

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

STATE: Illinois
COUNTY: Clark
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE:

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Old Stone Arch

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Archer Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Marshall

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
*2nd Congressional District*

STATE: Illinois CODE: 17 COUNTY: Clark CODE: 023

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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 type="checkbox"/> 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"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>State Office</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
State of Illinois - Department of Transportation

STREET AND NUMBER:  
West Jasper Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Paris

STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Illinois Department of Transportation - District #5 Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
West Jasper Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Paris

STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

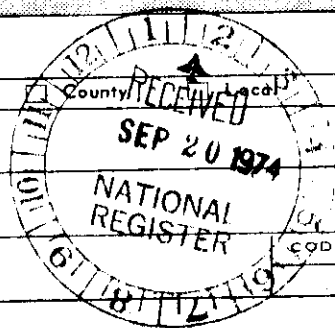
DATE OF SURVEY:     Federal     State

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Paris

STATE:



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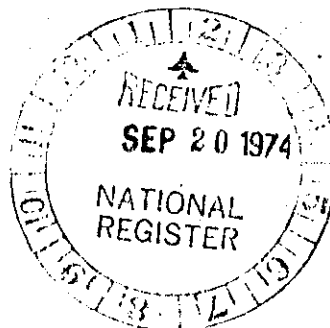
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stone arch bridge constructed of limestone with a span of 15.0 feet and a height of 13.5 feet. Stones were placed without bond and have a smooth exterior face and are gray in color. The bridge also has four large wingwalls. During the 1930's, an attempt was made to mortar some of the joints apparently for protection from moisture. This work is not very noticeable and does not detract from the original appearance. Some time ago, concrete was placed against the downstream wingwall footing to prevent scouring and undercutting. The basic structure is in its original state. Refer to attached print of photograph.



The stone for this arch was quarried in Indiana, floated down the Wabash River on a raft and then hauled to the job site by ox carts. The stones were cut to fit and placed together without bond. Keys were cut into the stones to prevent slippage. The bridge is fifty feet wide. There is no weaknesses or stress points noticeable in the barrel, although, as mentioned above, some work was necessary to prevent scouring and undercutting around the downstream wing walls. The length of time it took to construct the Arch Bridge is unknown.

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**B. 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 |                                       |

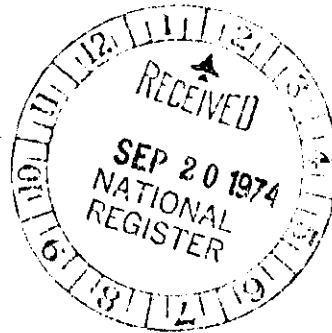
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Between 1828 and 1837

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 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

Significant due to its longevity and continuous use. Also an excellent example of competent engineering and the realibility of masonry arch construction. Constructed as part of the "Old National Road" by the Army Engineers between 1828 and 1837. Has been in continuous use since completion of construction. Served all of U. S. Route 40 traffic until the fall of 1953. Presently used as a connection from U. S. Route 40 to Marshall with approximately 1300 vehicles per day crossing it.



The road under which the stone arch was built was designated as the "Cumberland Road" when money was appropriated by Congress in 1802 to build a road from Cumberland, Maryland through the capitals of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois to St. Louis, Missouri. Later it became generally known as the "National Road" presumably because it was the most important road project undertaken by the National Government to that date. Also it was the longest straight road built by any government. It was the most widely known and heavily traveled road in the States. Passengers and new settlers traveled west in long lines of stagecoaches and prairie schooners. Freight wagons carried manufactured products to the west and returned laden with flour, whiskey, tobacco and wool. The "National Road" was one of the primary mail routes, providing mail service between Washington, D.C. and St. Louis. This road contributed greatly to the development of Illinois. The corps of Army Engineers supervised and constructed the road, hiring local farmers and their equipment, such as ox-drawn plows, cultivators, horse drawn scoops, wagons and other useable tools. In 1918 money was appropriated by the electorate of Illinois (Bond Issue) for providing a hard surface for this road across Illinois, and it became a part of U.S. route 40.

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8. Significance (Continuation)

The construction of the "Old National Road" across Clark County, Illinois commenced around 1830 and the Stone Arch, west of Marshall, was probably constructed around this date. The actual time of construction and who built it is unknown. The stone arch represents one of the few vestiges of the original construction remaining today.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Original Survey book entitled "No. 1 - Notes of the Adopted Route Between the Indiana and Illinois State Line and Vandalia, 1828"

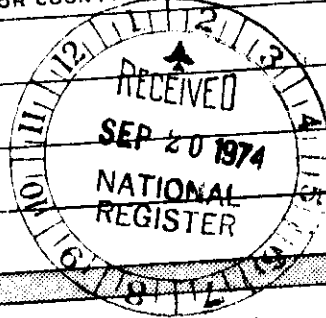
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
39	23	10	87	42	30

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES		CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John C. Mulgrew, District Engineer  
 ORGANIZATION: Illinois Department of Transportation  
 STREET AND NUMBER: West Jasper Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Paris  
 STATE: Illinois  
 DATE: September 18, 1972  
 CODE: 17

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: Anthony T. Dean  
 Title: Director, Illinois Department of Conservation - State Historic Preservation Officer  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered FEB 20 1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Old Stone Arch, National Road	Marshall Clark County

**COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION**

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy  
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, III  
Hon. George E. Shipley