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Form 10-300
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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 DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Goose Creek Stone Bridge

AND OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
.2 miles northwest of Route 50 at Goose Creek

CITY OR TOWN:
Atoka vicinity

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Tenth (Joel T. Broyhill)

STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51** COUNTY: **Loudoun** CODE: **107**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<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"/> Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments bridge

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Douglas B. Fugate, Commissioner Virginia Department of Highways**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1401 East Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond** STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE 'LOC. ST' (OF DEEDS ETC):
Department of Highways

STREET AND NUMBER:
1401 East Broad Strait

CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond** STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1971** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
221 Governor Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond** STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

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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

The Goose Creek Stone Bridge is an early-nineteenth-century four-span turnpike bridge constructed of rubble fieldstone, with an over-all length of around 200 feet. The spans are in the form of segmental arches with the two eastern arches reinforced on their soffits by a layer of cast concrete. Framing each of the arches are demi-conical stone buttresses that extend the entire height of the bridge. Triangular buttresses support the ramp at the bridge's western end. Framing the two-lane roadway are low walls with a concrete slab cap. The bridge does not ramp upwards toward the center, but follows one continuous slope from its western end where it leaves the high bank above Goose Creek. The eastern two arches span the creek while the western two are over the bottom land.

Despite its lack of maintenance, the bridge is generally structurally sound, but in need of clearing and minor repair. The stonework has been completely repointed (probably more than once) and shows no major cracks or faults. A spreading of the bridge along its center line has been halted by metal tie rods anchored to somewhat unsightly scrap-metal braces.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" 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 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

The Goose Creek Stone Bridge survives as the largest and most scenically situated of the early stone turnpike bridges of northern Virginia. Although no longer part of the Highway system, the bridge is still owned by the Virginia Department of Highways. A new bridge serving the present U. S. Route 50 was constructed about one-eighth of a mile to the south in the 1950's; as a result the stone bridge has become a far more visible landmark than it was while in use. Nestled amid grazed bottom lands and wooded ridges, the stone bridge is a favorite scene for many motorists traveling through northern Virginia.

The exact construction date of the massive four-span structure has not been determined, but it could date from as early as 1810. An act of the General Assembly in that year authorized the Ashby's Gap Turnpike to be extended from the then western end of the Little River Turnpike through Ashby's Gap to the Shenandoah River. At that time the Little River Turnpike's western extremity was in the vicinity of Aldie, some ten miles to the east of the bridge. Were there not already a bridge across Goose Creek in 1810, one would have to have been built to accommodate the turnpike traffic.

The earliest documented reference to the Goose Creek Bridge is found in the Fifth Annual Report of the Board of Public Works (1820). It was reported that an Act of the General Assembly authorized the president and directors of the Ashby's Gap Turnpike Company to "collect at or near the Goose Creek Bridge, upon said Turnpike road for the use of the said bridge, and for the fractional part of a section of the turnpike road, the same tolls as for a whole section"

The Goose Creek Bridge is neither used nor maintained at present. The Highway Department, however, intends to offer title to any agency or organization that will assume responsibility for its preservation and maintenance.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Acts of the Virginia General Assembly, January 30, 1810.

Chappelear, B. Curtis, Maps and Notes Pertaining to the Upper Section of Fauquier County, Warrenton, Virginia, 1954.

Reports to the Virginia Board of Public Works, February 10, 1820, pp.102-103.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			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
NW	38°	59'	03"	77°	49'	23"	°	'	"
NE	38°	59'	03"	77°	48'	58"	°	'	"
SE	38°	58'	46"	77°	48'	58"	°	'	"
SW	38°	58'	46"	77°	49'	23"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **26 acres.**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Virginia	51	Fauquier	61
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE: April, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
221 Governor Street

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

STATE: Virginia

CODE: 51

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Junius R. Fishburne, Jr.
 Title Director Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Date MAY 21 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Panther

Skin

PIPELINE

Creek

LOUDOUN CO
FAUQUIER CO

GOOSE CREEK STONE BRIDGE

LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
NW38°59'03"	77°49'23"
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SE38°58'46"	77°48'58"
SW38°58'46"	77°49'23"

