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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Waterside Street Bridge  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number Waterside Street  not for publication N/A  
city, town North Little Rock  vicinity N/A  
state Arkansas code AR county Pulaski code 119 zip code 72114

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>1</u>	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Historic Bridges of Arkansas

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.

Cathryn A. Bradford 5-13-90  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
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 the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/ Road-Related/ Bridge

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/ Road-Related/ Bridge

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Closed-Spandrel Masonry

Deck Bridge

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Fieldstone

roof

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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### **Summary**

Located toward the eastern end of one of the scenic man-made lakes in the heart of the historic Lakewood subdivision of North Little Rock, the Waterside Street Bridge is a small, single-span masonry bridge faced with unfinished fieldstones.

### **Elaboration**

Like the Lake No. 1 Bridge at the opposite end of Lake No. 1 - all within the Lakewood subdivision of North Little Rock - the Waterside Street Bridge is a masonry, closed spandrel deck bridge faced with unfinished, uncoursed fieldstone. Unlike the Lake No. 1 Bridge, however, the smaller Waterside Street Bridge features a rectangular water channel beneath the roadway that is of much smaller scale. The top of the opening is ornamented with random-cut stone voussoirs. Low, raised stone parapets run along the roadway and are embellished with unfinished stones of random size which are cemented vertically to the tops of the parapets. A small, rectangular hole drains the road deck through the parapet wall above the center of the rectangular opening below.

The bridge allows Waterside Street to run over a small slough which fills only when the level of the lake rises during storms and heavy rainfall; the channel for the water runs perpendicular to the direction of the roadway. The Waterside Street Bridge is in good condition and is used for vehicular traffic.

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### Summary

Criteria A and C, statewide significance

Like the Lake No. 1 Bridge at the opposite end of the lake, the Waterside Street Bridge is a rare Arkansas example of a privately designed and constructed vehicular bridge. Built as a masonry bridge whose design followed a rural "Rustic" theme, it was an important part of what was then the most innovative residential development project in the state. Mr. Justin Matthews, a prominent local entrepreneur, financed the construction of the Waterside Street Bridge, as well as the Lake No. 1 Bridge (HAER No. AR-39), the Lakeshore Drive Bridge (HAER No. AR-52) and the Edgemere Street Bridge (HAER No. AR-40). As such, the Waterside Street Bridge is nominated under Criteria A and C with statewide significance.

### Elaboration

The Waterside Street Bridge is one of four documented masonry, closed spandrel deck bridges within the Lakewood subdivision of North Little Rock (all of which were constructed during the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department Era: 1923-1939) and the only bridge with a rectangular water channel. This trend-setting residential development project was conceived by Mr. Justin Matthews through his Metropolitan Trust Company of North Little Rock. Matthews was an influential and successful Arkansas businessman and entrepreneur, a past member of the Arkansas Highway Commission and a local residential developer. Seen for the first time in central Arkansas, his new and innovative ideas concerning landscape and recreational philosophy was realized with the construction of the Lakewood subdivision, which included an innovative system of recreational lakes, public sculpture, and open green spaces and parks. Lake No. 1 and its two bridges, the Lake No. 1 Bridge and the Waterside Street Bridge, were a part of his vision. It is likely that the Metropolitan Trust Company's design architect, Frank Carmean, designed the bridge in the rustic architectural theme that was so consistent throughout this development.

The Waterside Street Bridge also retains additional historical significance as a privately conceived, financed and constructed masonry bridge. The majority of masonry bridges constructed at this time were financed and supported with the aid of the federal government. In spite of his Arkansas Highway Commission connections, Matthews and his financial backers preferred to retain total control over both the character of the design and the scale and size of the roadway, keeping all within the larger scheme of this relatively natural yet planned subdivision.

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### Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line formed by the northern edge of Waterside Street with a perpendicular line running along the western end of the bridge, proceed northerly along said line to the intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern elevation of the bridge; thence proceed easterly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the eastern end of the bridge; thence proceed southerly along said line to the point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern elevation of the bridge; thence proceed westerly along said line to the point formed by its intersection with the perpendicular line running along the western end of the bridge; thence proceed northerly to point of beginning, comprising in all less than one acre.

