

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**
Easement

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Gilpin's Falls Covered Bridge Inventory Number: CE-78

Address: North East Road (MD 272) over Nor City: North East Zip Code: 21901

County: Cecil USGS Topographic Map: Bay View

Owner: _____

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: MHT/MDOT Survey, 1981 Agency: MHT/MDOT

Site visit by MHT staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended

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: _____

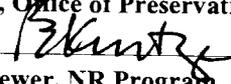
Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
Maryland Inventory Form CE-78

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

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Prepared by: John Hnedak (MDOT) Date Prepared: _____

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MHT Comments:	
Mark R. Edwards Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services  Reviewer, NR Program	April 14, 1981 Date 4/6/01 Date

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1859-1960

Gilpin's Falls Covered Bridge
Bay View vicinity
public (unrestricted)

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(1) Cecil County Land Records, Elkton, Maryland. Deed JS5/138

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gilpins Bridge

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1/2 mile NE of Bay View

CITY, TOWN

Bay View

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

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
- OTHER **none**
- MILITARY

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

State Highway Administration DOT Survey

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

301 West Preston Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21201

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Cecil County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Sites Survey/Gilpins Falls Historic District

DATE

Nomination Pending

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

08-73

CONDITION

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED |

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

CE-78

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

Quadrangle Name: Bay View, MD
Quadrangle Scale: 1:24 000
UTM References: 18. 417980. 8389030

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 Hnedak/M/DOT Survey Manager

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

1980

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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

Nov. 18, 1977

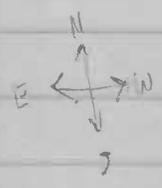
Visit by Mark Edwards

1/10 mi E along Rte 272 + intersect 274

Gilpin's Falls Grand Bridge

Built c1860 - on public ground
area to east is site of several falls,
the earliest - Samuel Gilpin's Flour Mill c1735
restored 1959 in joint effort
S. Roads Comm + Hist Soc. of Coal Co.

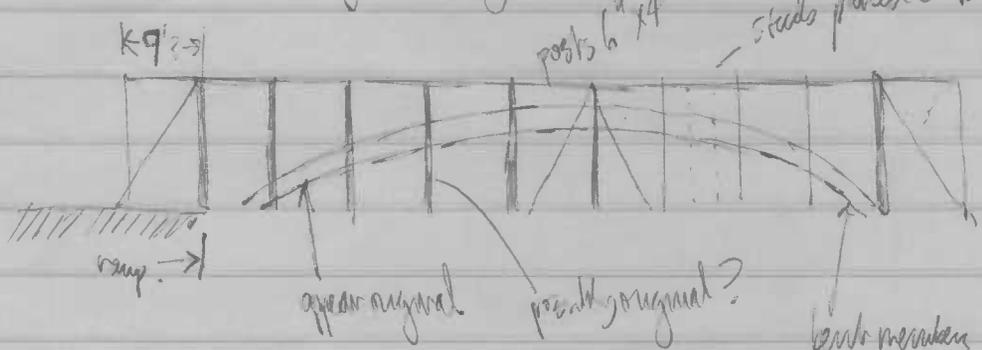
Bridge



- views looking West
 - views looking East
 - long view looking S.
 - interiors looking W
- photos

robust entrance walkway - cement over stone,
clapboard w modern nails - varying in length 4' to 12'

iron tie rods placed above for strength



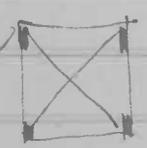
brk members 3" wide
5" deep.

roof X braced between connecting rafters.

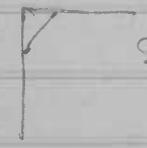
roof - modern pulleys + slings.

floor - bird resistant, nailed 6" wide planks

curved braces - spliced at each upright.



top view of 1 module



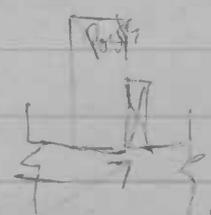
side view 1 module

3 windows to each viewing post,
has overhang to exterior

decking sits on 2" x 8" joists

each post secured by

2 3" x 6" long members that stretch entire length of bridge.



Easement

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Form 10-445
(5/62)

1. STATE **Maryland**
 COUNTY **Cecil**
 TOWN **Cecil** VICINITY
 STREET NO. **Bay View**
 Rt 272
 ORIGINAL OWNER
 ORIGINAL USE **Bridge**
 PRESENT OWNER **State Roads Comm.**
 PRESENT USE **Bridge**
 WALL CONSTRUCTION
 NO. OF STORIES

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY **CE - 78**

2. NAME **GILPIN'S COVERED BRIDGE**
 DATE OR PERIOD **1860 (dated)**
 STYLE
 ARCHITECT
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC YES

This is a long narrow covered bridge dated 1860. It reaches from shore to shore with a single span. The interior is constructed with huge arched spans of wood. The bridge has been well-restored and maintained by the State. An historical marker nearby dates the bridge and says that this spot on the stream has been the site of several mills, the earliest of them being Samuel Gilpin's flour mill in 1735.

Excellent condition

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered **NO** Interior Exterior **good**

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 

7. PHOTOGRAPH **2 print**
Color 2 b&w neg.
2187-8 3 B&W
4-1/2 x 3-1/4

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

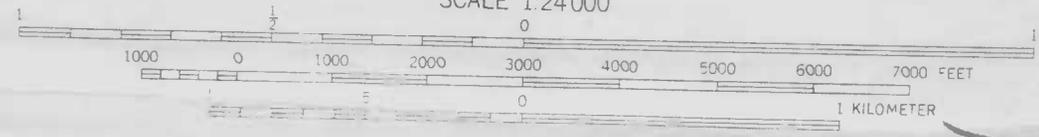
9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
Paul Alan Brinkman
20 December 1967
 DATE OF RECORD

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



1 090 000 FEET (MD.) 57°30' 418 1.1 MI. TO U.S. 40 419 (NORTH EAST) 5863 III SW 420 421

SCALE 1:24 000



MN
32°
51 M S 2°35'
51 M L



Gilpin's Falls Covered Bridge CE -78
Near Bayview
South Elevation
MRE/77
NEG - MD. Hist. Trust

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GILPIN'S COVERED BRIDGE, CECIL CTY #78

(78) Cecil

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GILPIN'S FAUS COVERED BRIDGE CE-78
BAYVIEW, MD.
CECIL Co.
NORTHERN ELEVATION

PBT

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GILPIN'S Falls Covered BRIDGE

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BAYVIEW, M.D.

CECIL Co.

INTERIOR

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Interior - Burr Truss
Near Bayview
MRE/1977
NEG - MD. Hist Trust