

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties number: CE-1489

Name: 7008/MD7 over Stony Run

The bridge referenced herein was inventoried by the Maryland State Highway Administration as part of the Historic Bridge Inventory, and SHA provided the Trust with eligibility determinations in February 2001. The Trust accepted the Historic Bridge Inventory on April 3, 2001. The bridge received the following determination of eligibility.

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Eligibility Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility Not Recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
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Reviewer, OPS: <u>Anne E. Bruder</u>	Date: <u>3 April 2001</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>Peter E. Kurtze</u>	Date: <u>3 April 2001</u>

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC BRIDGES  
HISTORIC BRIDGE INVENTORY  
MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION/  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MHT No. CE-1489

SHA Bridge No. 7008 Bridge name MD 7 over Stoney Run

**LOCATION:**

Street/Road name and number [facility carried] MD 7 (Old Philadelphia Road)

City/town North East Vicinity X

County Cecil

This bridge projects over: Road  Railway  Water  Land

Ownership: State  County  Municipal  Other

**HISTORIC STATUS:**

Is the bridge located within a designated historic district? Yes  No

National Register-listed district  National Register-determined-eligible district

Locally-designated district  Other

Name of district \_\_\_\_\_

**BRIDGE TYPE:**

Timber Bridge \_\_\_\_\_:

Beam Bridge  Truss -Covered  Trestle  Timber-And-Concrete

Stone Arch Bridge \_\_\_\_\_

Metal Truss Bridge \_\_\_\_\_

Movable Bridge \_\_\_\_\_:

Swing  Bascule Single Leaf  Bascule Multiple Leaf

Vertical Lift  Retractable  Pontoon

Metal Girder \_\_\_\_\_:

Rolled Girder  Rolled Girder Concrete Encased

Plate Girder  Plate Girder Concrete Encased

Metal Suspension \_\_\_\_\_

Metal Arch \_\_\_\_\_

Metal Cantilever \_\_\_\_\_

Concrete  \_\_\_\_\_:

Concrete Arch  Concrete Slab  Concrete Beam  Rigid Frame

Other  Type Name \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION:**

Setting: Urban \_\_\_\_\_ Small town  X  Rural \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe Setting:**

Bridge No. 7008 carries MD 7 (Old Philadelphia Road) over Stoney Run in Cecil County. MD 7 runs east-west and Stoney Run flows north-south. The bridge is located in the vicinity of North East and is surrounded by a wooded area.

**Describe Superstructure and Substructure:**

Bridge No. 7008 is a 4-span, 2-lane, concrete slab bridge. According to the inspection report the bridge was built in 1931; although the bridge may resemble earlier standard plans, there is no documentation of an earlier date. The structure is 57 feet long and has a clear roadway width of 22 feet. The out-to-out width is 24 feet. The concrete slab measures 3 feet, 2 inches thick, and it has a bituminous wearing surface. The structure has solid parapets with panel detailing, and the roadway approaches have w-section guard rails. The substructure consists of two (2) concrete abutments and three (3) concrete piers. There are four (4) flared wing walls. The bridge has a sufficiency rating of 49.3.

According to the 1996 inspection report, this structure is in satisfactory condition with structural elements showing only minor deterioration. The concrete slab has minor spalls and cracks. The concrete parapet has some moderate and small isolated spalls. The abutments, piers, and wing walls have vertical and map cracking.

**Discuss Major Alterations:**

Inspection reports from 1996 detail the patching of spalls and cracks in the wing walls and piers.

**HISTORY:**

WHEN was the bridge built: 1931

This date is: Actual  X  Estimated \_\_\_\_\_

Source of date: Plaque \_\_\_\_\_ Design plans \_\_\_\_\_ County bridge files/inspection form \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify): State Highway Administration bridge files/inspection form

**WHY was the bridge built?**

The bridge was constructed in response to the need for a more efficient transportation network and increased load capacity.

**WHO was the designer?**

Unknown

**WHO was the builder?**

Unknown

**WHY was the bridge altered?**

N/A

**Was this bridge built as part of an organized bridge-building campaign?**

Unknown

**SURVEYOR/HISTORIAN ANALYSIS:****This bridge may have National Register significance for its association with:**

**A - Events** \_\_\_\_\_ **B- Person** \_\_\_\_\_  
**C- Engineering/architectural character** \_\_\_\_\_ **X** \_\_\_\_\_

The bridge is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, as a significant example of concrete slab construction. The structure has a high degree of integrity and retains such character-defining elements of the type as the original slab, parapets, abutments, wing walls, and piers.

