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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Rock Run Bridge Toll House & Bridge Piers

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: Stafford Road near Rock Run Road

CITY, TOWN: Darlington ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	X PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	X MUSEUM
XX BUILDING(S)	__PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	X PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
X SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER: Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN: Annapolis ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 627
Folio #: 39

STREET & NUMBER:

CITY, TOWN: Bel Air,

STATE: Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE:

DATE:

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

CITY, TOWN:

STATE:

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
x EXCELLENT (tollhouse)	DETERIORATED	_UNALTERED	x ORIGINAL SITE
_GOOD	x RUINS (piers)	x ALTERED	_MOVED DATE_____
_FAIR	_UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rock Run Bridge Toll House, located on Stafford Road near Rock Run, is a one-storey, two bay wide, two bay deep clapboard dwelling dating from the early 19th century. This structure, built into a natural slope of land, has a high fieldstone foundation. A brick chimney is centrally located in the wood-shingled gable roof. Beaded rake boards, plain corner boards, and a box cornice further articulate the structure.

The main two-bay (east) facade is defined by a doorway in the northern bay flanked to the south by a 6/6 sashed and louvered shuttered window. The dutch, vertical boarded door has heavy strap hinges. A shed-roofed open porch spans this front facade extending on an additional bay to the north was a 6/6 sashed window. This covered area allowed the tollman to view the canal traffic without physically leaving his station.

The south gable facade carries two 6/6 sashed and louver shuttered windows on the first storey and two nine-light, fixed-sashed windows at attic level.

In the southern bay of the west facade entrances are located at the exposed basement level and the first storey. A shed-roof hood with simple brackets shelters the first storey entrance. This doorway has been blocked off and is inaccessible from ground level.

The structure is built next to the ditch of the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal and a stone causeway leading up to the bridge is on the southeast side of the structure.

Five very worn bridge piers are all that remain of the covered bridge that once spanned the River at this site. The abuttment is made of fitted granite blocks, quite similar to the construction of the Canal locks. The causeway next to the Canal crossed the ditch at the tollhouse and led to the abuttment.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
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__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The following information was collected by Paul Penrod in 1976.

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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: Bridget M. Deale, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE: 1979

STREET & NUMBER: 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE: (301)269-2438

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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TITLE SEARCH

Libre		Folio	
GRG	627	39	In 1961, Kathryn E. Schweers, widow and tenant for life, sold two parcels of land to the Maryland Department of Forests and Parks. The first was the tollhouse plot of 0.67 acres and the second was Wood Island (including water rights), of 8.42 acres.
GRG	547	509	Kathryn E. Schweers sold the tollhouse site and Wood Island to William H. and Elsie May Schweers in 1960.
GRG	309	214	In 1947, Stanley S. Spencer sold Wood Island and the tollhouse site to Herman N. and Kathryn E. Schweers.
			Wood Island
DGW	189	216	In 1924, William S. Archer sold Wood Island to Herman N. Schweers.
ALJ	71	293	In 1891, C. Graham Archer sold Wood Island to William S. Archer.
ALJ	60	409	In 1890, Henry W. Archer and others sold Wood Island to C. Graham Archer.
ALJ	38	84	Henry W. Archer, Jr., was named as atrustee after a court case involving Henry W. Archer and Thomas W. Maddock. In 1878 the trustee sold Henry W. Archer a farm adjacent to the Rock Run Mill of 132 acres. The trustees were holding the property after the death of Ann Archer, daughter of John Stump, in 1871.
HD	Z	373	This property was among that conveyed to Ann Archer by Cassandra Stump, widow of John Stump, in 1817.
JLC	N	376	In 1797, Elizabeth Giles, daughter of Nathaniel Giles, sold 256 acres to John Stump, Jr.
			Tollhouse
DGW	208	108	In 1928, William S. Archer, executor, sold this lot to Herman N. Schweers at a public sale. Previous to this time, the property was part of the estate of Ann Archer.