**8. Statement of Significance**

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

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance

c. 1935

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

c. 1935

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A

\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Carmean, Frank

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See "Historic Bridges of Arkansas," Multiple Property Documentation Form, Section H.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acres of property Less than one

**UTM References**

A 15 568985 3849060  
Zone Easting Northing

B \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

C \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

D \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

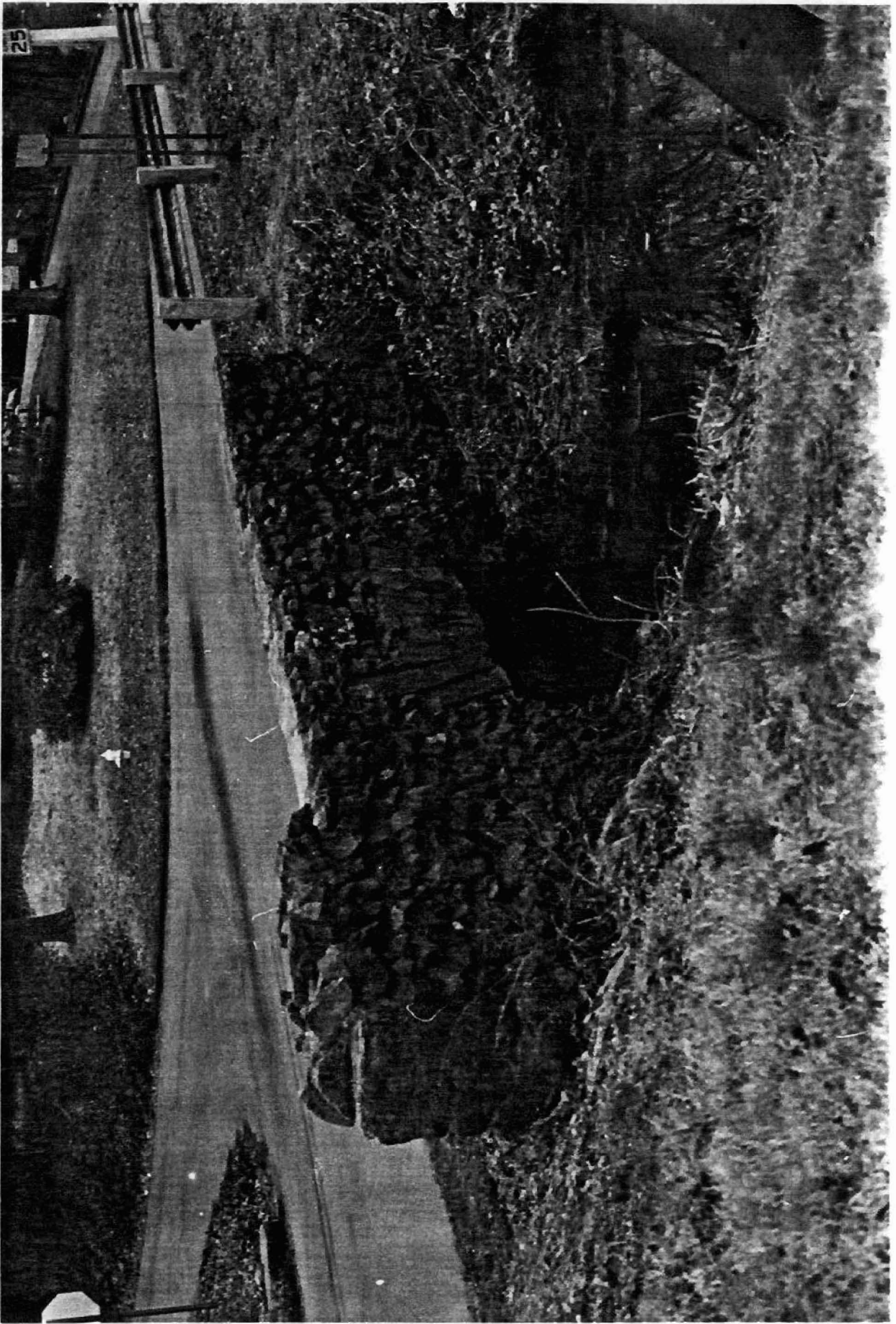
