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TOWN CREEK AQUEDUCT OR AQUEDUCT #10
Town Creek and the C & O Canal
ca. 1845

The Town Creek Aqueduct was built in the early 1840's and was used to carry the canal across Town Creek. It is one of approximately twelve aqueducts which were built along the C & O Canal. Aqueduct #10 was built using a combination of limestone and sandstone. It consists of a semi-elliptical arch with a keystone. The arch is flanked by two rough hewn pilasters and topped by a stone fillet. A wrought iron fence originally stood along the towpath.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

C & O Aquaduct

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

At the mouth of Town Creek

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegheny

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

National Parks Service

Telephone #: 202-343-1100

STREET & NUMBER

C Street, between 18th & 19th Streets, N. W.

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D. C.

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #: 463

Folio #: 570

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONSULT THE STATE ARCHIVES FOR NECESSARY INFORMATION

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

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EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Aqueduct # 10 is located on the C & O Canal in Allegany County, - At the Mouth of Town Creek.

Aqueduct # 10 was built using a combination of limestone and sandstone. It consists of semi-elliptical arch with a keystone. The arch is flanked by two rough hewn pilasters and topped by a stone fillet. A wrought iron hand made fence originally stood along the towpath.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Town Creek Aqueduct or Aqueduct #10^{was} built in the early 1840's and was used to carry the Canal across Town Creek. It is one of approximately twelve aqueducts which were built along the C & O Canal. Aqueduct #10 was constructed from large blocks of sandstone which were brought to the site and then cut, fitted and set in place. A perfect fit was of utmost importance since mortar could not be depended upon. The majority of the work on the aqueducts as well as other sites along the Canal, by Irish Stone Masons.¹
was accomplished

¹ George Hooper Wolf, I Drive Mules on the C & O Canal, (Dover, Delaware: Dover Graphic Associates, 1970) p. 25 and 29.

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SIGNIFICANCE

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

PERIOD	ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	REGION
1800-1899	ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE
1900-1999	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1800-1899	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOIL/MINAMATERIAL

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .49 Acres

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	John Nelson, Joan Baldwin, & Steve Beale	
ORGANIZATION	Allegany County Historic Sites Survey	DATE 9/2/76
STREET & NUMBER	507 National Highway	TELEPHONE 777-8991
CITY OR TOWN	LaVale,	STATE Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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INVENTORY NO. A-11-B-23

463/570

DATE: 8/22/76

.49 Acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: C+O Aqueduct - # 10

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: At The Mouth of Town Creek

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Runs East + West

NAME OF OWNER: National Parks Service

ADDRESS: "C" St. between 18th + 19th Sts. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 202-343-1100

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: may have originally been topped by metal railing

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:



- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
 - () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
 - (/) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
 - () LOG + limstone
 - () Other: Coverings
- rock faced w/ margins

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, WAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Fricze,
Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS # _____
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

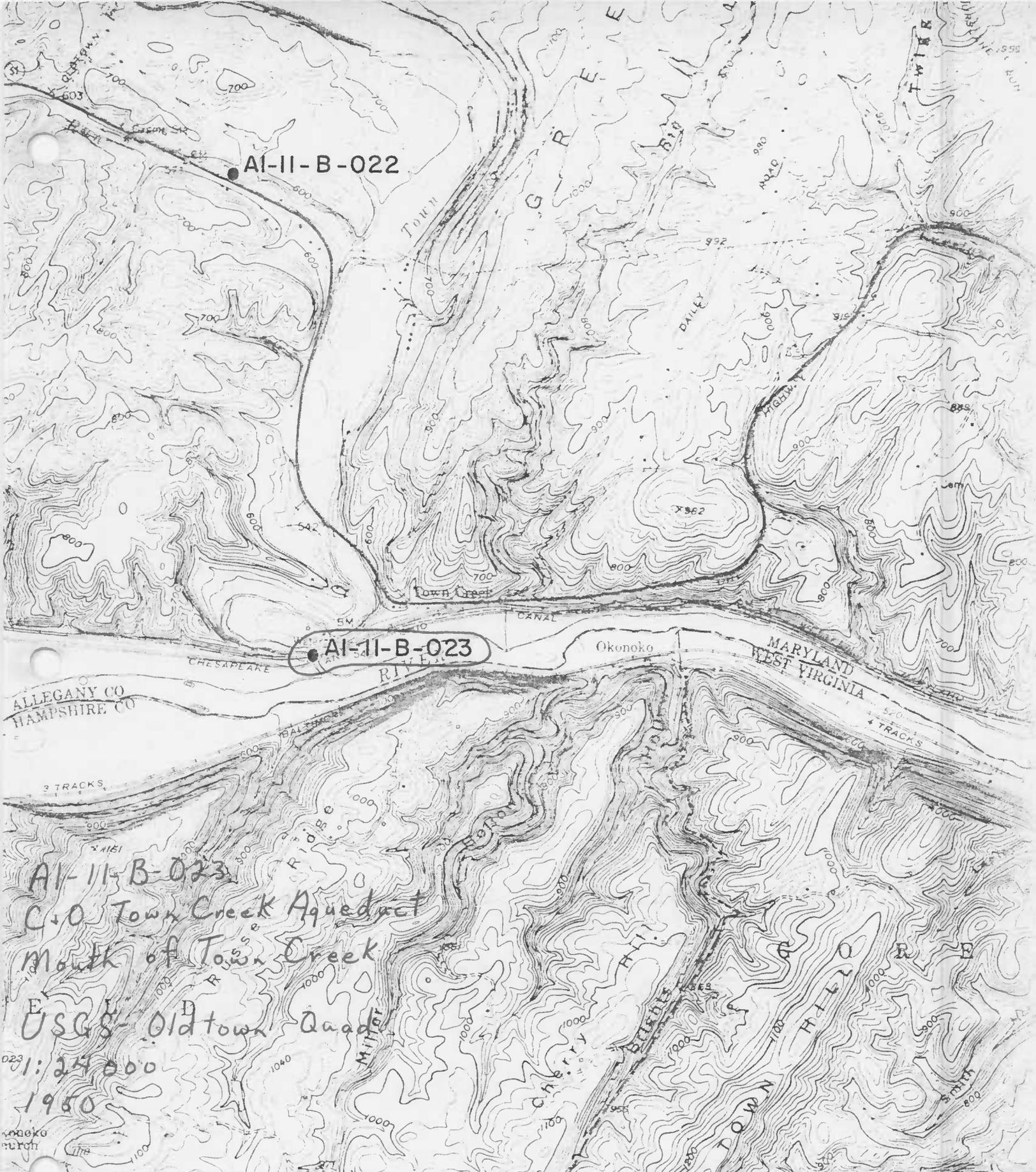
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER _____ BRICK() STONE() CORNBRED() original() replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior ()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

- Use -
- Significance -
- Date Constructed - 1840's
- Condition - under being repaired



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 C.O. Town Creek Aqueduct
 Mouth of Town Creek
 USGS - Oldtown Quad
 1:24,000
 1950

DISTRIBUTION



● = SITE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Heavy duty ——— 4 LANE 6 LANE Light duty
 Medium duty ——— 4 LANE 6 LANE Unimproved dirt
 U.S. Route □ State Route ○

POINTS 6.5 MI
 INTERIOR - GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON D.C.
 713960M E 2280000 FEET W. VA



C+D Aquaduct # 10

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Mouth of Town Creek

John E. Nelson

8/20/76

North