

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: Washington
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: "S" Sridge
AND/OR HISTORIC:

FOR DUPLICATING
USE THIS COPY

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
U.S. Route 40, six miles west of Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 26th

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Washington CODE: 125

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITIONS	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	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Washington County

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington County Courthouse, South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of Recorder of Deeds, Washington County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The remainder of the National Pike, S bridge is an S shape structure about 45' wide and about 130' long. Its construction consists of random and regular coursed ashlar and reliable masonry with a squared dressed cope stone at the top. The simple arch is formed by equal skewed voussoirs of equal size. The west end of the bridge had been demolished by the construction of the Route 40. However, the extant part of the bridge remains in good condition.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1818

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "S" Bridge was built to carry the National Road over a branch of Buffalo Creek.

The Old National Pike which extended through Washington County in 1818. The Pike was greatest American road project of the 19th Century. It had been conceived much earlier by George Washington who personally examined the area. Albert Gallatin, who lived on the east bank of the Monongahela and established his glass works at New Geneva, encouraged George Washington as to the feasibility of the road. Gallatin was later Secretary of the Treasury under Jefferson. It was Gallatin who exerted the political pressure on Jefferson to run the planned extension of the Cumberland Road (The National Pike) through Washington County. The road was basically finished in 1818 but the State of Pennsylvania did not officially open it until 1835.

There has never been a more important period in Washington County's history than the days of the National Pike. The roads most important function was for the delivery of the mail.

Because of Washington County's principal position on the highway, it was at the center of commerce and communication between East and West.

Taverns and inns naturally sprung up to accommodate the numerous stages and wagon trains.

Since the relocation of U.S. 40 the stone bridge is no longer in use. The state has made an improvised roadside park here, and pedestrians may yet walk over the brige. In early times the surrounding neighborhood was large enough to have a post office ("S" Bridge Post Office). Taverns were operated at either end of the bridge during the height of travel on the road. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has placed a roadside marker on U. S. 40 at the bridge.

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(Continuation Sheet)

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Significance continuation:

Teh S Bridge is more than just a picturesque remnant in landscape. It represents the oldest engineered structure in the County. Built in an era when a masonry block structure was still the strongest form of technology, and time permitted its tedious and most laborious construction, the "S" Bridge is a most valuable structure.

Because of its connection to the National Pike, it has more than regional importance. As one (of the) oldest structures in the region it must be counted among the important structures worth preserving. In comparison to the 1500 bridges in Pittsburgh, its early, simple form and construction acquire a new meaning.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stotz, Charles Morse, The Architectural Heritage of Early Western Pennsylvania
 Pittsburgh: Univ. of Pittsburgh Press, 1966

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	° ' "	° ' "		40° 08' 22"	80° 21' 00"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: James D. Van Trump, Landmarks Planning, Inc.

ORGANIZATION: Washington Cty. Overall Economic Development Program DATE: Summer, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: One South College Street

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 William J. Wewer
 Title Executive Director
Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

Date 11/3/75

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____
 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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"S" Bridge		
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Pennsylvania	Washington	Washington
STREET AND NUMBER		
Route 40, six miles west of Washington		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Washington County History & Landmarks Foundation	Summer, 1973	Washington County History & Landmarks Foundation

