

F-6-5

Hessons Bridge  
Lewistown  
Public

1901

The Hessons Bridge is a small single span pony steel truss bridge of Pratt design which spans Little Hunting Creek on Hessons Bridge Road just north of Lewistown, Maryland.

The single lane bridge which is set on coursed random stone abutments is 15.5 feet wide and 49 feet in length. The wood plank floor has been replaced and the joints are secured with rivetted connections. Seven original stringers remain in the structure. A nameplate on the south side of the bridge on the half hip end post states, "built by York Bridge Company, 1901."

The Hessons Bridge is one of at least twelve bridges built by the York Bridge Company of York, Pennsylvania for the county in the early part of the 1900's.

According to Polk's York City Directory, the York Bridge Company was most active between the years 1902 and 1917, advertising as "Bridge builders, iron and steel structural work, etc." By 1917, the company had changed its name to the York Bridge and Construction Company.

---

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

DESTROYED

F-6-5  
1100903717

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Hessons Bridge

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Hessons Bridge over Little Hunting Creek

CITY, TOWN

Lewistown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E.D. 20

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Frederick County Roads Department

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Montevue Lane

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21701

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Hessons Bridge is a small single span pony steel truss bridge of Pratt design which spans Little Hunting Creek on Hessons Bridge Road just north of Lewistown, Maryland.

The single lane bridge, which is set on coursed random stone abutments, is fifteen feet, five inches wide and forty-nine feet in length. The wood plank floor has been replaced and the joints are secured with rivetted connections. Seven original stringers remain in the structure. A nameplate on the south side of the bridge on the half hip end post states, "built by York Bridge Company, 1901."



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Polk's York City Directory, 1900-1917.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

9/27/78

STREET & NUMBER

12 East Church St., Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

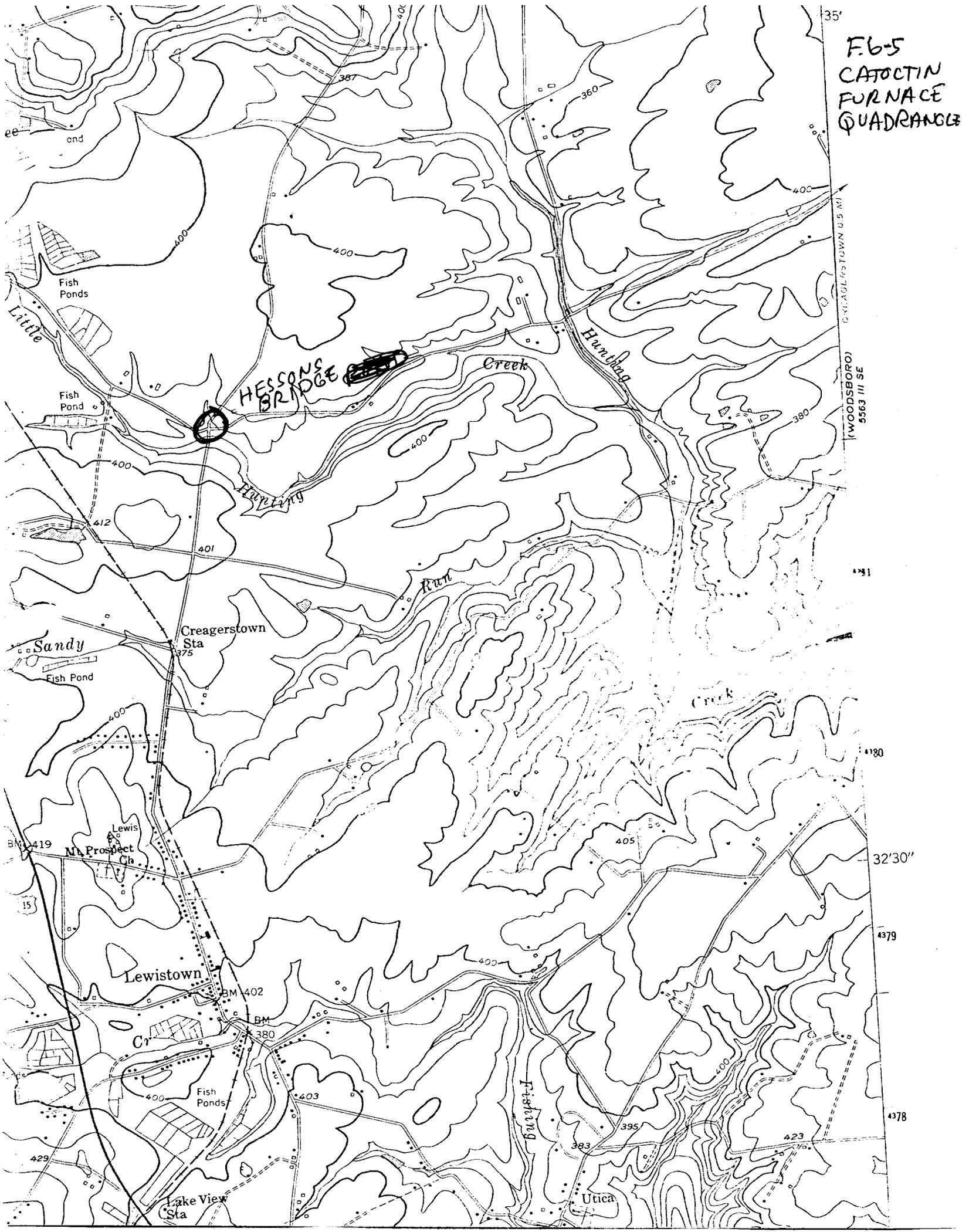
Maryland

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

F.6-5  
CATOCTIN  
FURNACE  
QUADRANGLE



CREAGERSTOWN 0.5 MI.  
WOODSBORO  
5563 III SE

35'

32'30"

4379

4378

HESSENS BRIDGE

Creagerstown Sta  
375

Lewistown

Utica

Lake View Sta

Fish Ponds

Fish Pond

Fish Pond

Lewis

Prospect Ch.

Fish Ponds

end

Little

Sandy

BM 419

15

429

BM 419

BM 402

BM 380

403

383

395

423

387

360

400

400

400

400

400

401

412

400

400

405

4180

390

4378



HESSON'S BLUDGE

F-6-5

HESSON'S BRIDGE RD

NORTH APPROACH

CEW 5/78