

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes       
no     

Property Name: Gadsby Run Masonry Arch Railroad Bridge Inventory Number: ~~42~~ BA-3106  
 Address: CSXT Milepost BAA 6.5; HDR Sta. 730+50; Bridge 9-A City:                      Zip Code: 21227  
 County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Relay  
 Owner: CSX Transportation Is the property being evaluated a district? no  
 Tax Parcel Number:                      Tax Map Number:                      Tax Account ID Number:                       
 Project: CSXT Capital Subdivision Improvements Agency: Federal Transit Administration  
 Site visit by MHT staff: X no      yes Name:                      Date:                       
 Is the property is located within a historic district?      yes X no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number:                       
 NR-listed district      yes Eligible district      yes Name of District:                       
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource      yes      no Non-contributing but eligible in another context      yes

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)* Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes      no

Criteria: X A      B X C      D Considerations:      A      B      C      D      E      F      G      None  
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*  
 This 15'-wide, 65'-long single span masonry arch bridge was likely designed by Benjamin H. Latrobe, Jr. for the initial construction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's Washington Branch 1832 -1835. Constructed of granite masonry, the bridge's semicircular arch has a radius of 7.5'. The bridge continues to carry railroad traffic over a creek named Gadsby's Run.

Although CSX Transportation is unable to locate original historic documents pertaining to this structure, more recent, unreferenced CSXT records show a construction date of 1875. This is likely, however, to be incorrect, and is instead either the date of the last lateral widening of the bridge the application of a parge coat on the structure's exterior.

It is more likely, based on style and the use of rough-faced granite masonry, that this bridge was constructed during the original construction of the B&O's Washington Branch. Previous alterations, including the lateral expansion of the bridge structure to carry additional track, have not significantly affected the historic appearance or function of this bridge.

Likely designed by Benjamin H. Latrobe, Jr., the Gadsby's Run masonry arch bridge is associated with the building of the earliest common carrier railroad lines in the United States (the B&O), and represents one of the first applications of stone arch

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Eligibility recommended <u>X</u>	Eligibility not recommended <u>    </u>
Criteria: <u>X</u> A <u>    </u> B <u>X</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
MHT Comments	
<u>Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>08/02/02</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>8/9/02</u> Date

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bridge technology to carry rail traffic in the United States. It is eligible under Criteria A and C for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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Figure 1: Gadsby Run Railroad Bridge, looking north.

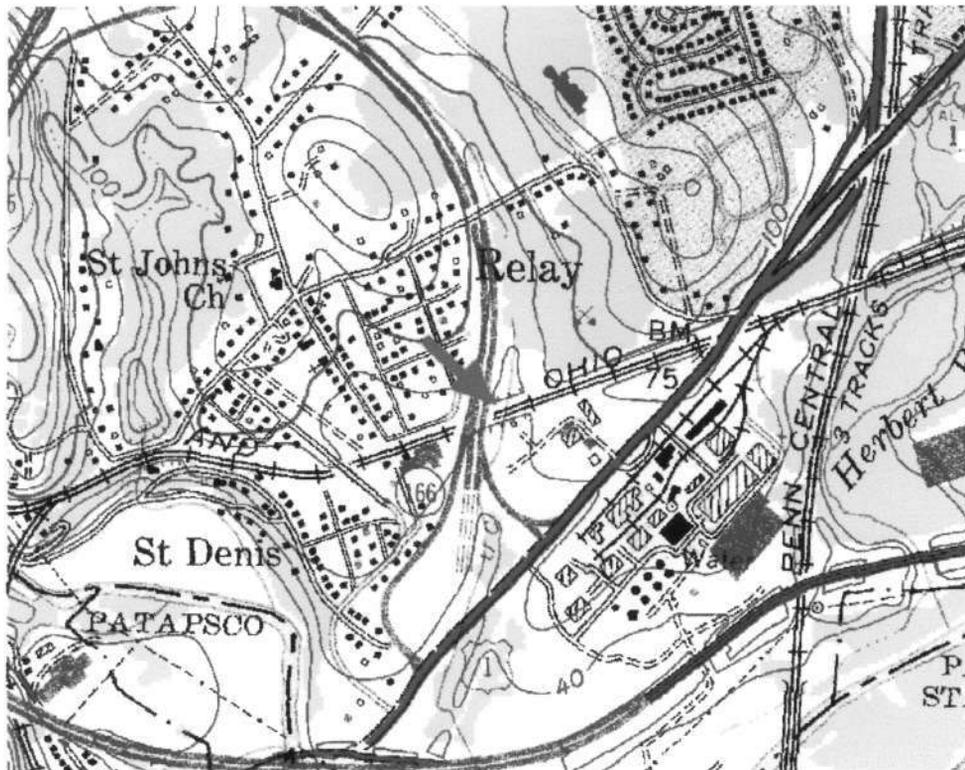


Figure 2: USGS Relay 7.5' Quadrangle Map showing property location.

**CSXT Capitol Subdivision Improvements**



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