**Was the bridge constructed in response to significant events in Maryland or local history?**

Reinforced concrete slab bridges are a twentieth century structure type, easily adapted to the need for expedient engineering solutions. Reinforced concrete technology developed rapidly in the early twentieth century with early recognition of the potential for standardized design. The first U.S. attempt to standardize concrete design specifications came in 1903-1904 with the formation of the Joint Committee on Concrete and Reinforced Concrete of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Maryland's roads and bridge improvement programs mirrored economic cycles. The first road improvement of the State Roads Commission was a 7 year program, starting with the Commission's establishment in 1908 and ending in 1915. Due to World War I, the period from 1916-1920 was one of relative inactivity; only roads of first priority were built. Truck traffic resulting from war related factories and military installations generated new, heavy traffic unanticipated by the builders of the early road system. From 1920-1929, numerous highway improvements occurred in response to the increase in Maryland motor vehicles from 103,000 in 1920 to 320,000 in 1929, with emphasis on the secondary system of feeder roads which moved traffic from the primary roads built before World War I. After World War I, Maryland's bridge system also was appraised as too narrow and structurally inadequate for the increasing traffic, with plans for an expanded bridge program to be handled by the Bridge Division, set up in 1920. In 1920 under Chapter 508 of the Acts of 1920 the State issued a bond of \$3,000,000.00 for road construction; the primary purpose of these monies was to meet the state obligations involving the construction of rural post roads. The secondary purpose of these monies was to fund (with an equal sum from the counties) the building of lateral roads. The number of hard surfaced roads on the state system grew from 2000 in 1920 to 3200 in 1930. By 1930, Maryland's primary system had been inadequate to the huge freight trucks and volume of passenger cars in use, with major improvements occurring in the late 1930's. Most improvements to local roads waited until the years after World War I.

In the early years, there was a need to replace the numerous single lane timber bridges. Walter Wilson Crosby, Chief Engineer, stated in 1906, "the general plan has been to replace these [wood bridges] with pipe culverts or concrete bridges and thus forever do away with the further expense of the maintenance of expensive and dangerous wooden structures." Within a few years, readily constructed standardized bridges of concrete were being built throughout the state.

In 1930, the roadway width for all standard plan bridges was increased to 27 feet in order to accommodate the increasing demands of automobile and truck traffic (State Roads Commission 1930). The range of span lengths remained the same, but there were some changes designed to increase the load bearing capacities. The reinforcing bars increased in thickness. Visually, the 1930 design can be distinguished from its predecessors by the pierced concrete railing that was introduced at this time.

In 1933, a new set of standard plans were introduced by the State Roads Commission. This time their preparation was not announced in the Report; new standard plans were by this time nothing special - they had indeed become standard. Once again accommodating the ever-increasing demands of traffic, the roadway was increased, this time to 30 feet. The slab span's reinforcing bars remained the same diameter but were placed closer together to achieve still more load capacity.

**When the bridge was built and/or given a major alteration, did it have a significant impact on the growth and development of the area?**

There is no evidence that the construction of this bridge had a significant impact on the growth and development of this area.

**Is the bridge located in an area which may be eligible for historic designation and would the bridge add to or detract from the historic/visual character of the potential district?**

The bridge is located in an area which does not appear to be eligible for historic designation.

**Is the bridge a significant example of its type?**

The bridge is a potentially significant example of a concrete slab bridge, possessing a high degree of integrity.

**Does the bridge retain integrity of important elements described in Context Addendum?**

The bridge retains the character-defining elements of its type, as defined by the Statewide Historic Bridge Context, including the slab, parapets, abutments, wing walls and piers.

**Is the bridge a significant example of the work of a manufacturer, designer, and/or engineer?**

This bridge is not a significant example of the work of a manufacturer, designer, and/or engineer.

**Should the bridge be given further study before an evaluation of its significance is made?**

No further study of this bridge is required to evaluate its significance.

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**SURVEYOR:**

**Date bridge recorded** 3/5/97

**Name of surveyor** Caroline Hall/Eric F. Griffitts

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Bridge Type Concrete Slab

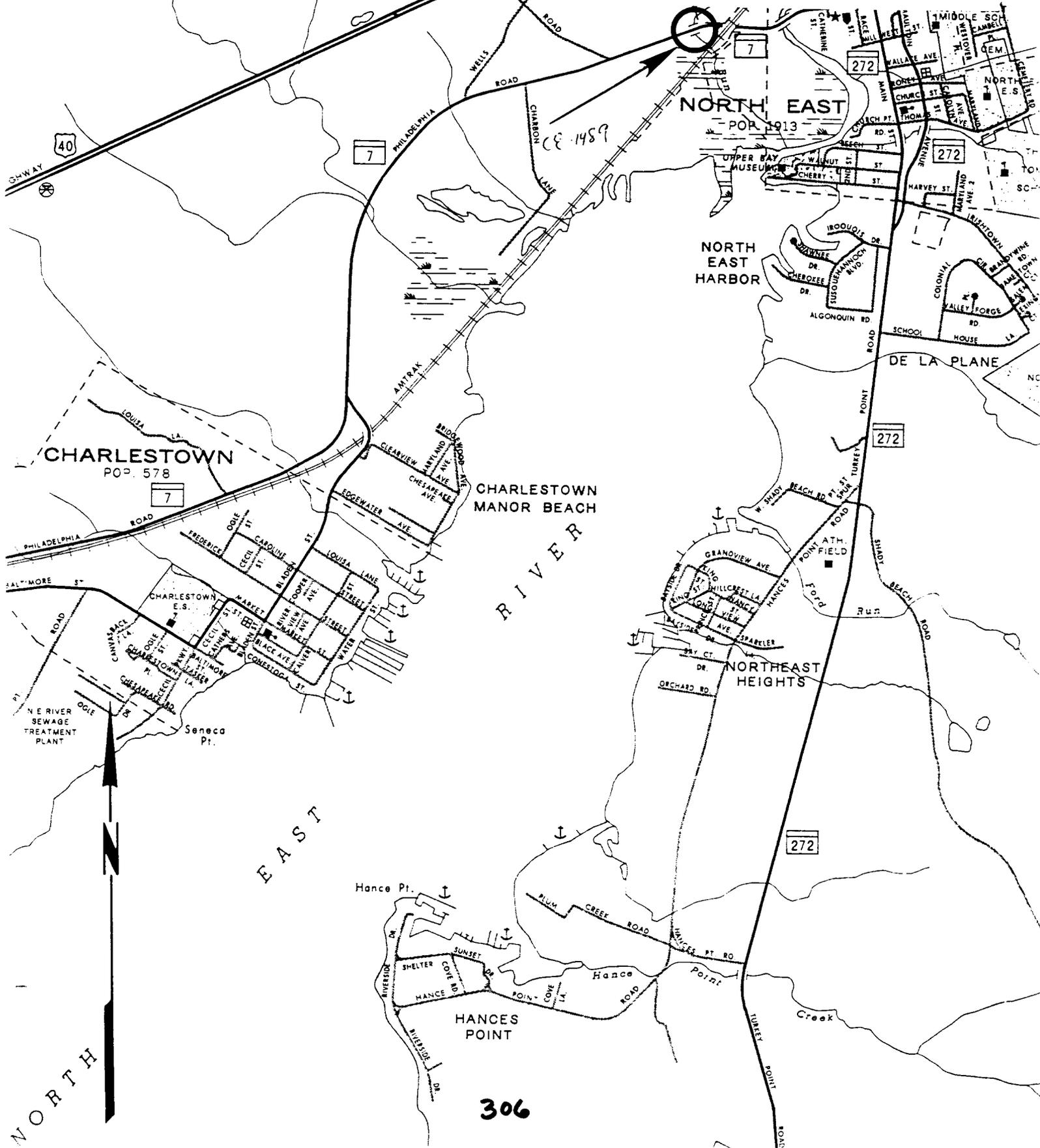
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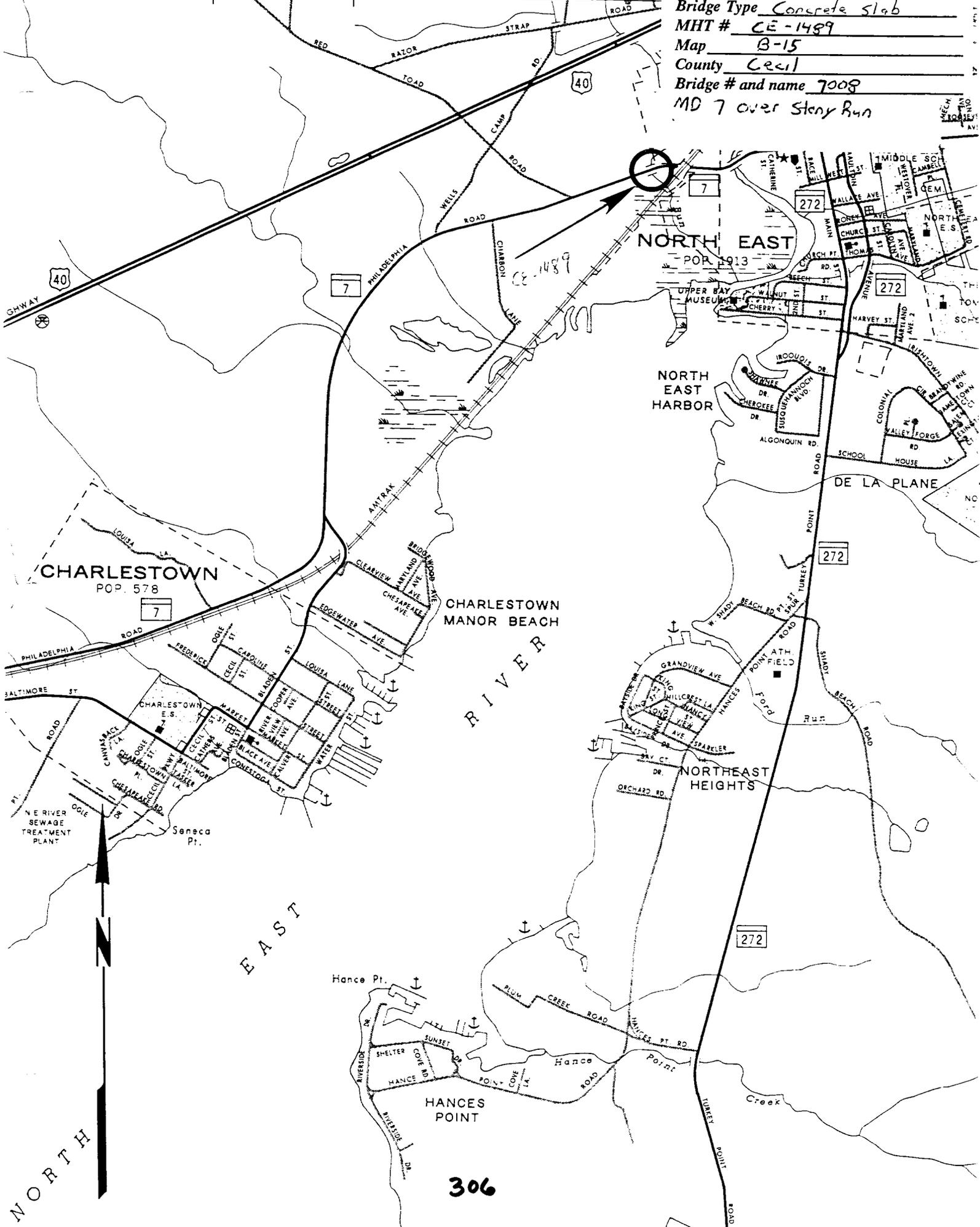
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CHARLESTOWN MANOR BEACH

NORTH EAST  
POP. 1913

NORTH EAST HARBOR

NORTHEAST HEIGHTS

HANCES POINT

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NORTH



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2. MD 7 over Stony Run (7008)
3. Cecil
4. Eric Griffiths
5. 3-97
6. MD SHPD
7. North Elevation of Bridge
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1. CE - 1489
2. MD 7 over Stony Run (7008)
3. Cecil
4. Eric Griffiths
5. 3-97
6. MD SHPO
7. Detail of Slab under Bridge
8. 2 of 6



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2. ms 7 over Stony Run  
(7008)
3. Cecil
4. ERIC Griffiths
5. 3-97
6. ms SHPO
7. South Elevation of Bridge
8. 3 of 6



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3. Cecil
4. Eric Griffith #5
5. 3-97
6. MD SHPO
7. Detail of condition + Patchy  
South Elevation
- 8 4 of 6



1. CE 1489
2. MD 7 over Stony Run
3. Cecil (7008)
4. Eric Griffiths
5. 3-97
6. MD SHPD
7. West Approach
8. 5 of 6



1. CE - 1489

2. MD 7 over Storm Run (7000)

3. Cecil

4. Eric Griffiths

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6. MD SHPO

7. East Approach

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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
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INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Bridge 7008 Survey Number: CE-1489

