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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC **

UNION BRIDGE STATION, WESTERN MARYLAND RAILWAY COMPANY

AND/OR COMMON

Western Maryland Railway Historical Society, Incorporated

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

north end of Main Street

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Union Bridge

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

__ VICINITY OF
CODE

24

COUNTY

Carroll

zipcode

21791

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Western Maryland Railway Company

(see continuation sheet)

STREET & NUMBER

Elgin Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

zipcode

21740

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New County Office Building

STREET & NUMBER

225 North Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

zipcode

21157

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Union Bridge Station of the Western Maryland Railway Company is located on the north end of Main Street, Union Bridge, Maryland.

The station's two main buildings are arranged with their south facades lengthwise fronting the railroad tracks. Midway between them is a small, square-shaped, wood-frame baggage room. The shed-style platform roof, supported with ornamental scroll brackets, limestone braces, and pendants, connects all three buildings.

The two main buildings are seven bays long and two bays deep. Executed in American common bond, they rest on patterned ashlar foundations with a smooth granite water table. Both have inside end chimneys and pitched roofs covered with silver glazed tile known as "fox tile."

The old office building, situated along Main Street, is two and one-half stories, rectangular-shaped, and based on a central hall plan. Its south facade has a five-panel door in the central bay with wood molded trim and a three-light transom. On each side of the door are three bays of windows; the central window is slightly wider than its two adjoining windows. The windows are trimmed with flat gauged brick arches with white limestone keystones. This trim continues around the building on the two first floor windows on both the east and west facades. The north facade's seven windows, which are arranged in the same manner as those on the south facade except for an undersized window in the central bay, have gauged brick keystones in the brick arches. A belt course of brick distinguishes the division between the first and second floors. The south and north facades on the second floor have three bays: a central window flanked by windows with sidelights and ornamental scrollwork on the muntins. The second floor of the east and west facades has a window in each bay. The upper trim for these second floor windows is the smooth unadorned frieze of the entablature, which has a molded cornice. The gable ends have an architrave cornice and a window of three round-headed openings trimmed with segmental brick arches.

The second building is one and one-half stories and is a variation of a cross-shape. It functioned as the passenger depot and has two waiting rooms, therefore it has two entrances on each of the major facades and a central passage connecting them. The south facade has a central projection on the main floor containing a seven-bay window. Symmetrically placed on each side of this projection is a three-panel door with three-light transom and a window with the flat gauged brick arches and limestone keystones. Above is a gable in the roof which has an arrangement of three windows with an elliptical window above them, all ornamented with the keystone arches, the elliptical window having four keystones. The north facade has a central pavilion with beltwork quoins and a triangular pediment. The main story of this projection has three windows. In the pediment is the same window arrangement as the gable in the south facade. The rest of this facade has a door and window arrangement that also corresponds to that of the south facade. The east and west facades contain two windows with the flat arches and keystone trim. The gable ends

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Union Bridge Station
Carroll County,
Maryland

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OWNER OF PROPERTY

Western Maryland Railway Historical Society, Incorporated
c/o Chip Kraft, 5 East Broadway
Union Bridge, Maryland 21791

7. DESCRIPTION, continued

have semi-circular openings with segmental brick arches with limestone keystones. The building has beltwork quoins and a dentil cornice.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1902

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1902, Union Bridge Station is representative of the rural railway stations constructed during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The style and fabric of the structure are typical of the eclectic ideas found in the architecture of that period. For example, the passenger depot displays elements of the Greek Revival style, but is overtly transformed by the Victorian influences found on both buildings. Relatively unchanged from the time it was built, Union Bridge Station is a statement of the tastes of a prior generation.

The Union Bridge Station played an important role in the development of the surrounding countryside. The larger building at the station served as the main offices of the Western Maryland Railway Company. This not only brought jobs to the area, but the station also performed essential services for the businesses and farms and concentrated economic and social activity in Union Bridge. The railway's effect on Union Bridge serves as an example representative of the railway's asset to the nation and its significance in the growth of the country.

Presently the passenger depot functions as the local office of the Western Maryland Railway Company. The old office building has been purchased by the Western Maryland Railway Historical Society, Incorporated. The Society, organized in 1967, has an extensive collection of railroad artifacts and memorabilia and is currently working towards gaining larger public contact through summer visiting hours and a quarterly publication, the "Blue Mountain Express."

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Baltimore, Maryland, 1940.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Joseph M. Getty, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

Carroll County Committee, Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

January, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

210 East Main Street

TELEPHONE

(301) 374-2605

CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

zipcode

21157

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 M. Pearce 7/16/76

TITLE

State Hist. Pres. Officer

DATE

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

Noting
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

11/9/76

ATTEST:

W. M. ...

DATE

11/21/76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER