STONE BRIDGES OF RIVEN ROCK

Replacement for Old Bridge

Replacement for Skew Bridge

Camelback Bridge

Ivy Bridge

Wistaria Bridge

No Name Bridge
DESIGNATION: Places of Historic Merit

KNOWN AS: Stone Bridges of Riven Rock

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: None

LOCATION: Throughout the Riven Rock area

TYPES OF SITES: Bridges

RESOLUTION NUMBER: No Record

DESIGNATION DATE: Unknown

PAST OWNERS: McCormick Family

CURRENT OWNERS: Old & Skew Bridges are part of the road system through Riven Rock and maintained by the Homeowners’s Association

Camelback Bridge is on property owned by Michael and Jennifer Jaffee

Wistaria (acceptable spelling), Ivy, and No Name Bridges are on the property owned by Richard and Karla Chernick

CHANGES/ALTERATIONS: Old and Skew Bridges have been replaced; no changes or alterations to the other bridges

CONDITION: Good to Very Good

DESCRIPTION:
These six bridges along with Leaping Greyhound (Landmark #33) all date between 1898 and 1903. They are located on the former Riven Rock Estate built by Cyrus McCormick, the inventor of the reaper which modernized farming practices.

Camelback Bridge is located in the lower and southern half of Riven Rock Park on property owned by Michael and Jennifer Jaffee. It is a replica of the Camelback Marble Bridge in Beijing’s Summer Garden. It is constructed of sandstone quarried at the Estate about 1900.

Skew or New Bridge is north of Leaping Greyhound Bridge and Garden Lane, south of Mountain Drive, east of Ashley Road, and west of Riven Rock Road. This bridge is on a main thoroughfare and accommodates vehicular traffic. It spans Hot Springs Creek and replaced the original bridge built in 1903.
Old Bridge is on a main thoroughfare and accommodates vehicular traffic. It spans Hot Springs Creek and replaced the original bridge.

Wistaria, Ivy, and Forgotten (No Name) Bridges are clustered together in the northern half of the Estate on property owned by Richard and Karla Chernick. None are over water or carry a path. At the time of the nomination, Wistaria was set up to bridge recycled water; the other were almost lost in the overgrowth known as Bridgewood.

RESOURCES:
Gloria Calamar, Nominations for Historical Landmarks and Places of Historic Merit (September 12, 1994)
Interview with Marc Appleton, member of the Riven Rock Homeowners’ Association