

The Bridger



The Vermont Covered Bridge Society Newsletter – Spring 2013

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I want to remind everyone, members and friends, of the upcoming spring meeting which will be held in late April at the Bartonville Grange Hall. Our speaker will talk about the loss of the Bartonville Bridge during Tropical Storm Irene, and its subsequent replacement. The new bridge is open and in use, and there will be opportunity following the meeting to look at it, as well as the other bridges in the area damaged by the storm. Details of the meeting are found elsewhere in this issue of The Bridger. Let's have a good turnout for this meeting, which celebrates the reopening of Bartonville Bridge, as well as the 13th birthday of VCBS.

Bill Carroll, President

Arlington Green Covered Bridge Stamp

WGN 45-02-01

On January 25, 2013, the United States Postal Service issued a stamp featuring the Arlington Green Covered Bridge. The \$5.60 stamp covers the postage for priority mail flat-rate envelopes.



- Wanted: Reporter/correspondents to bring local covered bridge news to The Bridger.
- Wanted: A VCBS member to share the duties of webmaster of www.vermontbridges.com.
- Wanted: Volunteer to take charge of Covered Bridge Market Place.
- For more information or to sign up for any of these three positions, please contact Joe Nelson, Communication Committee Chair, jcnelson@together.net, or Bill Carroll, wcarroll@crocker.com.
- Wanted: Volunteer worker-bees are needed by the Events Committee to help set up meetings and assist in hosting them.
- Wanted: Volunteer to serve as Membership Coordinator assisting the Membership Committee Chair. The Membership coordinator needs not be a resident of Vermont. The Coordinator will maintain the membership roster and serve as contact for the membership. For more information or to sign up for either of these two positions, please contact Bill Carroll, wcarroll@crocker.com.
- Also wanted: Vermont Covered Bridge clippings from your local newspaper. Please send them to Joe Nelson, jcnelson@together.net.

Events

Vermont Covered Bridge Society Annual Spring Meeting

April 27, 2013
Bartonsville Grange
Upper Bartonsville Road, Bartonsville, VT

The Grange is about 3 miles southeast of Chester just off Hwy 103. From Chester, turn right at the Rockingham State Police Barracks on to Town Farm Road. From the south, turn left at the State Police Barracks about ½ mile north of the road to the Bartonsville Bridge. Continue to the "T" intersection and then turn left. The Grange will be ahead on the left. There is plenty of parking space available.

The speaker will be Susan Hammond who led the local citizen's advocacy group and who filmed the bridge as it was washed off its abutments. This film was carried by the international news media.

We will have the Grange Hall from 9 a.m. to Noon. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The speaker is scheduled for 11 a.m.

Dining arrangements and bridge tours will be discussed at the meeting.

Second National Covered Bridge Conference

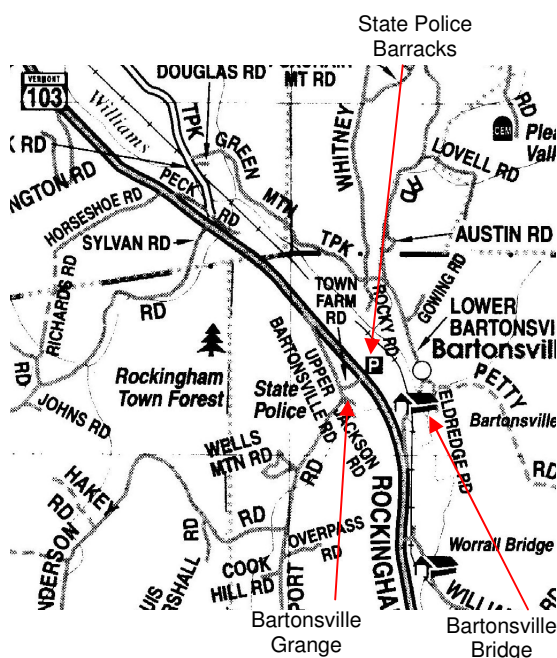
Crowne Plaza Dayton Hotel, Dayton, Ohio
June 5-8, 2013

The Federal Highway Administration's National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program (NHCBP) will be sponsoring the Second National Historic Covered Bridge Conference in Dayton, Ohio, June 5-8, 2013. Co-sponsored by the National Park Service's Historic American Engineering Record and the USDA Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory, this event will be held ten years after the First National Covered Bridge Conference in Burlington, Vermont.

