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Ocean Pratt Truss Bridge

Ocean

Public

1898

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ocean Pratt Truss Bridge

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Klondike Rd., approximately 1000 feet west of intersection with Rt. 36

CITY, TOWN

Ocean

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany County

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 MUSEUM
 COMMERCIAL PARK
 EDUCATIONAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 ENTERTAINMENT RELIGIOUS
 GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC
 INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION
 MILITARY OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ocean Pratt Truss Bridge carries Klondike Road over Georges Creek just west of Ocean, MD.

It is a steel, single-span, riveted Pratt pony truss bridge. It rests on concrete abutments and has a metal mesh deck.

An inclined end post at the north end has a plaque which reads: "Commissioners / D.P. Miller / John W. Cook / E. H. B. Prichard / William M. Clise / Clerk / William T. Miller." An inclined end post at the south end has a plaque which reads "Designed by / D. P. LeFevre / Built by / the / Toledo / Bridge Co. / 1898."

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1898	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	D. P. LeFevre
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ocean Pratt Truss Bridge was designed by D. P. LeFevre, fabricated by the Toledo Bridge Co. and erected in Ocean in 1898.

The Pratt truss bridge is a common bridge type in America. The form dates from the 1840s, but the Pratts that have survived were built since the turn of the century. Very few truss bridges have survived in the Georges Creek region, making the Ocean Pratt Truss Bridge a significant example.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

Donna Ware, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

September 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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 Ocean Pratt Truss Bridge
 Klondike Road, approx.
 1000 feet west of intersection
 with Route 36



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Bridge at Ocean
Allegany Co., MD
David A. Dorsey 2/81
Looking South



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Allegany Co., MD
David A. Dorsey 2/81
Detail N end



DESIGNED BY
D. P. McFEYRE

BUILT BY
THE
TOLEDO
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1898

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