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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

OLD STONE ARCH BRIDGE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Jack's Creek Road off Route 22

--NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Derry Township

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

9th

STATE

Pennsylvania

-- VICINITY OF

CODE
42COUNTY
MifflinCODE
087**3 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 type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mifflin County

STREET & NUMBER

1 West Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Lewistown

-- VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Mifflin County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

1 West Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Lewistown

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1970

--FEDERAL STATE --COUNTY --LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

17 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

The 1813 bridge over Jack's Creek is a one span, semi-elliptical stone arch bridge with long and curving abutments. The total bridge is 123 feet 5" long and it is 20 feet from the waterline to the top of the arch. The width of the arch is 39 feet and the deck is 20 feet 9 inches wide. The bridge has been repaired in 1930 and 1957 but no changes were made to its original appearance.

PERIOD

- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SCULPTURE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- THEATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

1813

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Philip Diehl, Builder

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Stone Arch bridge over Jack's Creek in Mifflin County was built in 1813 by Philip Diehl. It is the oldest single span stone arch bridge in Central Pennsylvania. This fine bridge was built as part of the Harrisburg to Lewistown section of the Harrisburg to Pittsburgh Turnpike.

The first application for the construction of a turnpike in central Pennsylvania was in 1806. These petitions to the Legislature asked for a charter to construct a turnpike from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh along the Juniata River. On March 4, 1807, an act was passed incorporating the company with power to build a road from Harrisburg to Lewistown, it was later extended. The incorporators who lived in the territory were David Davidson, William Thompson, Dr. Ezra Doty, James Knox, John Brown, George McClelland, John Norris and John Bratton. The western end of the turnpike was built first and was completed in 1818. On May 14, 1821, subscription for the construction of the east end began. This section was completed in 1825. The completed road ran from Harrisburg to Clark's Ferry (Duncannon) through Millerstown, Thompsettown, Mexico, Mifflintown, the Long Narrows to Lewistown. It was later extended to McVeytown, Mt. Union and Huntingdon.

The Old Stone arch birdge became famous through the lithographic work of Currier and Ives who pictured the bridge in their works of 1860.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Mifflin County Quarter Sessions Docket E, p. 252, 1812.
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 History of that part of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys, embraced in
 the Counties of Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Union and Snyder. Vol. 1
 Philadelphia: Everts, Peck and Richards, 1886, p. 428-29.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.02
 QUADRANGLE NAME Lewistown, PA QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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E							F							
G							H							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(See Continuation Sheet)

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
Dennia Turnitsa / Susan M. Zacher

ORGANIZATION
Mifflin County Planning Commission / PHMC DATE

STREET & NUMBER
18-32 Juniata Street / Harrisburg TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Lewistown STATE
Pennsylvania

