

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

MAGI #2206953617

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Single arched stone bridge					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Israel Creek and Valley Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Garrett's Mill vicinity					
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Washington			
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Private		<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Board of County Commissioners of Washington County					
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland			
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:			
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:			

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncluttered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This single arched stone bridge carried Valley Road across Israel Creek south of Garrett's Mill in the vicinity of Sandy Hook in Washington County.

The bridge is constructed of roughly coursed local fieldstone, a type of fine grained metamorphic rock. The single segmental arch is lined with voussoirs showing somewhat more careful cutting. The bridge walls are topped with large flat stones several of which show closely spaced drill marks. Raised pointing of concrete is evident on most of the bridge surface.

The bridge appears to be in good condition and is open to daily traffic. No records have been located to indicate when it was built.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abariginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Palitical                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | lasaphy  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Inventian              | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-             | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | itarian  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Israel Creek bridge is significant for its architecture, for its contribution to commerce and transportation in southern Washington County. It is also important as an example of the engineering skills of its builder.

Architecturally, this bridge is an example of nearly thirty stone bridges and culverts in Washington County. Most of these structures were built between 1820 and 1850 and appear to reflect a major trend in building with stone in the Cumberland Valley during the early 19th century. This bridge differs significantly from the county's limestone bridges in that it is constructed of the harder metamorphic stone native to southern Washington County. Another unusual feature of this bridge is the use of flat rocks for the coping. The other bridges have concrete ledges which appear to have replaced original wooden coping. Although no documents have been located recording that date that this bridge was built its appearance and fragmentary evidence suggest that it was constructed during the last quarter of the 19th century. Elderly residents of the area recall that the bridge was standing during the 1890's. It is said to have been built by a local stone mason by the name of Martin who worked during the late 19th century. Stone is used for very few structures in the immediate vicinity.

The bridge over Israel Creek is also significant for its contribution to commerce and transportation in southern Washington County. The addition of the structure spanning Israel's Creek would have facilitated travel in the area, thus helping economic growth.

The Israel Creek bridge is also important as an example of the engineering skills displayed by the stone bridge builders. The bridge which has been open to daily traffic through the 20th century remains as a monument to the engineering capabilities of its builder.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Road and Land Records.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historical Sites Survey      DATE: May, 1975

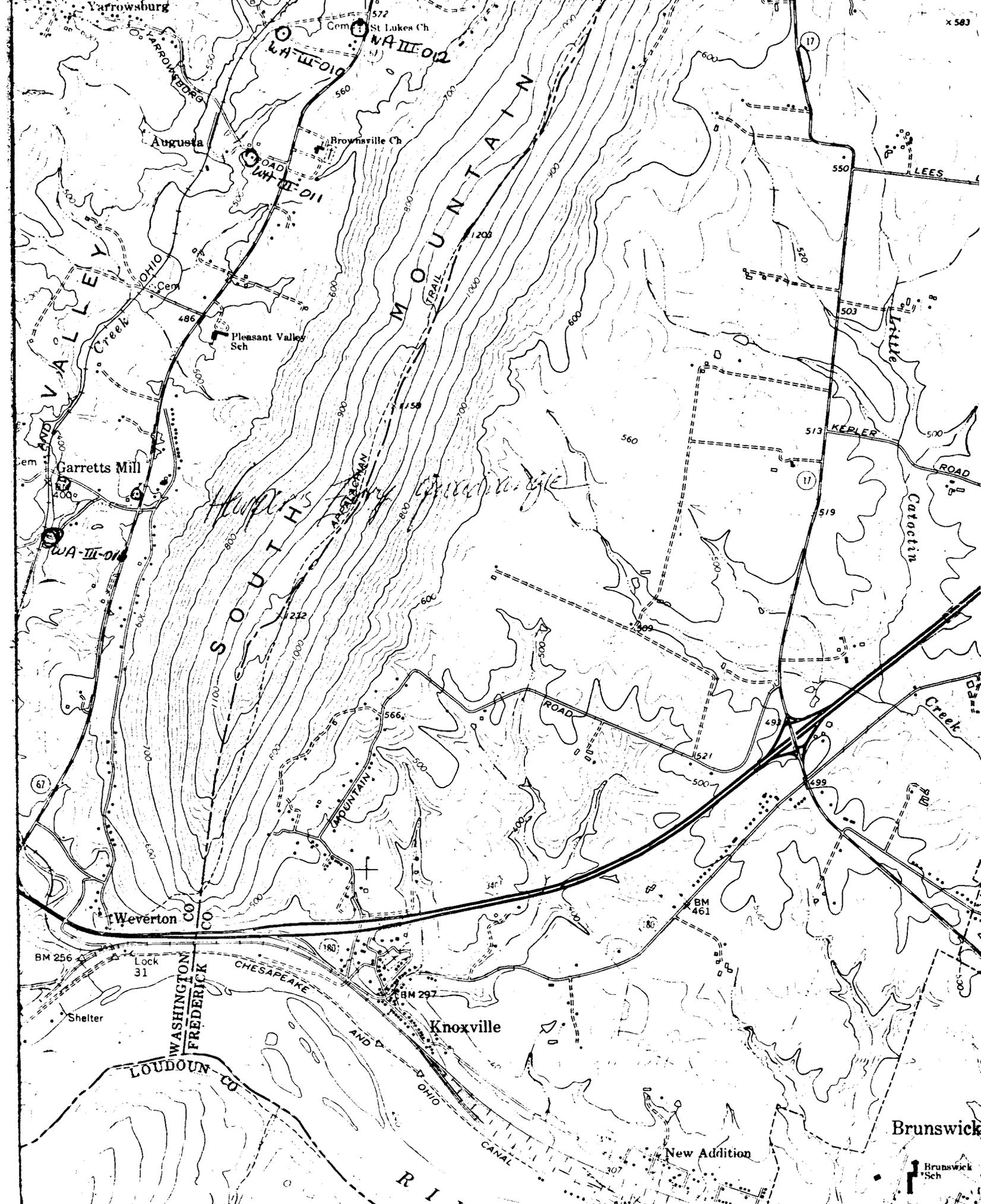
STREET AND NUMBER:  
Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown      STATE: Maryland

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:  
 National       State       Local

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Signature



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