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Telephone #: 267-5656

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STATE: Maryland

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT tollhouse	___ DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
___ GOOD	X RUINS piers	___ ALTERED	___ MOVED DATE_____
___ FAIR	___ UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The tollhouse, which has been restored, faces the southeast. It is a one-story bevelled frame structure with a high stone foundation. The building is two bays by two, with 6 X 6 windows and nine-pane attic windows. One door is on the southeast facade, where the crossing fares were exacted, while the other is on the northeast side. A cellar door is located on the western wall, where the foundation is quite high. The roof is gable-flank, with wood shingles and underneath the eaves are original box cornices. A single brick chimney, also original, is located on the center of the roof. A four-bay porch is built along the southeastern wall, with a shed roof covering it as the board-and-batten extension. The structure is built right next to the ditch of the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal and a stone causeway leading up to the bridge is on the southeast side of the structure.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.67

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The toolhouse is located on state park property near the intersection of Stafford and Rock Run Roads. The bridge piers are located just opposite of the tollhouse.

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

STATE	COUNTY
Maryland	Harford
Maryland	Cecil

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ORGANIZATION
Maryland Historical Trust

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May 24, 1976

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267-1212

CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis

STATE
Maryland

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INVENTORY NO. 195,196 ELECTION DISTRICT _____

DATE: 4/5/76 TAX MAP NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. _____

NAME OF PROPERTY: ROCK RUN TOLL HOUSE

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: ~~JUST~~ AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROCK RUN WITH STAFFORD RD.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SOUTH EAST

NAME OF OWNER: MARYLAND STATE DEPT. FORESTS + PARKS

ADDRESS: ANNAPOLIS MD., LOCALLY SUSP. STATE PARK

STORIES: 1[ ] 1½ 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: 2 × 2

WINGS, ADDITIONS: NONE

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

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS NONE
FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE ✓ LATTICE WORK UNDER PORCH MORTAR USED
WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[✓] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ] 9-LT IN ATTIC
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 1 ON SE SIDE - TOLL TAKING SIDE - REPLACED DUTCH DOOR
1 ON NW SIDE - CELLAR, 1 ON NE SIDE 1st FLOOR
HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[✓]
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN NONE

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: BOX
original[✓] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS NONE
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[✓]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[✓] hip[ ] gable[ ]
4-BAY WITH BOARD + BATTEN EXTENSION

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK[✓] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[✓] replaced[ ]
LOCATION: CENTER OF ROOF

ARCHES: ZILCH

COMMENTS: BUILT RIGHT UP TO CANAL BED, AS WELL AS AGAINST CAUSEWAY TO ROCK RUN BRIDGE

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INVENTORY NO. 195,196 ELECTION DISTRICT _____

DATE: 4/8/76 TAX MAP NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. _____

NAME OF PROPERTY: OLD ROCK RUN BRIDGE PIERS + ABUTMENTS

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: JUST NORTH OF ~~TOLL~~ FACES RIVER HOUSE, OFF OF STAFFORD RD.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NORTHEAST

NAME OF OWNER: MARYLAND DEPT. OF FORESTS + PARKS

ADDRESS: ANNAPOLIS, MD. LOCALLY, JUST STATE PARK

STORIES: 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS:

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 5 PIER REMAINS VISIBLE TO THE ISLAND

WALL CONSTRUCTION: ABUTMENTS ARE UNMORTARED FITTED GRANITE BLOCKS VERY LITTLE LEFT

CAUSEWAY FROM ROCK RUN RD TO BRIDGE ADJACENT TO ~~TOLL~~ HOUSE ALSO OF UNMORTARED GRANITE

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AND OBVIOUSLY THE BRIDGE OF ANNED CANAL + TOW PATHS

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____
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ARCHES:

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ABERDEEN QUADRANG
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7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAP
SW/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANG

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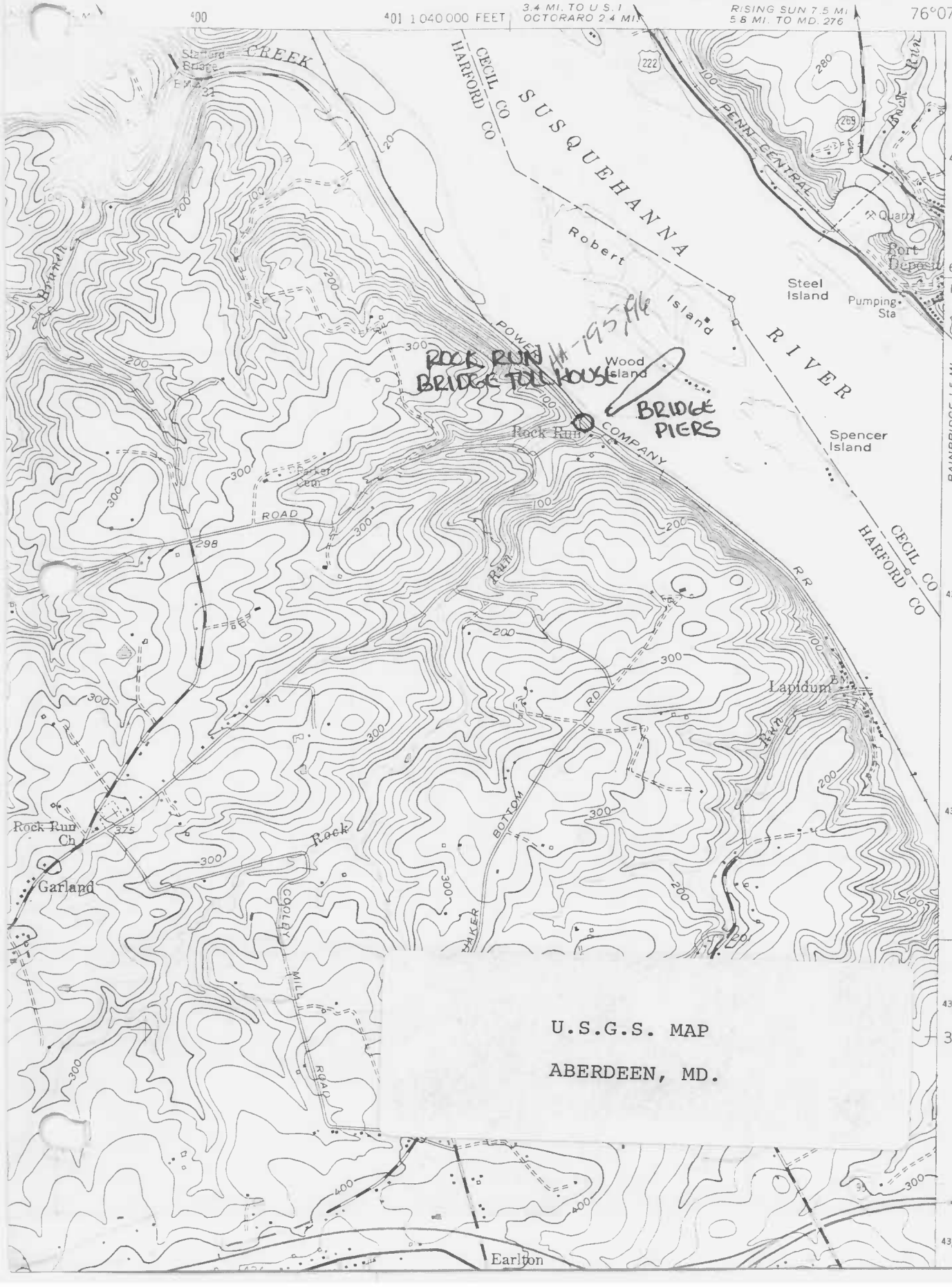

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ABERDEEN, MD.

Rock Run Toll House HA-196
Stafford Rd. near Rock Run Road
Darlington, MD
Paul Penrod 4/76
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ROCK RUN BRIDGE TOLL HOUSE
STAFFORD ROAD NEAR ROCK RUN ROAD
DARLINGTON, MD

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