

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Pennsylvania Railroad:Old Bridge over Standing Stone Creek

other name/site number: Conrail:Old Bridge over Standing Stone Creek

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2. Location

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street & number: South of Penn Street, between 1st and 2nd

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Huntingdon

vicinity: N/A

state: PA county: Huntingdon code: 061

zip code: 16652

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Structure (Bridge)

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
_____	_____	0 Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Industrial Resources of  
Huntingdon County

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register See continuation sheet.
determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
determined not eligible for the National Register
removed from the National Register
other (explain):

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Transportation Sub: Rail-Related
Current : Vacant/Not In Use Sub:

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Other

Other Description: stone arch bridge

Materials: foundation stone roof N/A
walls stone other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) :

Areas of Significance: 290 Transportation
110 Engineering

Period(s) of Significance: 1848-1892

Significant Dates : 1848 1849

Years of Alterations:

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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 9. Major Bibliographical References  
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See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # PA 061.015

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: PennDOT

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 10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property: less than 1 acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	17	753900	4485220	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

The nominated property consists of a 110 feet long by about 60 feet wide rectangle whose vertices coincide with the outside corners of the bridge's wing walls, and includes only bridge superstructure and substructure.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

The boundaries include the entire nominated structure.

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 11. Form Prepared By  
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DESCRIPTION OF APPEARANCE:

An abandoned 110-foot railroad bridge of four semi-circular stone arches parallels a road bridge of Penn Street and a later stone arch railroad bridge over Standing Stone Creek. The nominated bridge is located approximately 30 south of the road bridge and 50 feet north of the railroad bridge. The voussoirs and keystones of the ring courses are smooth-faced, while the remainder of the stone work is rock-faced. The top courses of stone and the rails are gone, and the top of the bridge is planted with forsythia and small shrubs. Overall the structure still retains integrity of material, location and setting.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The Pennsylvania Railroad constructed this stone arch bridge over Standing Stone Creek, at the eastern end of Huntingdon Borough, in 1848-49 when its first single track was laid through the county. Contracts for the sections through Huntingdon were let in May 1848, and the first train passed through to Huntingdon on June 6, 1850, with regular service commencing the following day. Railroad transportation service was extremely important to the local industries such as iron and flour. This bridge was abandoned in 1892, when the main line was relocated onto the former Pennsylvania Canal bed, just south of the original railroad alignment.

The old Standing Stone Creek Bridge is a good example of a nineteenth century multiple span stone arch bridge built by the Pennsylvania Railroad for their right-of-way. With its good integrity it is a fine example of the early bridge construction used by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

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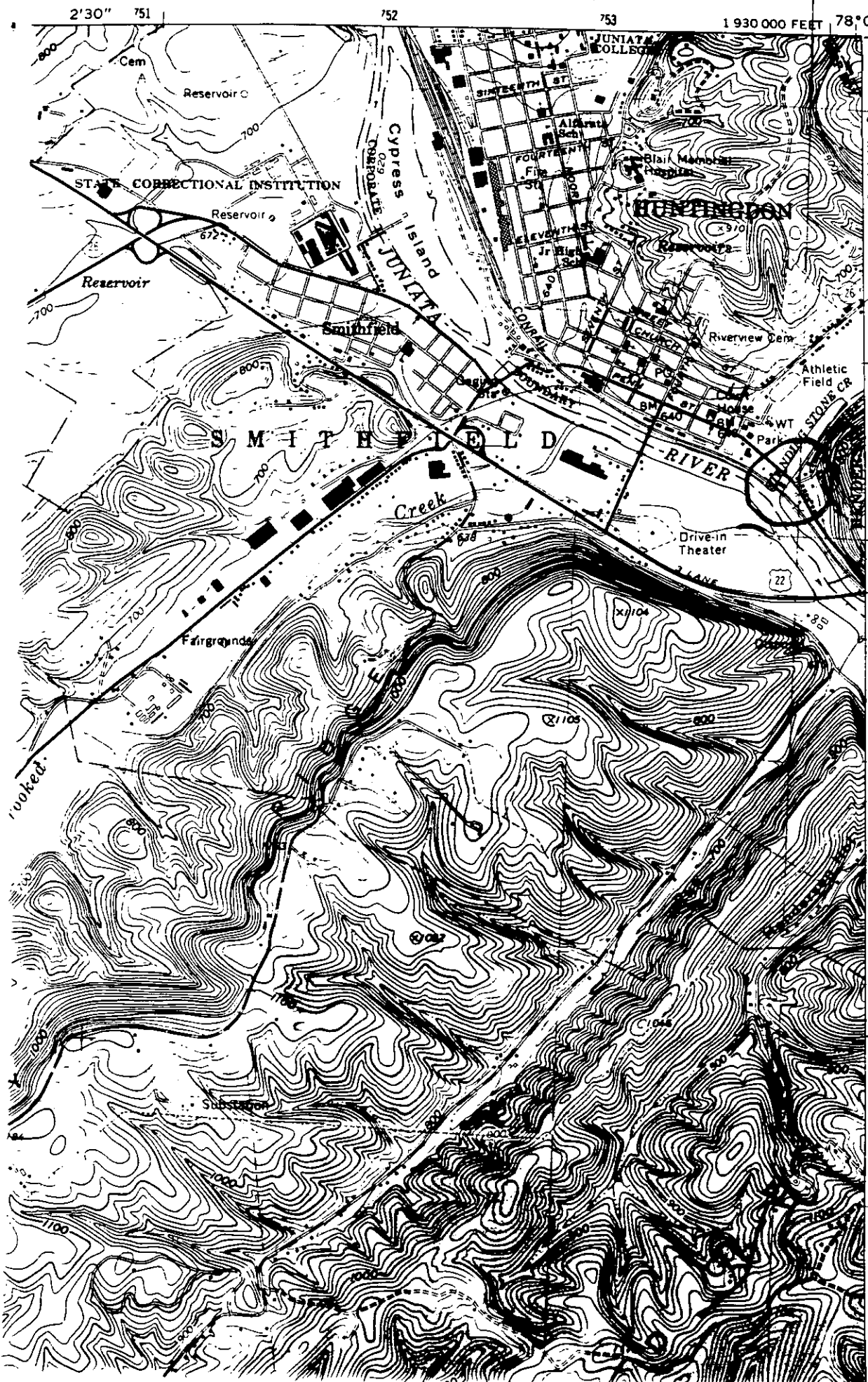
This nomination contains material taken directly from the unpublished report prepared in 1988 for the Historic American Engineering Record (see Bibliographical References).

The author of that report, Nancy Shedd, is a major contributor to the text of this nomination although not the preparer.



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7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

Scale in Feet  
(NONA TIONAL)



2'30" 751 752 753 1 930 000 FEET 78° 00' 40' 30"

4487  
CENTER UNION 4.4 MI  
ENNISVILLE 15 MI  
4486  
420 000  
FEET  
4485  
MILL CREEK 4.7 MI  
MOUNT UNION 11 MI  
4484  
4483  
27'30"  
4482

PRR Bridge over Lanes Creek  
Huntingdon Quad 404  
Zone 17  
E 4485050 N 78020

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