

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

1. NAME

COMMON: Burnt
John's ~~Burnt~~ Mill Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Camelback Bridge

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Twp. Rte. 428 Oxford at Mt. Pleasant Twp. Line

CITY OR TOWN:
Oxford Lower Conewago Creek, South Branch

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
19

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Adams CODE: 001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <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) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Adams County

STREET AND NUMBER:
Adams County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Gettysburg

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Adams County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse, Baltimore Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Gettysburg

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Construction survey (for replacement bridge)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Adams County Commissioners Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse, Baltimore Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Gettysburg

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

John's Burnt Mill Bridge is a triple arched stone bridge. It was built sometime between 1800 and 1823. According to classification, it is designated as a 'camelback' bridge, i.e. one that slopes upward from both ends reaching its apex above the central arch.

The bridge consists of three arches, the two end ones being approximately seven feet high and a central arch approximately nine feet high. This type of bridge predates the covered bridge. Its arches were constructed over wooden forms or frames which supported the arches until the keystone was set in place. The forms were then taken down and the arches remained free standing and unsupported.

Constructed of random course fieldstone, the main section of the bridge spans the creek, while the end sections on the creek bank flare out at slight angles. The main section of the bridge is capped with stone and the end sections are covered with mortar. Seven metal tie rods housed in circular metal shells give additional lateral support to the structure. Two stone ice breakers are built into the upstream side of the bridge between the central arch and the end arches.

In total length, the bridge is about 75 feet in length. The main section of the bridge measures 50 feet and the approaches are approximately twelve feet on each side. The bridge measures fourteen feet across. The wall of the bridge is about four and a half feet high.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pro-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) 1800 - 1823

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | osophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

John's Burnt Mill Bridge is a triple arched stone bridge constructed prior to the Civil War. Records at the Adams County Historical Society indicate that at one time there were nine such stone bridges in the County. All were constructed prior to 1825. Seven of these bridges have been razed with one remaining in the northern part of Adams County and John's Burnt Mill the only remaining vestige in southern Adams County.

The quality and type of construction of this bridge set it off both historically and architecturally. The method of building camel back bridges and method of forming the arches are forever given to the past. The durability of the bridge to floods, the elements and time speaks for itself and its builders. Little maintenance with the bridge itself has been required in the past 150 years.

The location of the bridge, in the vicinity of twelve stone houses dating before 1850, makes it especially representative of the stone architecture of a local area for a specific period of time. Local stone was used in all of the surrounding structures and their juxtaposition suggests the type of rural community, clustered about a mill, which existed in southern Pennsylvania in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The rustic value of the area surrounding the bridge, stone houses and stream give an imposing respect to the area, none of which could be retained with the destruction of the bridge or construction of a newer model.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Topper, Earl. Bicentennial of McSherrystown (1963). "Mishap at Camelback Bridge".

Riley, John Timon. Conewago: A Collection of Catholic Local History, Westminster: Christian Classics.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 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:
Charles Dunlevey - Student Aide

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. DATE: July 19, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg 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 Pa. Historical and Museum Comm.

Title Executive Director

Date _____

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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Date 9/19/74

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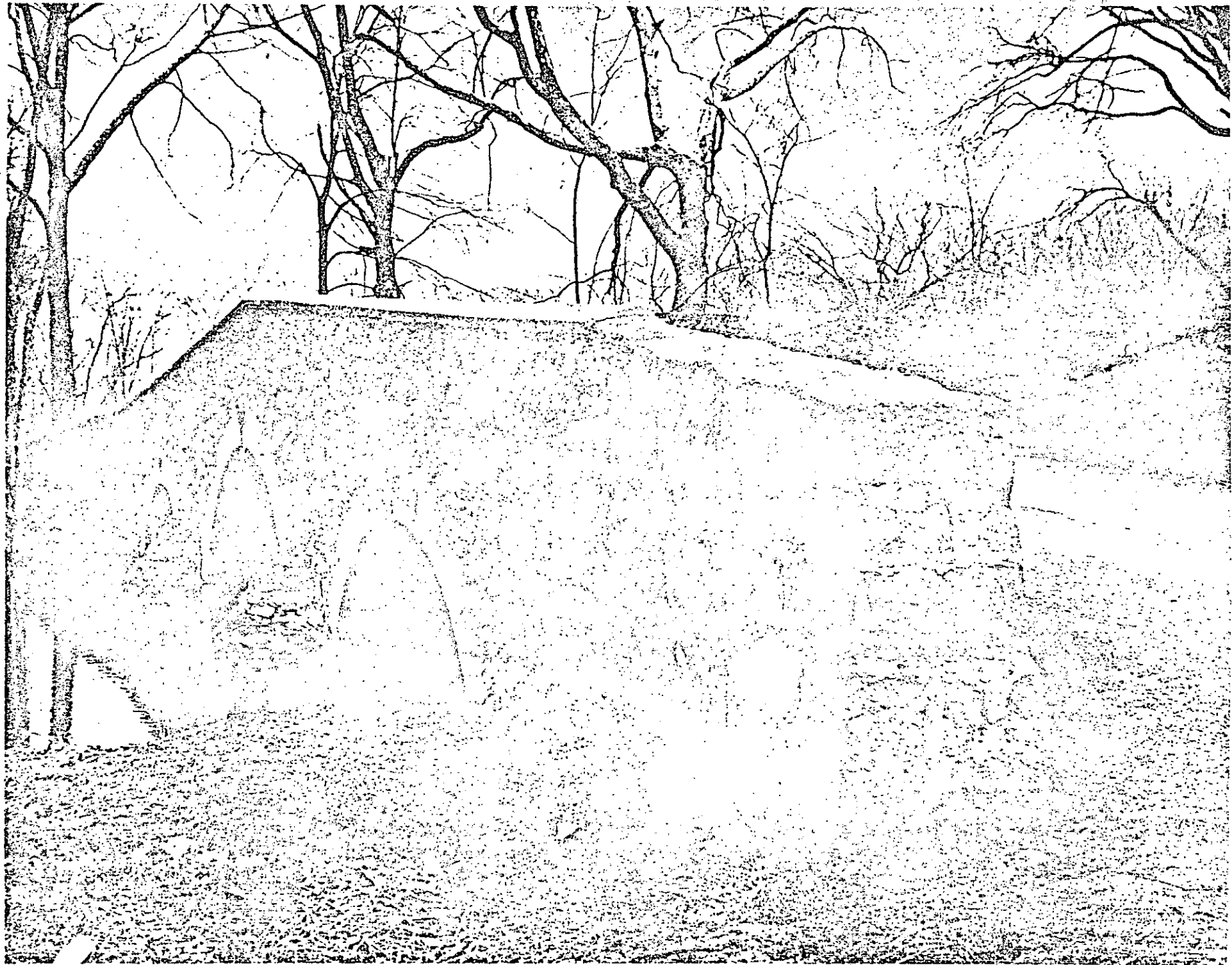
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ATTEST: _____

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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VILLE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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322

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NEWCHESTER

4415000m N

SEVEN STARS 10 MI.
GETTYSBURG 6.2 MI.

4413

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50'

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BONNEAUVILLE 1 MI.

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