The second national conference will follow up on several themes: reviewing several of the NHCBP-funded research and rehabilitation projects, exploring best practices for rehabilitation, and revisiting the Burlington Charter for the Preservation of Covered Bridges. We will also discuss the continuing threats and challenges to covered bridges, most recently illustrated by the flooding in New England from tropical storms Irene and Lee in 2011. These natural disasters resulted in the loss of the Blenheim Bridge, a National Historic Landmark, and damage to several others.

The Dayton Conference will feature presentations from some of the leading covered bridge engineers, scholars, and builders from across the country. Held in downtown Dayton, with additional events at the historic Engineers Club of Dayton, participants will also have the opportunity to tour several nearby covered bridges and local historic sites, such as the National Museum of the US Air Force.

The conference will offer the opportunity for exchange between a diverse audience of civil engineers, public transportation officials, academics, trades people, historians, architects, and covered bridge enthusiasts. Proceedings of the event will be published online. More information will be made available on the conference website, <http://www.woodcenter.org>. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!





Membership Committee Chair, Sue Richardson.

Please join me in welcoming new members to our group: Eduard and Judy Lowe of Assonet, MA, a warm welcome to you!

And now, our Early Renewal Drawing. Many thanks to each of you who mailed your membership dues on time. As in years past, Ruth Nelson's first grade reading group at the Jericho Elementary school drew the winners. (The little rascals have fun doing it.)

Here are the prizes for this year's contest: A two year free membership to the VCBS or a signed copy of *Spanning Time, Vermont's Covered Bridges* by Joe Nelson, or the cost of the book to the VCBS (\$30).

The winners are: Robert McPherson of Akron, Ohio, and Robert Page of Brattleboro, Vermont. Congratulations and thank you for your membership.

Membership Birthdays and Anniversaries

March

- 2 John Billie
- 2 Gordon O'Reilly
- 4 Sarah Ann Gallagher
- 8 Neil Daniels
- 12 Priscilla Farnham
- 16 Bruce Laumeister
- 21 Thomas & Lisette Keating
- 23 Steve Miyamoto
- 24 Adrienne Hitchcock

April

- 13 Gary Krick,
- 22 Anthony Daniels

May

- 3 William Carroll
- 3 Thomas Keating
- 4 Sarah Ann Gallagher
- 6 Debbie Whiston
- 9 Erwin Eckson
- 10 Charles Lovastik
- 11 Steve Wheaton
- 12 James Crouse
- 15 Andy Behrens
- 17 Ron Bechard
- 19 Mary Ann Waller
- 22 Irene Barna
- 22 Lisette Keating
- 27 June Gendron
- 28 Bill McKone



VCBS Lending Library, a Learning/Research Source

The Vermont Covered Bridge Society has set up a lending library available to all Society members-in-good-standing through media mail. Librarian Warren Tripp has created a detailed booklist complete with a description and critique of each book. Copies of the index are available by mail, or you may contact Joe Nelson at jcnelson@together.net for an electronic copy.

A borrower can contact Warren Tripp who will send the book by Postal Service Media Mail. Books are returned the same way. Send Warren the complete title of the book(s) you wish to borrow. He will respond with the mailing cost and mail the order when the fee is received. The borrower is then responsible to return the item(s) in a reasonable time, preferably not more than two months.

Contact Warren Tripp, P. O. Box 236, Groton, VT 05046, fftwbt@yahoo.com, Phone (802) 584-3545.

Historical Committee Report

Received for our archives are a number of articles and prints relating to covered bridges in Vermont as well as in other northeastern states and Canada. These are still to be sorted and preserved (mostly by good quality photocopies on acid-free paper) and will be added to our archives collections.

Our archives collection not only include a collection for each covered bridge in Vermont, but also a collection for each other state which has covered bridges.

We are always looking for any articles about covered bridges, primarily in Vermont but anywhere. Thanks to Joe Nelson for forwarding these.

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Bartonsville Bridge Opens **WGN 45-13-11#2**

Considering what weather could be like in January, it was a beautiful day for the ceremony. Sunny, calm and an invigorating 13 degrees. About 200 people attended the event.



Governor Shumlin and Rep. Welch both noted the event as a fine example of Vermonter's pulling together during times of tragedy to do what needs to be done. The large number of vehicles parked along Lower Bartonsville Road bearing "Vermont Strong" license plates was evidence that the attendees shared that thought.



