

CARR-1567

Old Westminster Pike Bridge 4  
Nr. 1127 Old Westminster Pike Bridge 4

c.1800-1899

**Summary:**

Bridge 4 on the Old Westminster Pike is typical of the small stone bridges built on turnpikes in the nineteenth century in Carroll County to cross small streams and gullies that only periodically carry rainwater runoff. The earliest bridges were of wood, but they required constant maintenance and periodic replacement, so most turnpike companies systematically switched to masonry structures such as this. Its survival is indicative of the success of this switch. The date of construction for this bridge is not known, and its traditional design is almost impossible to narrow down to a fifty year range, but it is likely that the bridge was constructed in the last half of the nineteenth century. Despite the success of the stone bridges, the turnpikes did not survive, being taken over by the State of Maryland in the 1910's.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1567  
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DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic  
and/or common Old Westminster Pike Bridge 4

### 2. Location

street & number Nr. 1127 Old Westminster Pike  not for publication  
city, town Westminster  vicinity of congressional district  
state Maryland county Carroll

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 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 County Commissioners of Carroll County  
street & number 225 N. Center Street telephone no.:  
city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber  
street & number 55 N. Court Street folio  
city, town Westminster state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title  
date  federal  state  county  local  
pository for survey records  
city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### Contributing Resources: 1

Bridge 4 is located on the Old Westminster Pike just south of 1127 and 1128 Old Westminster Pike, approximately three miles southeast of Westminster in central Carroll County, Maryland. The ground slopes down to the south and the streambed here is dry. The south abutment is 30', 3" long by 2' wide and 1', 8" high above the roadbed and 7", 10" high above the dry streambed. There is no arched opening in this abutment, just a corrugated metal culvert protruding from it. The culvert is oval and 1', 6" high by 2', 6" wide. The north abutment is 31', 2 1/2" long by 2' wide. It is 1', 10 1/2" high above the roadbed and 8' high above a concrete pad at the bottom of the culvert.

# 8. Significance

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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"/> 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<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.

Geographical Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes:

Transportation

Resource Types:

Bridge

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property n/a

Quadrangle name West.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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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

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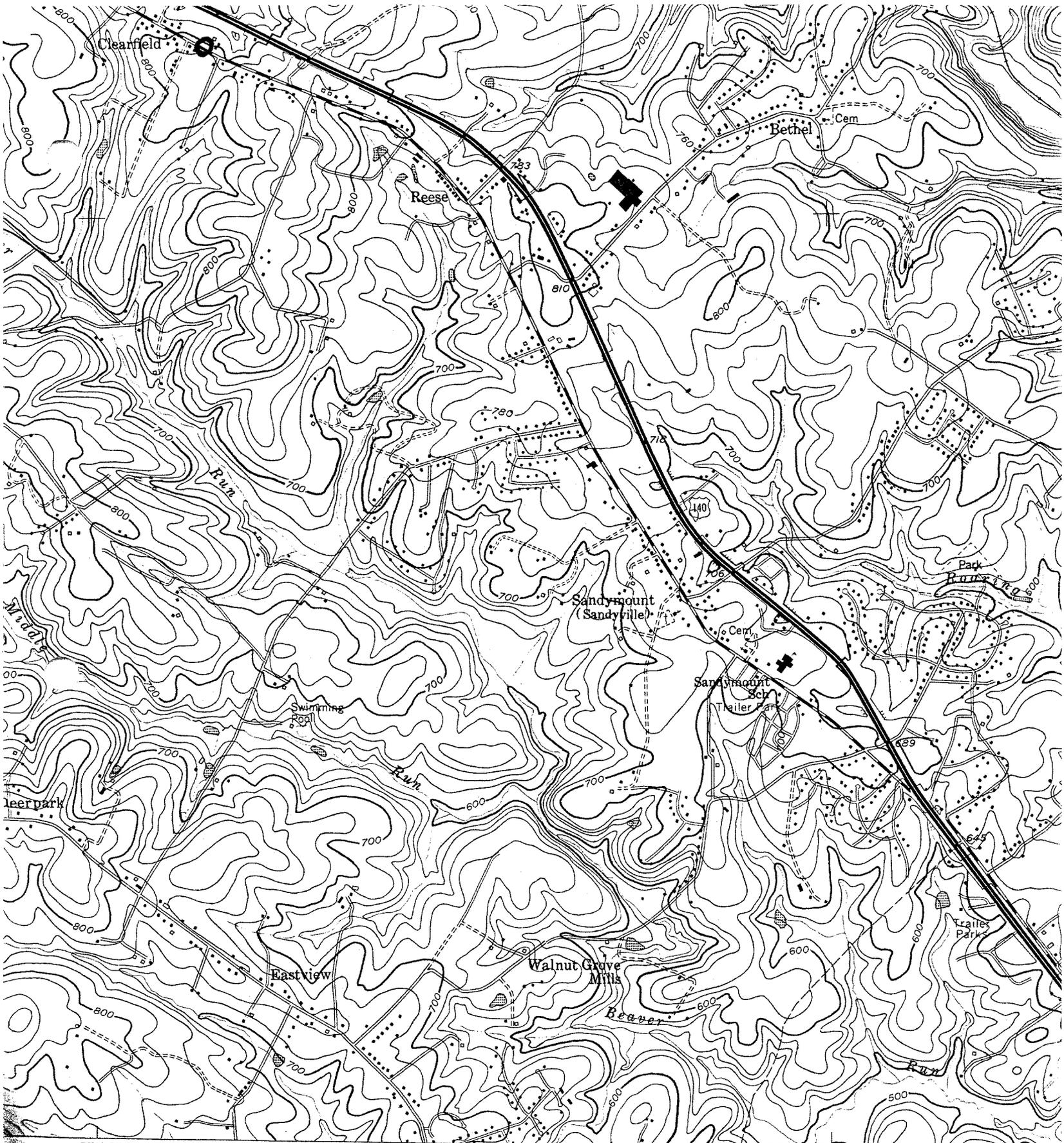
city or town Westminster state Maryland

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

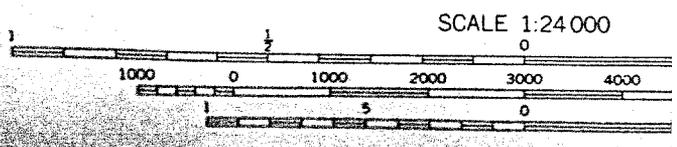
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM



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Carroll County Maryland

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Date: December 1997

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VW. North

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