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

TITLE ED WEINTRAUB, Director DATE
Office of Historic Preservation

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

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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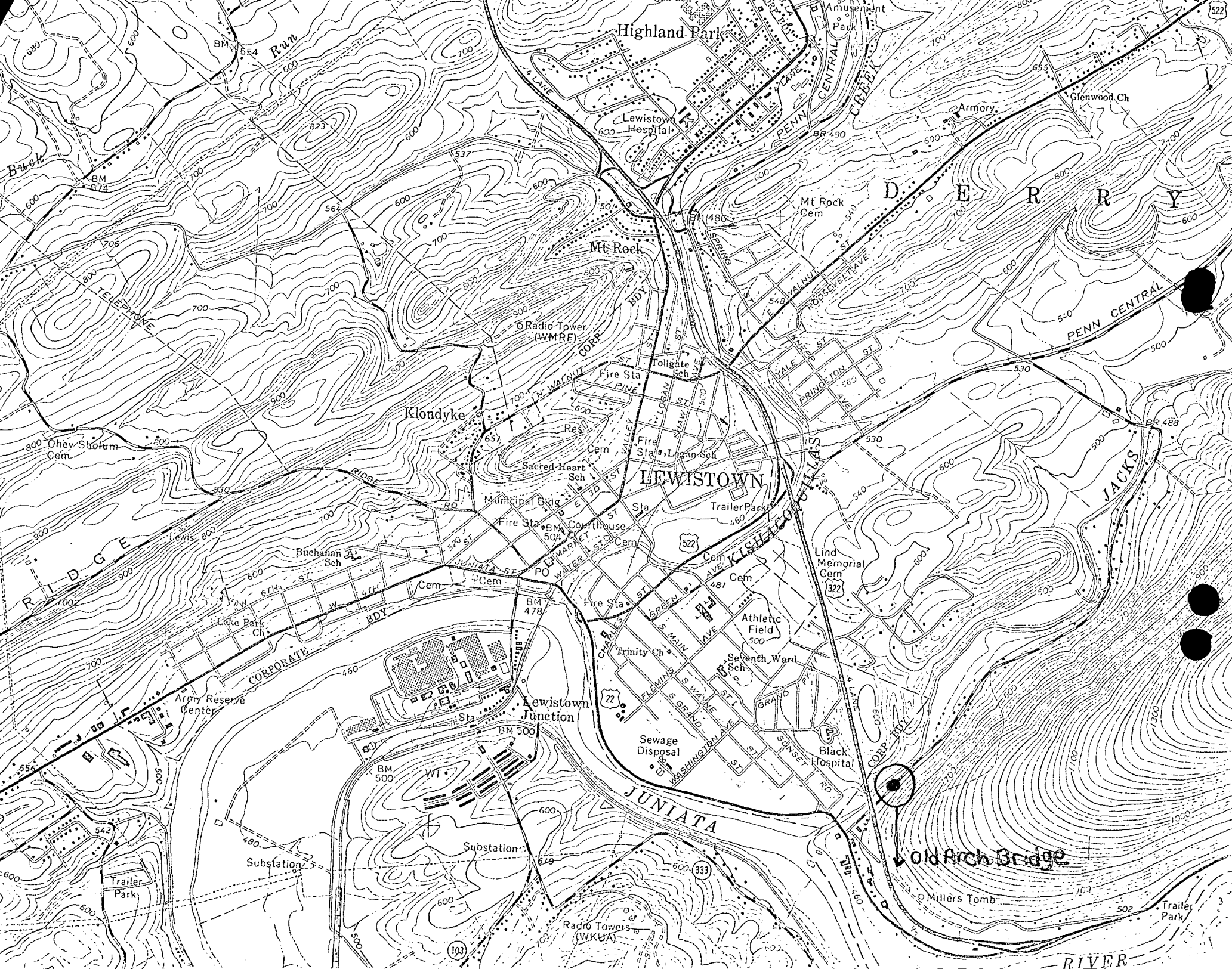
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OLD STONE ARCH BRIDGE, Mifflin County

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Starting at a point at the intersection of U.S. Route 22 and T315 then moving NW for 540 feet to U.S. Route 322 then NE for 75 feet then W for 270 feet then N for 35 feet cross Jack's Creek then E for 75 feet then NW for 105 feet then W for 330 feet to US Route 22 then S for 345 feet to starting point.



Highland Park

Mt. Rock

Klondyke

LEWISTOWN

Lewistown Junction

JUNIATA

Old Arch Bridge

RIVER

PENN CENTRAL

PENN CENTRAL

JACKS

TELEPHONE

RIDGE

CORPORATE

Substation

Substation

Radio Towers (WKUA)

PENN CENTRAL CREEK

Armory

Glenwood Ch

Lewistown Hospital

Mt. Rock Cem

Radio Tower (WMRE)

Fire Sta

Fire Sta

Municipal Bldg

Fire Sta

Buchanan Sch

Lake Park Ch

Army Reserve Center

PERGO

Fire Sta

Athletic Field

Seventh Ward Sch

Trinity Ch

Sewage Disposal

Black Hospital

Millers Tomb

Trailer Park

BM 654

BM 574

BM 1486

BR 488

BM 478

BM 500

BM 500

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