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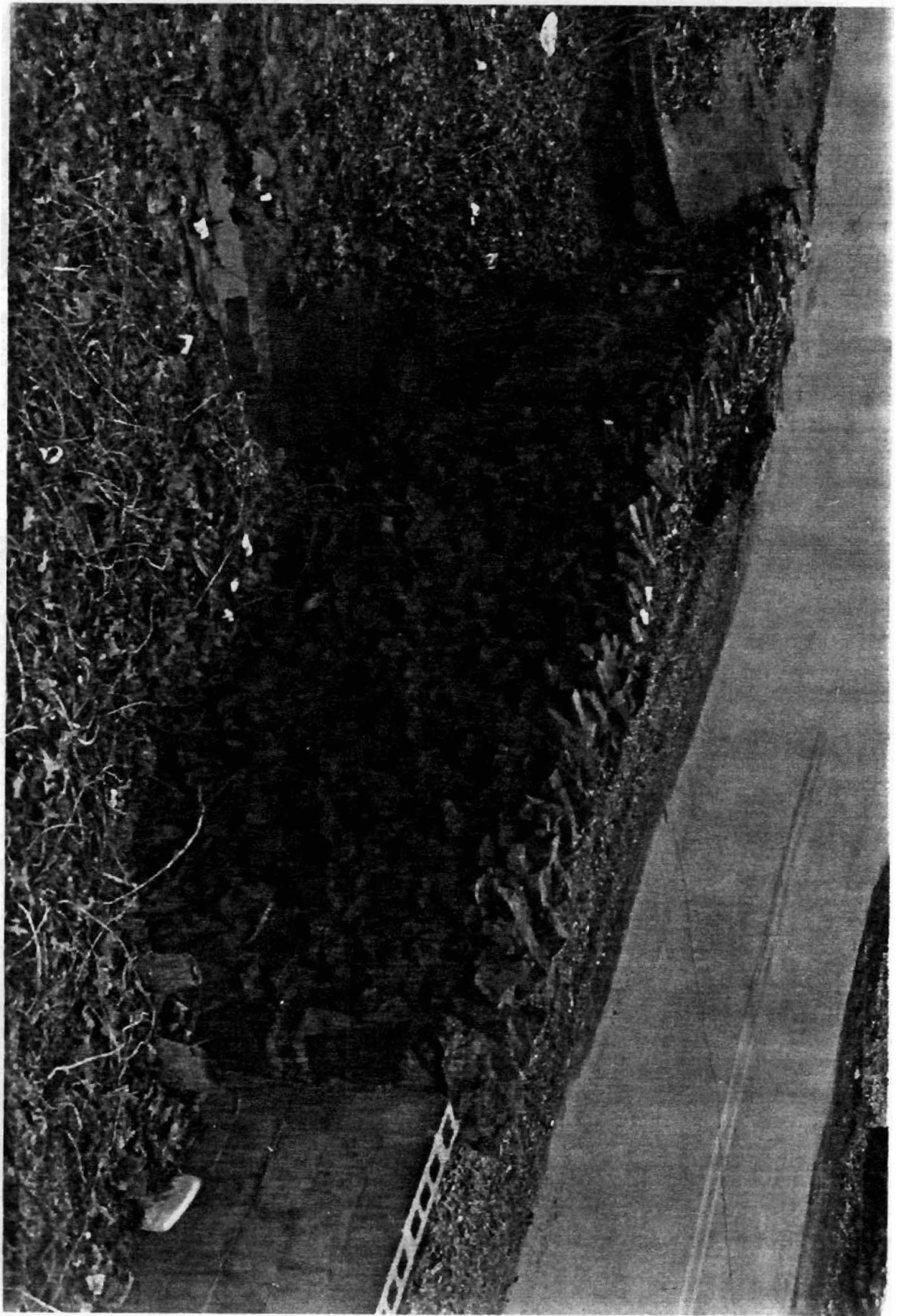
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North Little Rock, Arkansas  
 Pulaski County  
 15/568985/3849060  
 Mc Almont Quadrangle  
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Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Arkansas coordinate system, south zone (Lambert conformal conic). 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 15 1927 North American Datum.

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983, move the projection lines 7 meters south and 14 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks.

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State Reservations shown on this map. Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown. Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked.



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