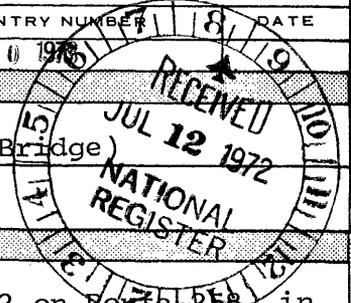


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1. NAME

COMMON:
Ashland Bridge (Joint nomination with Wooddale Bridge)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
5 of D. Over Red Clay Creek, 200 yards south of Route 82 on Route 258, in

CITY OR TOWN:
Ashland

STATE: Delaware CODE: 10 COUNTY: New Castle CODE: 003

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Department of Highways and Transportation

STREET AND NUMBER:
Administration Building

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
A List of Delaware Heritage Buildings and Areas

DATE OF SURVEY: 1963 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Greater Wilmington Development Council

STREET AND NUMBER:
300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1320

CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ashland Bridge is a covered wooden structure that crosses the Red Clay Creek several miles south of Yorklyn. The approach to the bridge is walled with stone, and the abutments on each bank also are of stone. The bridge itself is entirely of wood. Above the timber deck, a timber truss supports the sides and walls. The roof has five trusses, and is covered with wooden shingles. The span measures about 54 feet, and is 15 feet wide; clearance is 11 feet 3 inches, and the total height of the enclosure is about 16 feet. The end posts of the bridge are decorated in a form that is vaguely reminiscent of Egyptian columns; they probably represent a naive attempt at classic embellishment. The exterior of the bridge is painted red, while the interior is white. Graffiti have defaced the paint, but otherwise the bridge is in good condition.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

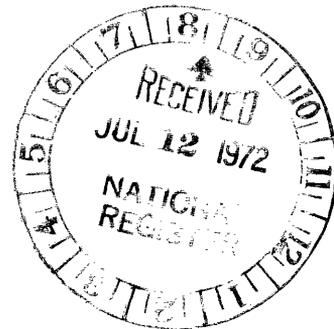
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ashland Bridge over Red Clay Creek is believed to have been built between 1850 and 1865. It is a plank-pin bridge, so called because it is built of planks secured with hardwood pins.

Covered bridges once were common in northern New Castle County, but only the Wooddale and Ashland bridges remain. Sketches and specifications for covered bridges survive from the eighteenth-twenties in New Castle County records, but neither of the surviving Red Clay Creek bridges has been identified among the known covered bridges of that period. Because these two structures bear no date-stone or other markings, it may be impossible to determine their construction dates.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wilmington Morning News, January 31, 1934, page 8.

Wilmington Evening Journal, September 10, 1963, page 28.

Allen, Richard Sanders. Covered Bridges of the Middle Atlantic States.
Brattleboro: Stephen Greene Press, 1959.

Town, Ithiel, A Description of Ithiel Town's Improvement in the Principle,
Construction, and Practical Execution of Bridges ... New York, 1839

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"		39° 47' 54"	75° 39' 40"	
NE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mr. Graydon Wood; Miss Rosemary Troy

ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs DATE: June 8, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins
Title State Liaison Officer

Date 6-30-72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert A. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/20/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3.1.73

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6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Historic American Buildings Survey

1965 Federal

Library of Congress

Washington, D. C.

