

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties number: SM-618.

Name: MD 242 over Locks 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 _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>  </u> C <u>  </u> D	Considerations: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>  </u> C <u>  </u> D <u>  </u> E <u>  </u> F <u>  </u> G <u>  </u> None
Comments: _____ _____	
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>

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MHT Number SM-618

SHA Bridge No. 18019 Name: MD 242 over Locust Run

**Location:**

Street/Road Name and Number: MD 242 (Coltons Point Road)

City/Town: Clements Vicinity X

County: St. Mary's

Ownership: X State    County    Municipal    Other

This bridge projects over:    Road    Railway X Water    Land

Is the bridge located within a designated district:    yes X no

   NR listed district    NR determined eligible district  
   locally designated    other  
Name of District

**Bridge Type:**

- Timber Bridge
  - Beam Bridge    Truss-Covered    Trestle
  - Timber-and-Concrete
- Stone Arch
- Metal Truss
- 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
- X Concrete
  - X Concrete Arch    Concrete Slab    Concrete Beam
  - Rigid Frame
- Other Type Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe Setting:**

Bridge 18019 carries MD 242 over Locust Run in St. Mary's County. MD 242 runs north-south over the eastern flowing Locust Run. The area immediately adjacent to the bridge has light residential development.

**Describe Superstructure and Substructure:**

Bridge 18019 is a single span filled concrete arch bridge. The length of the bridge is 47 feet with a clear span of 30 feet. The roadway width is 38 feet, with an overall bridge width of 44 feet 4 inches. The spandrel wall has a 2-inch cove molding around the arch and a 1-inch molding on the spandrel wall. The spandrel walls are approximately 10 feet high and 15 feet wide. The bridge has a rise of approximately 5 feet from springline to the crown. According to a 1997 inspection report, the bridge is in good condition with a sufficiency rating of 90.3.

The sidewalk on the east side of the bridge is spalling along the top outer edge approximately 20 feet from the south end with no reinforcement bar showing. Also, at each corner there is a section of concrete missing at the end of the curb where a steel guardrail may have been mounted. The concrete arch has fine scattered map and transverse cracks with some very light efflorescence. There is a spall at the corner of the southeast retaining wall, which is unchanged. There are scattered small spalls throughout up to 6 inches in diameter and 3/8 inch deep. The spandrel walls have scattered fine vertical cracks, and most have light efflorescence and a few chipped spots along the edges.

The original parapets were removed and the new metal railings were added in 1949. The rails are in good condition except for light spot surface rust on most of their length.

**Discuss Major Alterations:**

In 1949 the original open style parapets were removed in order to widen the bridge. On both the upstream and downstream sides of the bridge 7 feet of roadway was added. The arch ring was matched and molding strips were mirrored.

**When Built?** 1928, 1949

**Why Built?** Expansion of road system in St. Mary's County

**Who Built?** Southern Maryland Construction Company, Baltimore MD

**Who Designed?** State Roads Commission

**Why Altered?** Increased traffic load.

**Was this bridge built as part of an organized bridge building campaign?** Yes, this bridge was built by the State Roads Commission as part of its lateral road development.

**Surveyor Analysis:**

**This bridge may have NR significance for association with:**

- A Events       Person  
 C Engineering/Architectural

This bridge was determined not eligible by the Interagency Review Committee in June 1996.

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

The development of lateral roads within the state of Maryland was funded by a gas tax. One-and-one-half cents out of the total tax of 4 cents per gallon was set aside for the use by the counties for the construction of new lateral roads or those road connecting with or feeding into a main highway. The continued expansion and improvement of the road between Clements and the surrounding county qualified for lateral road funds. Bridge 18019 replaced a pre-existing structure on the same alignment. A temporary timber structure was built to divert traffic.

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

No, this bridge is not located in an area that is eligible for historic designation.

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

No, this bridge is not a significant example of its type. The widening and the removal of the parapets have created a structure that no longer represents a concrete arch bridge designed by the State Roads Commission.

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

No this bridge does not retain integrity of its character defining elements. The original spandrel walls have been covered over with the new arch section. The original barrel has been widened and encased. The wingwalls and the abutments are either gone or compromised. The original parapets were replaced.

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

No, this bridge is not a significant example of the work of a manufacturer, designer, or engineer.

**Should this bridge be given further study before significance analysis is made and why?**

No. this bridge should not be given further study.

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**SURVEYOR:**

Date bridge recorded  December 1997

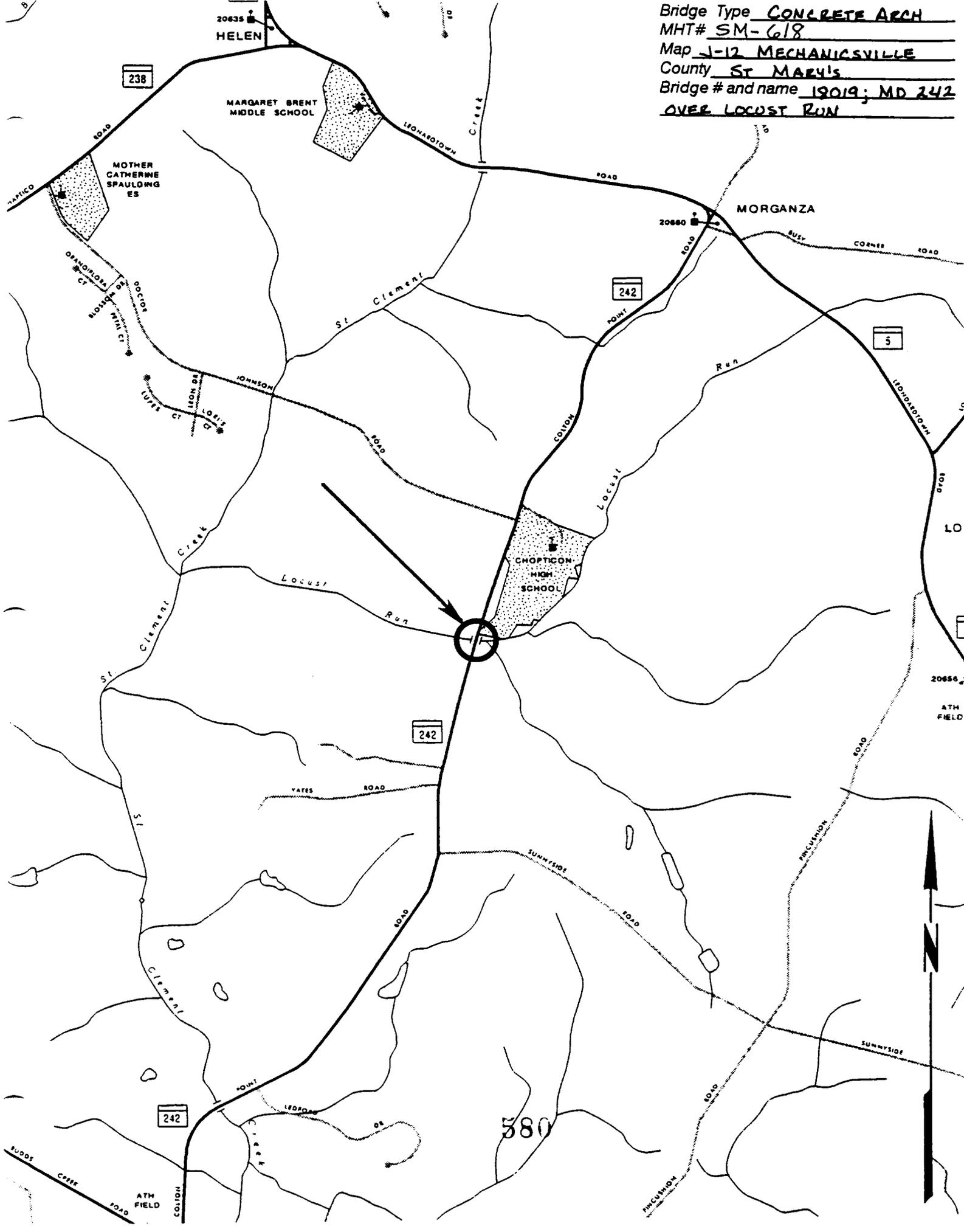
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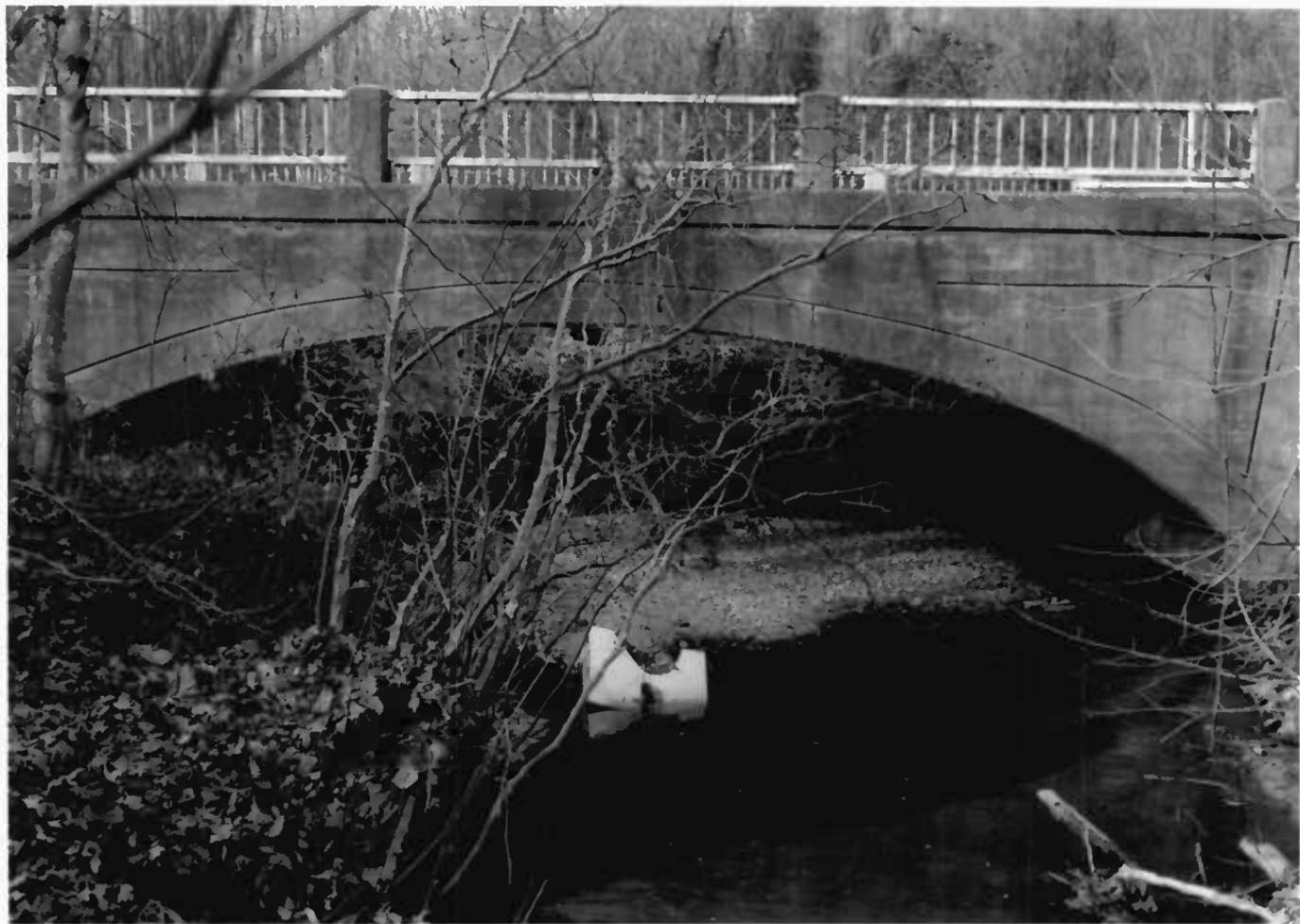
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Bridge Type CONCRETE ARCH  
MHT# SM-618  
Map J-12 MECHANICSVILLE  
County ST MARY'S  
Bridge # and name 19019; MD 242  
OVER LOCUST RUN





1. SM-618
2. MD 242 over Locust Run
3. St. Mary's Co., MD
4. Wallace, Montgomery & Assoc.
5. 12/97
6. MD SHPO
7. Elevation looking upstream
8. 1 of 4



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6. MD SHPO
7. Elevation looking downstream
8. 2 of 4



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6. MD SHPO
7. Looking Northeast
8. 3 of 4



1. SM-618
2. MD 262 over Locust Run
3. St. Mary's Co., MD
4. Wallace, Montgomery & Assoc.
5. 12/97
6. MD SHPO
7. Looking Southwest
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