

HA-799

Carter Farm Bridge (Deer Creek)
3200 blk Rocks Road, east side
Rocks vicinity
Private

1907

The Warren truss bridge over Deer Creek was built by the York Bridge Company, York, Pa. to provide access to the farm then owned by John T. Carter. Plates on the wooden deck bridge identify the Harford County Commissioners and Clerk in 1907 and the name of the bridge company and date.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Carter Farm Bridge (Deer Creek)

AND/OR COMMON

Crowl Farm Bridge

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3200 blk Rocks Road, east side

CITY, TOWN

Rocks

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Paul A. Crowl

Telephone #: 838-7472

STREET & NUMBER

101 Cherry Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Street

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21154

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 746

Folio #: 201

STREET & NUMBER

20 West Courtland Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Carter Farm Bridge over Deer Creek east of Maryland Route 24 (Rocks Road) is the principal access to the present Crowl Farm about 1/2 mile northeast of the Ferncliff subdivision near Rocks, Harford County, Maryland. The steel bridge was built in 1907 in a pony Warren truss with verticals from the top chord. The span is about 60 feet long and has four panels. All connections are riveted. The deck is wood boards laid loosely across the steel floor beams and stringers. A plate on the northeast inclined end post reads: "George Archer, Albert I. McCann, J. T. Anderson, Commr's, W. A. Wheeler, Clerk". A plate formerly on the southeast post has been removed, as has the plate on the northwest end post. The plate on the southwest post reads "Built by York Bridge Company, York, Pa. 1907". Eric DeLony of the Historic American Engineering Record speculates that the missing plates are duplicates of the remaining ones.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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
400-1499	<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1907

BUILDER/ARCHITECT York Bridge Co.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Warren truss bridge over Deer Creek was built by Harford County in 1907 apparently to provide access to the large farm then owned by John T. Carter. The crossing was known as Rutledge's Fording, after the previous owner of the farm (see HA-787, Ignatius Rutledge House).

The York Bridge Company was founded in 1901 by George M. Drury, who was the company's president and Guy Webster, the secretary-treasurer. Webster later succeeded Drury as president. The firm's bridges were widely sold in the Mid-West and East and their employees numbered 150 in 1907. (History of York County, Prowell, J.H. Beers & Co., Chicago, 1907)

NOTE: HA-799 was originally assigned to Newmeyers Store. This was later duplicated by HA-1123. HA-799 was cancelled and reassigned to the Carter Farm Bridge.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Prowell, History of York County (J.H. Beers & Co., Chicago, 1907)
(Historic York, Inc.)

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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

Janet Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

March 1984

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD 21014

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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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Carter Farm Bridge

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS:

Section 2, Location: 3301 Rocks Road

Section 7, Description: Moved from original site 1934

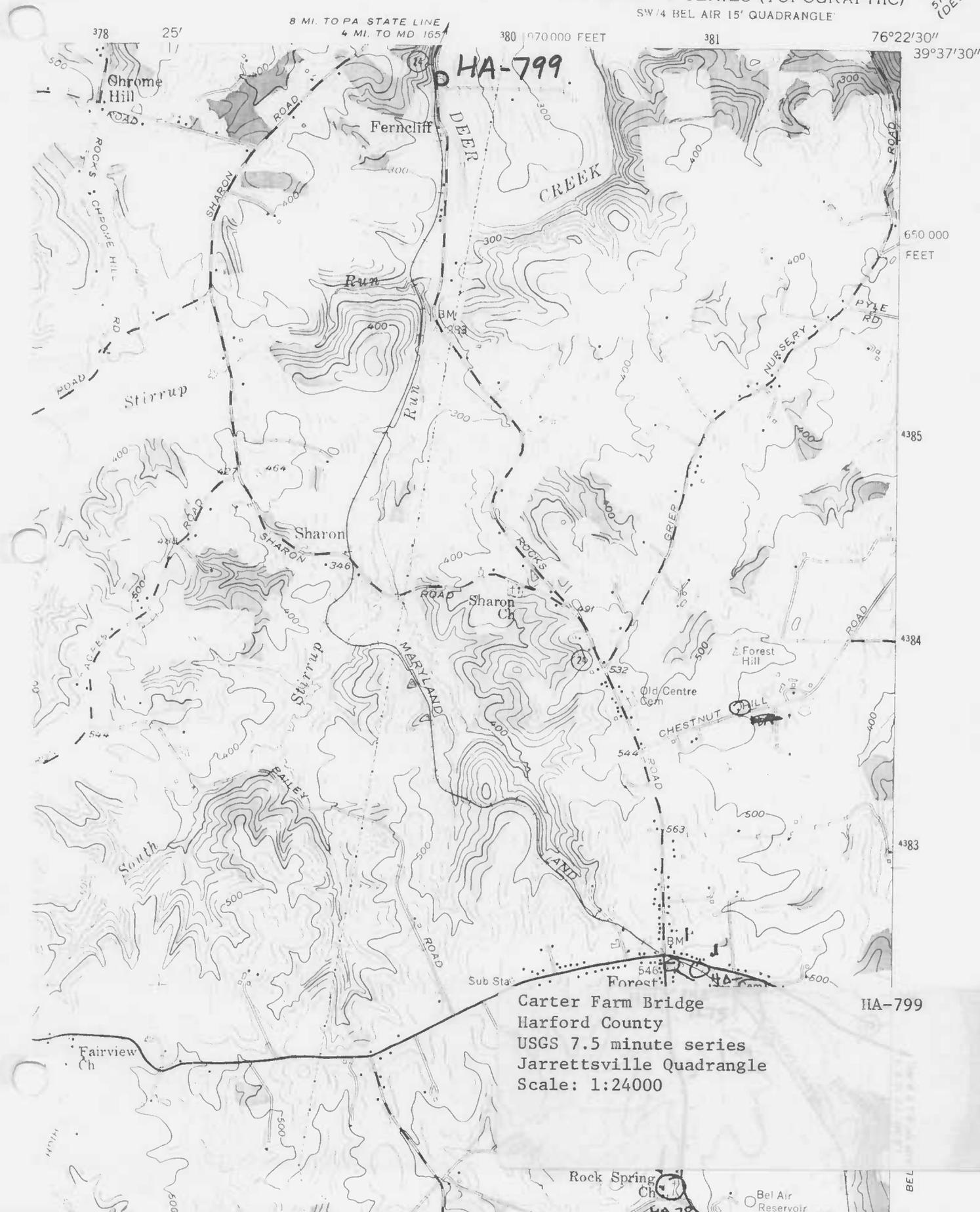
Original site was near the present MD Route 24 crossing of Deer Creek, just north of Rocks State Park. It was replaced by the present Rocks Steel Truss Bridge, HA-1576 (DOT Survey).

Section 8, Significance: John T. Carter bought the bridge from the County in 1934. After a flood in 1933, which this bridge survived at its original location, Rocks Road (Route 24) was relocated and a larger bridge was required. Carter acquired the old bridge for his fording place.

This information provided by Mrs. Paul Cowl, from interviews with Glenn Cowl, May 1984.

JARRETTSVILLE QUADRANGLE
 MARYLAND
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
 SW 1/4 BEL AIR 15' QUADRANGLE

5763 III NE
 (DELTA)



Carter Farm Bridge
 Harford County
 USGS 7.5 minute series
 Jarrettsville Quadrangle
 Scale: 1:24000

Rock Spring Ch
 Bel Air Reservoir

BEL



Carter Farm Bridge

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Harford County

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February 1984

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View from south

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