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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
UNION BRIDGE STATION, WESTERN MARYLAND RAILWAY COMPANY

AND/OR COMMON
Western Maryland Railway Historical Society, Incorporated

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
north end of Main Street (MD 35) — NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Union Bridge — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Sixth

STATE
Maryland

CODE

COUNTY
Carroll

ZIP CODE
21791

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	X MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	X COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	X TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Western Maryland Railway Company (see continuation sheet)

STREET & NUMBER
Elgin Boulevard

CITY, TOWN
Hagerstown — VICINITY OF

STATE
Maryland

ZIP CODE
21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
New County Office Building

STREET & NUMBER
225 North Center Street

CITY, TOWN
Westminster

STATE
Maryland

ZIP CODE
21157

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE — FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN — STATE

DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Union Bridge Station of the Western Maryland Railway Company is located on the north end of Main Street, Union Bridge, Maryland.

The station's two main buildings are arranged with their south facades lengthwise fronting the railroad tracks. Midway between them is a small, square-shaped, wood-frame baggage room. The shed-style platform roof, supported with ornamental scroll brackets, limestone braces, and pendants, connects all three buildings.

The two main buildings are seven bays long and two bays deep. Executed in American common bond, they rest on patterned ashlar foundations with a smooth granite water table. Both have inside end chimneys and pitched roofs covered with silver glazed tile known as "fox tile."

The old office building, situated along Main Street, is two and one-half stories , rectangular-shaped, and based on a central hall plan. Its south facade has a five-panel door in the central bay with wood molded trim and a three-light transom. On each side of the door are three bays of windows; the central window is slightly wider than its two adjoining windows. The windows are trimmed with flat gauged brick arches with white limestone keystones. This trim continues around the building on the two first floor windows on both the east and west facades. The north facade's seven windows, which are arranged in the same manner as those on the south facade except for an undersized window in the central bay, have gauged brick keystones in the brick arches. A belt course of brick distinguishes the division between the first and second floors. The south and north facades on the second floor have three bays: a central window flanked by windows with sidelights and ornamental scrollwork on the muntins. The second floor of the east and west facades has a window in each bay. The upper trim for these second floor windows is the smooth unadorned frieze of the entablature, which has a molded cornice. The gable ends have an architrave cornice and a window of three round-headed openings trimmed with segmental brick arches.

The second building is one and one-half stories and is a variation of a cross-shape. It functioned as the passenger depot and has two waiting rooms, therefore it has two entrances on each of the major facades and a central passage connecting them. The south facade has a central projection on the main floor containing a seven-bay window. Symmetrically placed on each side of this projection is a three-panel door with three-light transom and a window with the flat gauged brick arches and limestone keystones. Above is a gable in the roof which has an arrangement of three windows with an elliptical window above them, all ornamented with the keystone arches, the elliptical window having four keystones. The north facade has a central pavilion with beltwork quoins and a triangular pediment. The main story of this projection has three windows. In the pediment is the same window arrangement as the gable in the south facade. The rest of this facade has a door and window arrangement that also corresponds to that of the south facade. The east and west facades contain two windows with the flat arches and keystone trim. The gable ends

see continuation sheet #1

OWNER OF PROPERTY

Western Maryland Railway Historical Society, Incorporated
c/o Chip Kraft, 5 East Broadway
Union Bridge, Maryland 21791

7. DESCRIPTION, continued

have semi-circular openings with segmental brick arches with limestone keystones. The building has beltwork quoins and a dentil cornice.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	X COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	X TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1902 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1902, Union Bridge Station is representative of the rural railway stations constructed during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The style and fabric of the structure are typical of the eclectic ideas found in the architecture of that period. For example, the passenger depot displays elements of the Greek Revival style, but is overtly transformed by the Victorian influences found on both buildings. Relatively unchanged from the time it was built, Union Bridge Station is a statement of the tastes of a prior generation.

The Union Bridge Station played an important role in the development of the surrounding countryside. The larger building at the station served as the main offices of the Western Maryland Railway Company. This not only brought jobs to the area, but the station also performed essential services for the businesses and farms and concentrated economic and social activity in Union Bridge. The railway's effect on Union Bridge serves as an example representative of the railway's asset to the nation and its significance in the growth of the country.

Presently the passenger depot functions as the local office of the Western Maryland Railway Company. The old office building has been purchased by the Western Maryland Railway Historical Society, Incorporated. The Society, organized in 1967, has an extensive collection of railroad artifacts and memorabilia and is currently working towards gaining larger public contact through summer visiting hours and a quarterly publication, the "Blue Mountain Express."