4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

1 Taken from east to west, on right side of highway

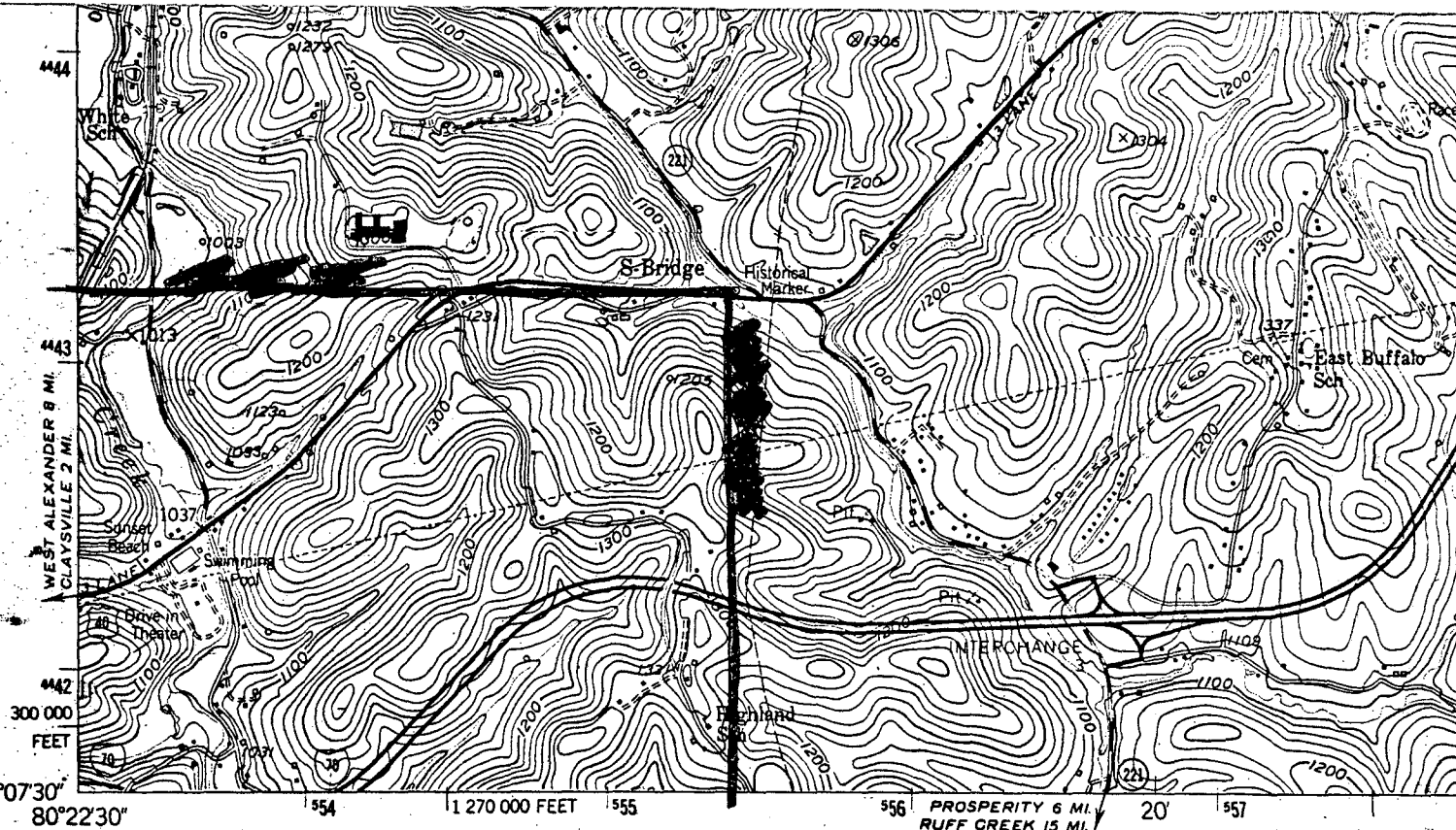
2 Detail of southeast elevation of bridge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM
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STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Pennsylvania	Washington	Washington
STREET AND NUMBER		
Route 40, six miles west of Washington		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
U.S.G.S., 7.5' Series Washington West	1960	1:24000

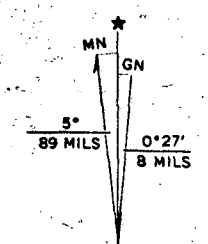
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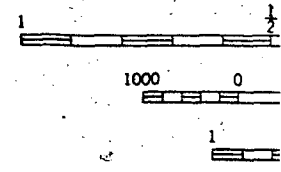
SW
 (CLAYSVILLE)
 4984 III SW

40°07'30"
 80°22'30"

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 Control by USGS and USC&GS
 Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
 Aerial photographs taken 1952. Field check 1954
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17
 shown in blue
 Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
 Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with
 State of Pennsylvania agencies from aerial photographs taken 1969
 This information not field checked



UTM GRID AND 1969 MAGNETIC NORTH
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



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