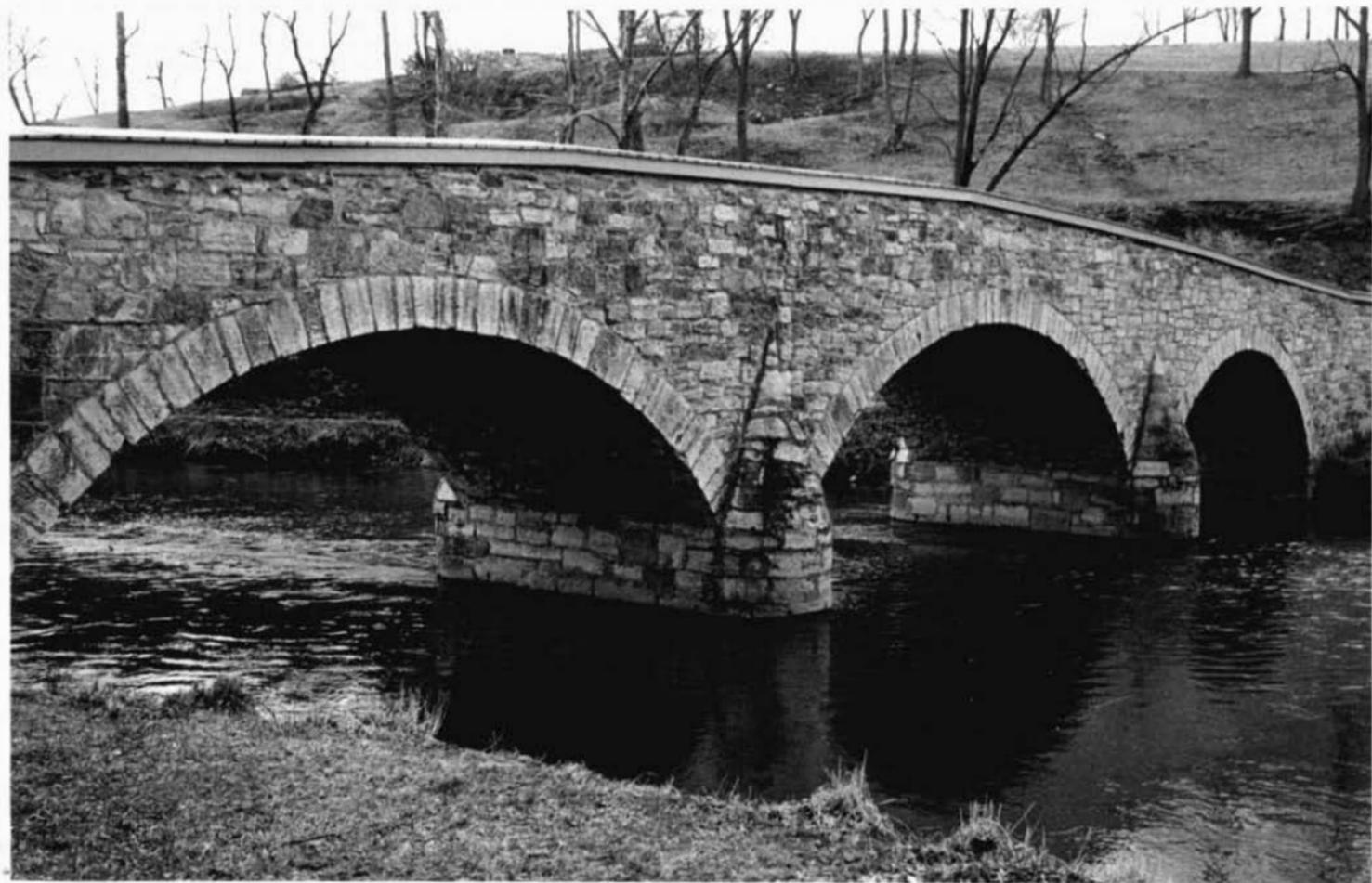
Porterstown
Bridge
Porterstown

Keedysville
Fairview
Cem
Mt Hebr
Cem
Little
Antietam
Creek

Red Hill
Cem

Flickersville
McClernan
Lookout
Tower

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