

HO-1015

Cattail Creek Stone Bridge

3200 block, Route 97, north of Burntwoods Road

Private

Description:

The stone bridge over Cattail Creek is located just east of Route 97 and about 1000 feet north of Burntwoods Road near Glenwood in west-central Howard County, Maryland. It is a single-span stone bridge with a culvert running through it, and the bridge runs perpendicular to Route 97. It has low, rubble stone side walls that are approximately 2 feet above the road surface and are topped by flat concrete copings. The road surface is earth and crushed gravel. The north elevation has two stone and concrete buttresses that flank the culvert and are set perpendicular to the north wall and splayed to funnel water toward the arched opening. Both of these buttresses have part of a concrete culvert passing through them. The south wall has a rubble stone wing wall perpendicular to it, on the east side of the culvert.

Significance:

The stone bridge over Cattail Creek was probably not connected with the old road to Westminster, but with the farm or farms on the east side of the road. The USGS quad map from the 1950s shows a farm lane in this location that crosses the stream and heads due east several hundred feet, then turns both north and south, giving access to a number of buildings. One of these clearly was the Mackall-Wolfe Farm (HO-902), but whether all of these buildings were one property, or several adjacent farms, is not clear. No earlier maps show this farm lane, and indeed, the 1878 Hopkins Atlas of Howard County Maryland does not indicate any buildings in the area served by the farm lane. The Mackall-Wolfe Farm had been part of Longwood (HO-8), and was cut off and new buildings constructed in the early twentieth century. Presumably, that is when the bridge was erected. It is a traditional rubble stone structure consistent with stone bridges from as early as the eighteenth century, but due to floods, development, and changing transportation, few such structures survive in Howard County.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-1015

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Cattail Creek Stone Bridge

2. Location

street and number 3200 block Route 97, north of Burntwoods Road __ not for publication

city, town Glenwood X vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Walnut Springs Nursery, Inc.

street and number 14812 Burntwoods Road telephone

city, town Glenwood state MD zip code 21738

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 3221 folio 476

city, town Ellicott City tax map 14 tax parcel 82 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				0	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates N/A **Architect/Builder** N/A

Construction dates c. 1900-1915

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .25 A
Acreage of historical setting 45.78 A
Quadrangle name Woodbine

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the Route 97 on the west, a line drawn perpendicular to the road east to the southwest corner of the pond, then moving due south to the fence line, then west along the fence to the road. This encompasses all of the historic structures on this portion of the property, which are well-removed from the other structures on this tract.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Ellicott City	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Woodbine quad

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Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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View looking northeast

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View looking southwest



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View looking northeast

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