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Joseph M. Getty, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION: Carroll County Committee, Maryland Historical Trust

DATE: January, 1976

STREET & NUMBER: 210 East Main Street

TELEPHONE: (301) 374-2605

CITY OR TOWN: Westminster

STATE: Maryland

zipcode: 21157

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE x LOCAL ___

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

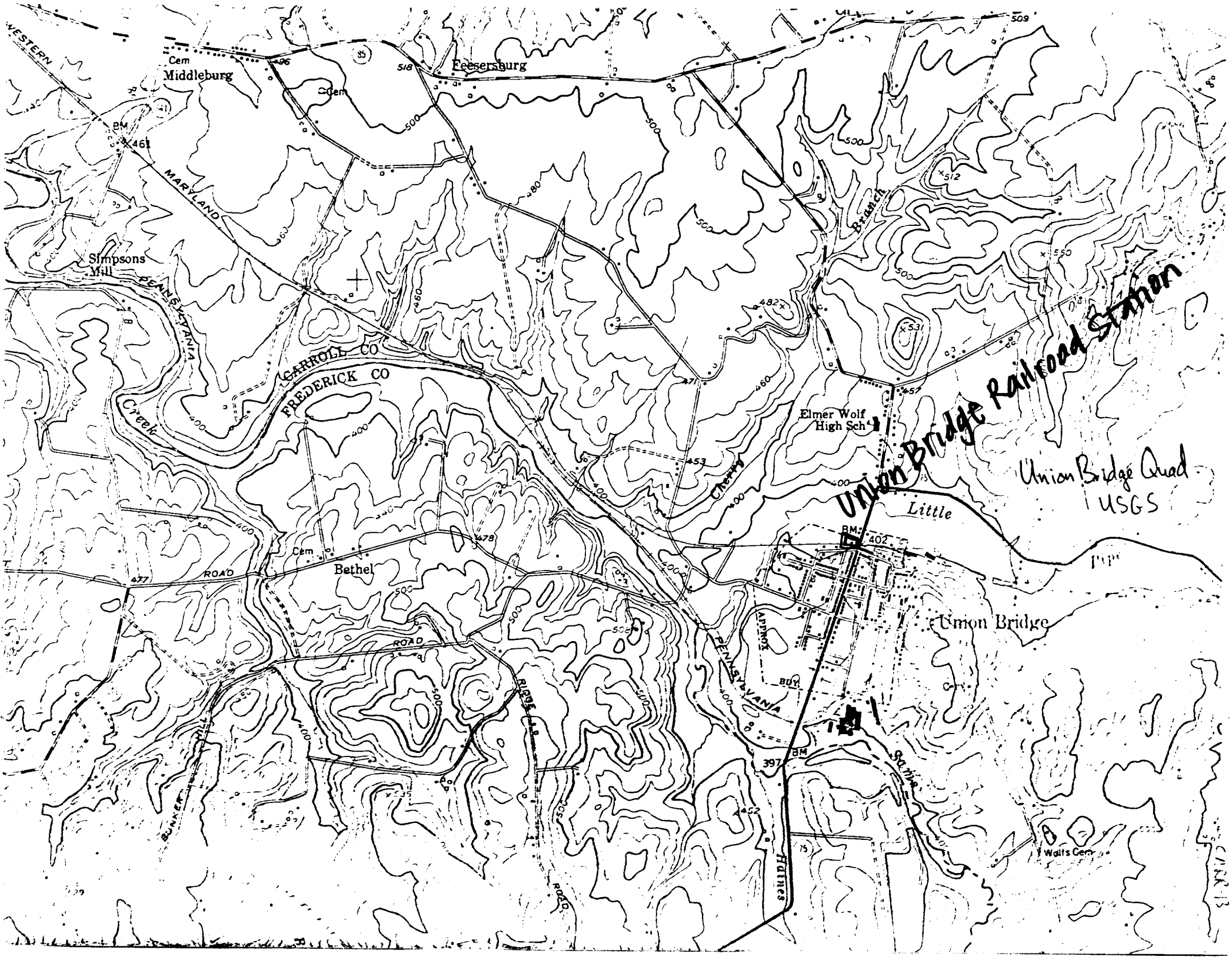
DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER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Western Maryland Railway Station, Union Bridge Carr. Co. 13
Western Maryland Historical Society Museum
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southeast elevation

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Western Maryland Railway ~~Hist~~ Station Car Co 13
Union Bridge Md. passenger depot
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south east elevation

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