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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

{Type all entries - complete applicable sections}

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Loudoun	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Broad Run Bridge and Toll House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Broad Run Bridge and To21 House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
At intersection of Rt. 7, Rt. 28, and Broad Run.

CITY OR TOWN:
(Sterling vicinity)

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: Loudoun CODE: 107

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Occupied Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Bridge

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Commonwealth of Virginia - Department of Highways

STREET AND NUMBER:
1401 E. Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURT HOUSE, REGISTRY OF WEEPS, ETC.:
Loudoun County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Leesburg STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #53-110

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Broad Run Bridge and Toll House are both stone objects of considerable simplicity. The bridge itself consists of a double span of arches supported by a central pier and massive abutments on either bank. Conical buttressing flanks the arches and squared-off buttresses support the stone walls on land. The asphalt-covered roadway rises at the center of the bridge span, and the low parapet walls which line this roadway connect to the stone toll house at the western end of the bridge on the south side. The simplicity of the original one-story, three-bay structure changed considerably after its enlargement by three wings, but the old walls are relatively intact. Little original interior fabric remains. The bridge is now owned by the Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Virginia, while the toll house is now a private residence.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On February 3, 1809, the General Assembly passed an Act Incorporating The Leesburg Turnpike Company for the purpose of building a road from Leesburg to the Little River Turnpike at Alexandria, or for at least ten miles in that direction. The road, which was to be fifty feet wide, was to be paved for only eighteen feet. In February, 1816, an Act creating a "Fund for Internal Improvement" established a fund to consist of shares, held by the Commonwealth, in various turnpikes, canals and banks, and of dividends received from such stock. Thus, the need for better inland communication to promote commerce and travel to the west was recognized by the government.

The work on the Leesburg Pike progressed slowly, but by 1822 the road had been completed to Dranesville, a distance of fourteen miles. One of the toll gates erected at this time may have been at Broad Run Bridge, 5½ miles east of Leesburg, which was constructed as part of the Leesburg Pike. There is reputed to be a stone with an 1820 date on the bridge, and this is a logical date of construction. At least three successive wooden bridges had been erected over Broad Run between 1771 and 1803, but these had all washed away. The stone bridge was in use until 1949 when it was replaced by a concrete and steel bridge.

By 1834 The Leesburg Turnpike Company found itself in debt due to decreased tolls and an increase in the cost of repairs. The flood of September, 1843, which washed away the bridge over Goose Creek, and the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal combined to doom the company. At the beginning of the Civil War, the road was abandoned as a toll road.

One of several stone bridges remaining in Virginia, Broad Run Bridge and Toll House are probably the only such extant combination. In addition to being such a unique survival, they form an extremely picturesque design which gains in interest, especially to contemporary eyes, by their strict functionalism and structural integrity.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Files of the Virginia Department of Highways. (Mr. E. W. Turner, Landscape Engineer)
 Osborne, Mrs. Frank, "Broad Run Bridge," Virginia Highway Bulletin (March 1949).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		39° 02' 47"	77° 26' 00"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 10 acres.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: November 13, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

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: Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
 Title: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Date: _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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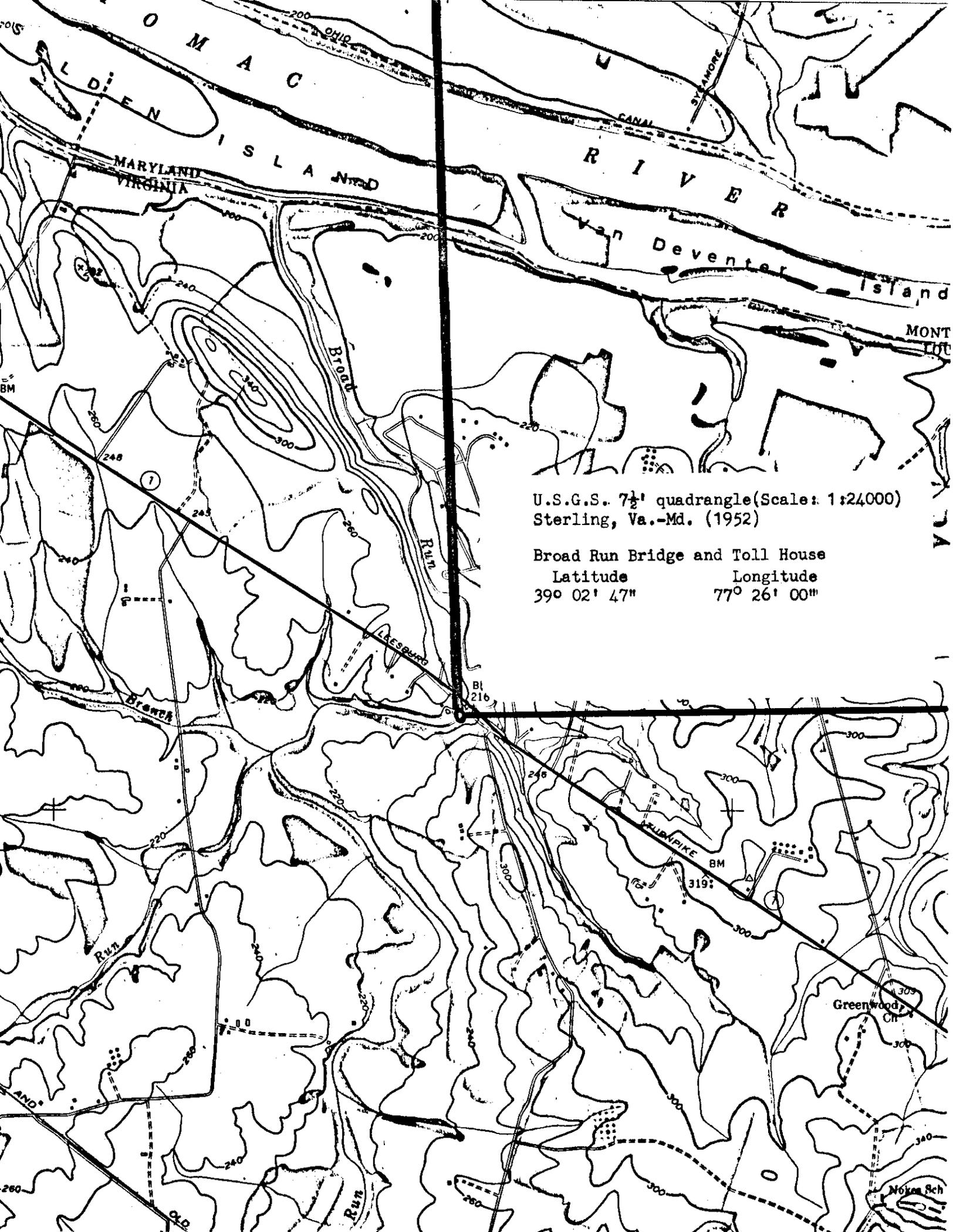
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4. James R. Eberly (owner of Toll House)
Route 1
Ashburn, Virginia



U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' quadrangle (Scale: 1:24000)
Sterling, Va.-Md. (1952)

Broad Run Bridge and Toll House
Latitude 39° 02' 47"
Longitude 77° 26' 00"