After the speeches thanking everyone for their roles in getting the new bridge funded and constructed, they cut the ribbon. The crowd walked through the bridge checking out the new construction. After having our chance to look it over, it was opened to traffic. Susan Hammond was the first person to drive through.

Governor Shumlin stayed long after the ceremony ended to visit with the attendees.

Taftsville Covered Bridge Progress **WGN 45-14-12**

We set the pier stonework off a week to let the temperature get back up away from the deep freeze. Timbers in the pier area are being fitted and set aside until grouting and anchors are complete. The roof is coming off span two now and post replacement/top chords will follow. They're not having us replace much.

West abutment excavation is complete down to bedrock and formwork for the new concrete structure is starting. We've left the sub-deck off temporarily to give ourselves better access to install all the new steel plates when they come in at the end of the month

Jim Ligon, Alpine Construction Field Supervisor.



Taftsville Covered Bridge photo by Tom Keating, September 2005



Bill Caswell Photo, February 18, 2013

Quinlan Covered Bridge Repairs WGN 45-04-03

The Quinlan covered bridge in Charlotte will be closed to traffic from the first week in March until late July, said Vermont Agency of Transportation project manager Mark Sargent. Deteriorating timber trusses and wear on the joints of the arch-truss system have concerned town officials for several years about the ability of town plow and sand trucks to continue to use the bridge. The bridge was built in 1849 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. When steel floor girders were added in 1985, the bridge was strengthened enough to allow school buses weighing 17 tons and infrequent fire trucks at 24 tons to use the span. But continued crossings by heavier town maintenance trucks could damage the bridge's structural integrity. Wright Construction is the contractor.



Bill Caswell Photo, September 26, 2009

Poland Covered Bridge Closed WGN 45-08-02

The Poland Covered Bridge in Cambridge (WGN 45-08-02) has been closed to vehicle traffic while repairs are being made.



Harold Stiver Photo, January 2013

To A Covered Bridge

When the Vermont Covered Bridge Society was founded in February 2000, Iona Woods Patch joined and sent us the poem she wrote for her mother's birthday thirty-six years before.

Iona wrote: "Over the years (my mother) had taken snap shots of as many Vermont covered bridges as we had visited, and made scrap books for each county, containing news reports and photos."

"We children and grandchildren have continued her interests, and are delighted that at long last Vermont has a C.B. Society."

"My son, Jim Patch, made this computer copy of "To A Covered Bridge" which I am glad to have you use in any way in which it might benefit V.C.B.S. inc." - Yours Truly, Iona Woods Patch

TO A COVERED BRIDGE

Oh, Covered Bridge -
Lovely, romantic spot -
The stories you would tell
If only you could talk.

Of your builders -
Unassuming, honest men,
Whose century-old work still serves
A good job well-done.

You are a memorial -
Silent, sturdy, useful yet. -
To those who here dreamed and built
And to their craftsmanship.

You are History -
A quiet, peaceful path
For the onward march of progress
Across this great land,

You are a symbol
Of a way since gone;
But you still stand firm
and beckon us on.

Oh, Covered Bridge,
You do seem to speak today -
"Build well for those who follow,
that their crossing may be safe."

Happy Birthday VCBS!

by Joe Nelson

February 2, 2013 – Yes, we are 13 years old. It says so right here on our charter as a Vermont domestic non-profit corporation. A gold seal featuring two shocks of wheat, a tree, and a cow confirms it.

There have been days when, to me, it seemed so much longer ago than thirteen years, but today, our beginnings seem just like yesterday. Such plans we had! We helloed them in our first issue of our newsletter, *The Bridger*, in May2000:

THE VERMONT COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY ANNOUNCED!

Cambridge, VT, May 31, 2000 - The Vermont Covered Bridge Society, Inc., incorporated on February 2, 2000, is now open for memberships. The Society was founded to address concerns about the loss of Vermont's historically significant wooden spans. We hope you will join us in preserving, exploring, and enjoying our unique collection of covered bridges.

The Society owes its existence to William McKone, resident of the Town of Cambridge, member of the newly organized Cambridge Historical Society, and member of the local Chamber of Commerce. Cambridge is the home of two covered bridges, one of which is badly in need of restoration. When federal funds for restoring covered bridges became available through U.S. Senator James Jeffords, Bill McKone set aside his other affairs to aggressively rally concerned people to found a covered bridge society in Vermont.

