

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic
and/or common B&O Railroad Underpass

2. Location

street & number Game Preserve Rd. and B&O RR tracks ___ not for publication
city, town Seneca State Park ___ vicinity of congressional district
state Maryland county Montgomery

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name
street & number telephone no.:
city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber
street & number folio
city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory
date 1976 ___ federal state county ___ local
depository for survey records Park Historian's Office
city, town Rockville state Maryland

DESCRIPTION

M:20-30

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Nearby, on Game Preserve Road, is a two-story frame building, allegedly used as a schoolhouse years ago.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

Significance

Survey No.

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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"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
			<input type="checkbox"/> science
			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
			<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates _____ **Builder/Architect** _____

Check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The B&O Railroad Underpass is an early twentieth century ashlar block narrow arched tunnel. The underpass was part of the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O, a great local advance in transportation and a stimulus to growth and trade in Montgomery County.

The underpass was probably built about 1906 when the B&O Railroad double-tracked this stretch of rail between Gaithersburg and Germantown.¹ Prior to this time all (except two) railroad crossings on the B&O were constructed of wooden trestlework. It was not until the early twentieth century that these wooden and iron bridges were replaced with stone structures such as the railroad underpass.² In addition, the underpass is very similar in design and composition (and can be compared to) the Waring Viaduct and the Little Monocacy Viaduct both built between 1906 and 1907.³ The underpass of course was constructed on a much smaller scale and was built to serve a slightly different purpose. It is supposedly the only structure of its kind in the county.

An interesting aspect of the underpass is that it was apparently built in two parts. Approximately 2/3 appears somewhat newer than the remaining 1/3, being of the same design but constructed of much more finished looking blocks. Also, a seam where the two sections are joined can be seen from the interior of the underpass.

¹ Eighty-first Annual Report of the President and Directors to the stockholders of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for the Year Ended June 30, 1907: Office of the Secretary, Baltimore, Md., p.11.

² Report on the B&O Railroad site by Carlos Avery and William Hutchinson, on file at the Park Historian's Office, MNCPPC.

³ See sites #19-10 and #12-19, on file at the Park Historian's Office, MNCPPC.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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B&O Annual Reports (Univ. of Md., graduate library).
Historic Site Files at the Park Historians Office, MNCPPC.
Carlos Avery

0. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting	Northing

B

Zone	Easting	Northing

C

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D

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E

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F

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G

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. Hist. Pres. Comm. date 9/83

street & number telephone

city or town Rockville state Maryland

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

RR Underpass

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Game Preserve Road & B & O RR Tracks

CITY, TOWN

Seneca State Park VICINITY OF Gaithersburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

B & O RR

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

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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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

- | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC | <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 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 type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The only example of its kind in the county. Probably built about 1906 (same as Waring Viaduct) since it features similar details.

According to various sources, this is the location of a genuine ghost, the Headless Man, who stalks the area looking for something he lost after an encounter with a train here-his head.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

10/24/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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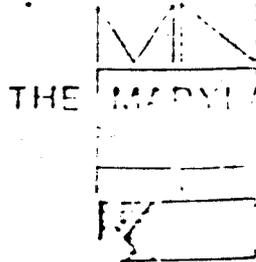
See correspondence dated May 16, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

I am pleased to transmit to you a copy of the Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Gaithersburg Area Resources. This Plan recommends that only one of the remaining Gaithersburg area resources (the Belward Farm/Ward House, Site #20/21) be placed on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This Amendment recommends against the designation of the following resources on the Master Plan:

- . Railroad Underpass, Site #20/30
- . Mineral Spring Houses, Site #20/10 1 & 2
- . Sylvester Thompson's House & Store, Site #20/11
- . Fields/King Farm, Site #20/12
- . Watkins Farmhouse, Site #20/13
- . Briggs Farm #2, Site #20/26



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 16, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following area sites were reviewed either as part of this Plan or at previous public hearings and were found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. This Plan recommends their removal from the Locational Atlas. Although removed from the Locational Atlas these sites will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory of State Historical Resources.

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Planning Board Hearing Date</u>
20/1	Remus Dorsey Tenant House**	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/2	Dorsey Cemetery	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/3	Shaw Cemetery	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/5	Snouffer Schoolhouse	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/6	Urah Bowman House**	6/17/82
20/7	Day Farm Barns**	9/25/80
20/8	Emory Grove Camp Meeting Grounds	7/5/83 - 7/6/83
20/9	Emory Grove Methodist Episcopal Church	7/5/83 - 7/6/83
20/10	MINERAL SPRING HOUSES	4/12/84
20/11	SYLVESTER THOMPSON'S STORE	4/12/84
20/12	FIELD'S KING FARM	4/12/84
20/13	WATKINS FARMHOUSE	4/12/84
20/14	Peters House/Monument View Hill	7/22/82
20/15	Gaither/Howes House	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/16	Heater/Crown Farm	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
*20/18	THOMPSON HOUSE**	10/9/83
20/19	Windy Knoll Farm	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/20	Hunting Hill Church	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/22	Hunting Hill Store and Post Office	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/23	Ward/Garrett Cemetery	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
*20/24	Mills House	1/20/83
20/25	Briggs Farm #1**	7/24/80
20/26	BRIGGS FARM #2**	4/12/84
20/27	Pleasant View Church**	6/17/82
20/29	Woodlands Site and Smokehouse	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
*20/30	RAILROAD UNDERPASS	4/12/84

* Recommended for designation by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission.

** No longer standing.



#20-30

NAME OLD SCHOOLHOUSE ?

LOCATION GAME PRESERVE Rd + RR TRACKS GAITHERSBURG, Md

FACADE SW

(CLOPPER STATION)

PHOTO TAKEN 10/24/74 MOWYER



NAME SITE OF "HEADLESS MAN" GHOST #20-30

LOCATION BYO TRACKS + GAME PRESERVE Rd

FACADE NE GAITHERSBURG, MD

PHOTO TAKEN 10/24/74 MOWYER