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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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NAME

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HISTORIC
B & O Bridge, Antietam Creek

AND/OR COMMON
Long Bridge

LOCATION

Chessie System Harpers Ferry - Hagerstown Spur Line
over Antietam Creek northwest of Keedysville

STREET & NUMBER

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Keedysville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Sixth

STATE
Maryland

CODE
24

COUNTY
Washington

CODE
043

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED-abandoned	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: abandoned

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

The Chessie System (Mr. John W. Hanifin, President)

STREET & NUMBER

2 North Charles Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21201

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This timber trestle carries the Washington County branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, now part of the Chessie System, over the ravine formed by the Antietam Creek northwest of Keedysville, Maryland.

The Washington County branch of the B & O is a spur which extends from Weverton at the main line on the Potomac River for 24 miles to Hagerstown. Construction of this section of railroad was completed in November of 1867.

The wooden bridge, approximately 400 feet in length, is supported by a series of timber bents resting on concrete sills. The structure is joined with metal bolts. Abutments and piers are of coursed stone. It would appear that most or all of the original wooden timbers have been replaced.

Although this spur line has been abandoned in recent years, the bridge is, at present, in good condition.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES C. 1867

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The timber trestle which carries the Washington County branch of the B & O Railroad between two bluffs flanking the Antietam Creek is significant for its architecture, for the engineering expertise it displays and for its contribution to commerce, communications and transportation in Washington County for over 100 years.

Nearly 400 feet in length, the trestle is known locally as one of the longest bridges on the B & O Railroad. It is unique in that it is believed to be the only timber trestle or "western type", bridge in Maryland and possibly in the eastern United States.

Sometimes called "Long Bridge" the structure is part of a spur line which branched from the main B & O Railroad at Weverton near Harpers Ferry, W. Va. Although a route was proposed from Harpers Ferry to Hagerstown shortly after the B & O opened its line along the Potomac River in 1834, the spur was not opened until after the Civil War. The track was first used on November 22, 1867, for a consignment of wheat sent to Baltimore. Prior to the opening of the Washington County Branch there was no direct rail service from Hagerstown to Baltimore. It was an important asset to farmers and manufacturers in Washington County who depended on rail transport of the crops and products.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland. Philadelphia, Pa.: Louis H. Everts, 1882.
 Williams, T.J.C. History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md.: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	266720 ⁶⁸⁰	437600 ⁰³⁰	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

August 1976

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

John N. Pearce 4/19/77
SHPO DATE

TITLE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Robert B. Rettig DATE 11/23/77
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: *[Signature]* DATE 11/17/77
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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