

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Union Dam and ~~Tunnel~~ Mill Race

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Crosses the Patapsco in the park from Balto. Co. to Howard Co. near

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

U.S. 40, Catonsville

 VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

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 COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Annapolis

 VICINITY OF

Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

HO-534

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS
<input 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

The dam spans the Patapsco (Baltimore and Howard counties) approximately 1.75 miles above Oella. The mill race parallels the east shore of the river.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Union Dam and mill race is included in the "Oella Historic District", entered on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976 (see Oella form) and has been connected with the operation of the mill since the Union Manufacturing Company first began operations at Oella in 1808. The mill race connecting the dam with the mill is believed to be the longest race serving a single mill in the United States, with a length of 1.75 miles [although there are some longer ones serving more than one mill].

The opening of Liberty Reservoir in 1951 cut off for good and all the water supply to the dam and race. The dam was enlarged at least once; damage to the structure during Hurricane Agnes in 1972 revealed portions of the original dam within the present structure.

Recommendations

Routine maintenance of dam and race and recording by a qualified industrial-archeologist are called for. Procedures to secure against future floods should be investigated.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview, John McGrain, Paltimore County Planning Dept., 1979

"Oella" N.R. Form

Patapsco State Park Files

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
Maryland	Baltimore
STATE	COUNTY
Maryland	Howard

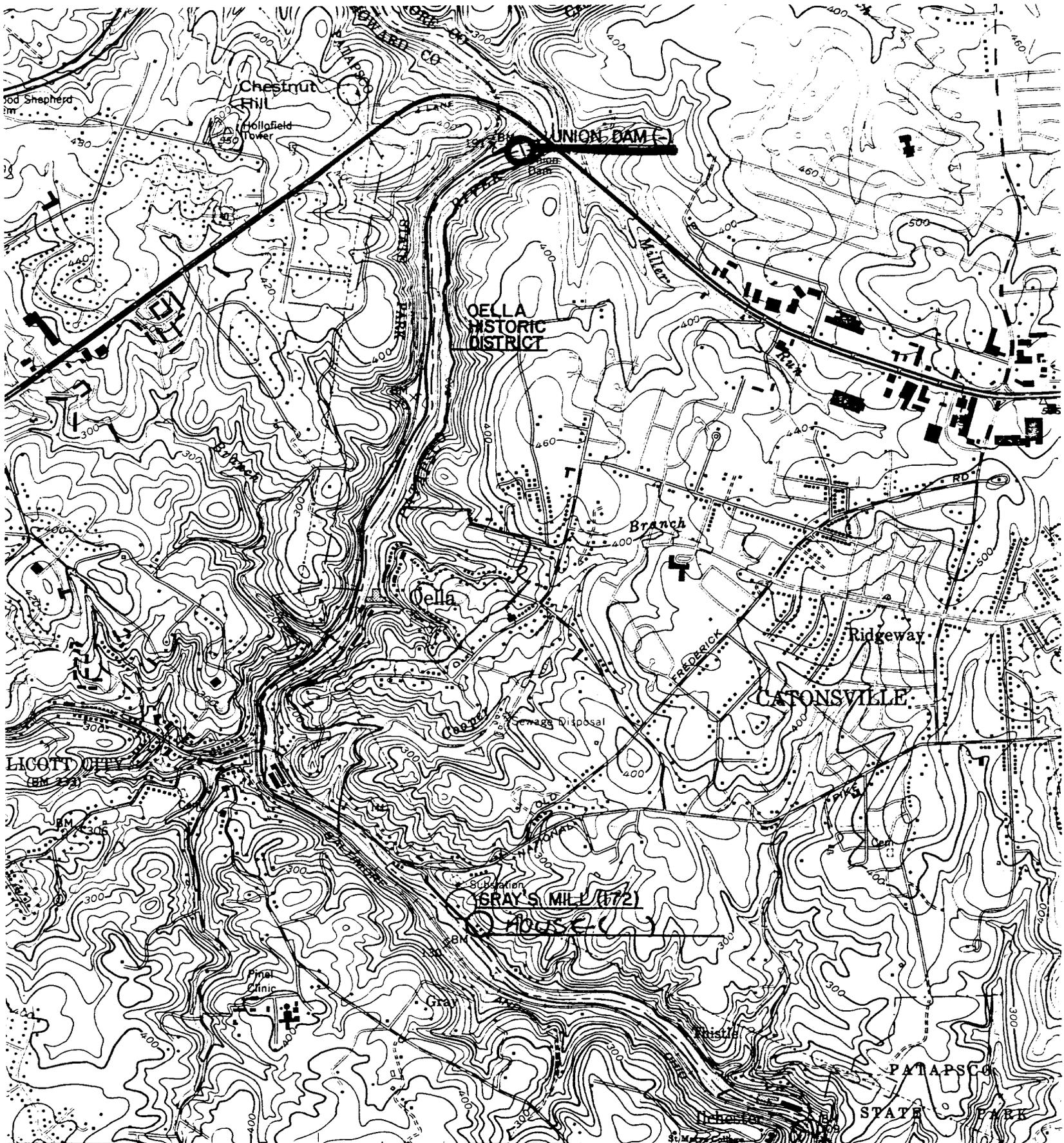
11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	DATE
John D. Hnedak, Historic Sites Survey Team Captain	1978-79
ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE
Maryland Historical Trust	269-2438
STREET & NUMBER	STATE
21 State Circle	Maryland 21401
CITY OR TOWN	
Annapolis	

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



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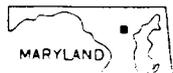
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ELlicOTT CITY
QUAD

**PATTERSON VIADUCT
MILLCHESTER BRIDGE & TUNNEL**
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		Light-duty	
Medium-duty		Unimproved dirt	
	Interstate Route		U.S. Route
	State Route		

0 FEET
DATE OF 1929



ELlicOTT CITY, MD



Ellicott City mill race

HO-534

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE	
COUNTY	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

FIELD

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: **Ellicott Mill Race**
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Frederick Road at Oella Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Ellicott City

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Md.		Baltimore Co.	

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: **John W. McGrain**

DATE OF PHOTO: **July 1972** (~~Roll 437~~)

NEGATIVE FILED AT:
34 Willow Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204 (Roll 437)

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
 looking northward up stone mill race from north edge of Frederick Road; this portion of mill race, previously filled up, was unearthed by 1972 flood. Also visible, stone piers of former trolley car approach to Patapsco River crossing by company-owned bridge.



Union Dam, from U.S. 40 bridge (195_)

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STATE	
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FIELD

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: **Union Dam**
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **Just downstream of U.S. 40 bridge over Patapsco River**

CITY OR TOWN: **Oella/ Ellicott City**

STATE: Md.	CODE	COUNTY: Baltimore/Howard Co.	CODE

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: **John W. McGrain**

DATE OF PHOTO: **1950's**

NEGATIVE FILED AT: **34 Willow Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204 (2 1/4 x 3 1/4 neg)**

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
Looking downstream from south side of U.S. 40 bridge