Project: MD 7 over Stony Run, Cecil County Agency: FHWA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

According to the information prepared by SHA, Bridge #7008, a four span concrete slab bridge constructed in 1931, does not meet the criteria for individual listing on the National Register. Bridge #7008 has no particular historical or engineering significance. By the time this structure was constructed, there were over 120 bridges of this type on the road system in Maryland. Numerous examples of similar bridges remain in the state. Bridge #7008 is not located in any known district.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
[Signature] 4/2/92  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

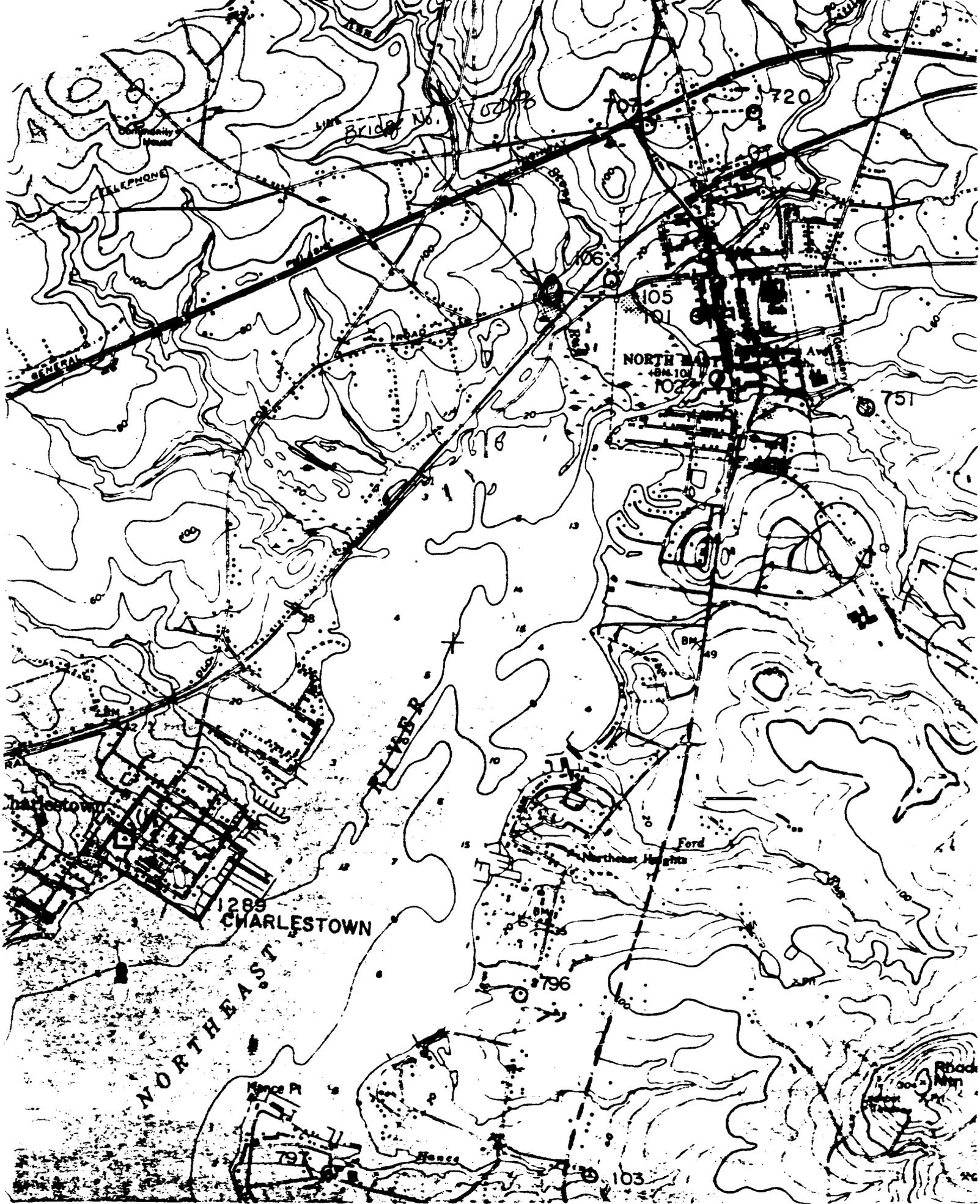
V. Resource Type:

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): transportation

Known Design Source: unknown



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