

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE & HISTORY
THE CULTURAL CENTER
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

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CONTEXT *TRANS: RCH*

UTM Rg:

USGS Quad:

Neg Note:

Theme(s):

File No:

DISTRICT...SITE...BUILDING...STRUCTURE...OBJECT

1. NAME(S), historic/common: None assigned/

Old Bridge

2. LOCATION, street/road: 200' west of River Road

1 mile south of

city/town: Romney, WV

(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: Picnic, camping area

(public/private
restricted)

original: Bridge abutment

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Paul C. Williams Estate

Rt. 4 Bx. 2, Romney, WV

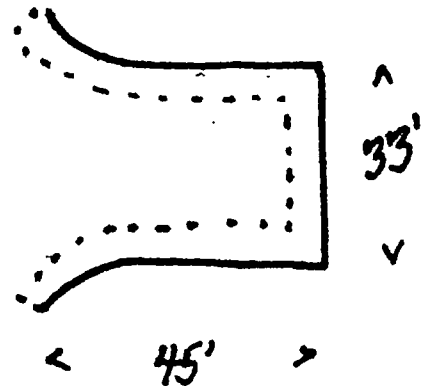
original: South Branch Toll Bridge Company (?)

Northwestern Turnpike

(public/private)

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT(map):

No. 15b on map

8. ACREAGE (approx):

$\frac{1}{2}$ acre

COUNTY: HAMPSHIRE

Survey Region: _____
Planning District: _____

NM

15b

a. Exterior Fabric

stone X Squared, edges
~~brick~~ drafted
 concrete _____
 stucco _____
 weatherboard _____
 clapboard _____
 board & batten _____
 shingle _____
 other _____

b. Structural System

masonry _____
 frame _____
 log _____
 metal _____
 other Rubble & earth
filled
 foundation stone

c. Roofing Material

wood _____
 metal _____
 slate _____
 tile _____
 asphalt _____
 composition _____
 other _____

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings _____
 dependencies _____
 other Pier footers in river bed
see photo

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated Orig. site
 alterations _____
 additions _____

f. Condition:

excellent _____
 good _____
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned X since 1936

g. Threats: Damage from tree roots

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

b. Style/Period: AD STYLEc. Date(s): after 1805
pre 1838

In 1805 the General Assembly of Virginia incorporated a company to build a toll-bridge over the South Branch River at Romney.

By 1830 the Northwestern Turnpike from Winchester was open as far as Romney, and was completed to Parkersburg in 1838.

This abutment dates from one of these events, and was vital to the area's economy until the flood of 1936.

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12. FORM PREPARED BY

a. Address

b. Organization

Eugene Williams

EUGENE H. WILLIAMS

RIVER ROAD

ROMNEY, WEST VA. 26757

DATE

9-84

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME Old Bridge

SITE # 14m-95 14m-0076