McKone first recruited Joe Nelson, author of the book "Spanning Time: Vermont's Covered Bridges." He then approached Ed Barna, author of the book "Covered Bridges of Vermont." Ed Barna joined the cause with enthusiasm. Senator Jeffords' staff used photographs from Joe Nelson's book in the Senator's presentation to the U.S. Senate for the adoption of his funding bill. After passage of the bill, Jeffords' staff consulted Ed Barna on which of Vermont's covered bridges were most in need of funds.

Bill McKone, Joe Nelson and Ed Barna thank Richard Wilson, David Wright, Richard Roy, Terry Shaw, and Douglass Porter for joining the VCBS Board of Directors. Dick Wilson is President of the New York Covered Bridge Society, David Wright and Dick Roy are President and Vice President of the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges. These two organizations have long been watching

Vermont's covered bridges with loving concern and the VCBS will gratefully benefit from their long experience with speaking and acting for the preservation of historic bridges. Terry Shaw is a concerned citizen and Cambridge businessman and Doug Porter, a new resident of Cambridge, is a consultant in the field of the preservation of historic architecture.

We made our plans at the first meeting of the VCBS board on April 13 in Jeffersonville with the four officers, three directors, and several guests present. The agenda dealt mainly with basic administrative and organizational matters. Specific actions included:

1. The constitution and by-laws were roughed out.
2. A key position, the chair of the "bridge-watch" areas, was filled by John Weaver, P.E. to coordinate the establishment of the areas and the recruitment of volunteers to take responsibility for bridges throughout the state.
3. It was agreed that additional committees will be established for publicity, membership, planning, and budget.
4. Specific tasks and the members who have agreed to undertake them until volunteers are found are as follows:
 - President Joe Nelson will handle production of "The Bridger" newsletter in addition to his numerous other duties.
 - Vice-President Ed Barna will oversee efforts at publicity, as well as recruit for the Brandon area bridge-watch group and explore the use of GPS mapping data.
 - Secretary Bill McKone will continue to handle membership applications and work on submission of our application for 501 (c) 3 non-profit status.
 - Advisory Director Dick Wilson will act as correspondent for the Bennington area.
 - Director Terry Shaw is checking on an insurance policy for the VCBS and bulk mailing requirements.
 - And thanks to our first life member Ron Bechard for his assistance at the meeting with the tape recorder.

Ah, how rosy was the outlook! And the best part is, it has worked beautifully for the most part. We are still looking for volunteers. See the **Important Notice** column in this issue. More later.

letters

Covered Bridge Speaker Wanted – Civil War Era

February 5, 2013 - Thanks to all of you for the work you are doing with the VCBS. My energy these days is going toward commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the War of the Rebellion, commonly called the American Civil War, the War between the States, or in Texas, where I come from, the war of northern aggression or the late unpleasantness.

Bridges were an important feature of that conflict and I'd like to find a volunteer from the ranks of the VCBS to speak on that subject. In my research, I came across official field instructions for raiding Union cavalry units how to destroy a covered bridge most efficiently since they seem to withstand most efforts. Burning was an option when the weather and time permitted, but the troopers were apparently issued special charges to be placed in key points in the truss to bring down the bridge all at once.

It would be an interesting lecture and I can provide multiple opportunities to present it with the attendant exposure for the VCBS, chance to recruit, get donations, etc.

The plans for a prototype trail-head facility for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail project centered on the Cambridge Junction covered bridge (now closed to motor vehicle traffic) are well under way and I'll provide an article for the Bridger over the next few months.

YIB, Bill McKone, wmckone@stoweaccess.com,

[Bill McKone is one of the three people who founded the VCBS in the year 2000 – Ed.]

Covered Bridge Photo Contest Opportunity Dear Covered Bridge Enthusiast:

January 22, 2013 - I would like to make you aware of the following opportunity. In conjunction with the 2013 International Bridge Conference® and our annual magazine publication, we are conducting a photo contest this year centered around "the 20 most beautiful covered bridges." From entries submitted nationally, we will select the most beautiful covered bridges and feature them in our conference magazine and showcase them at our conference (June 2 – 6), which typically draws attendance in the range of 1,500 persons from around the world.

Please forward this request for photo entries to members of your society and encourage them to enter our contest. The entry requirements and deadlines are contained in the following web link: <http://www.eswp.com/bridge/PhotoContest.html>.

All winners will receive a courtesy copy of the magazine. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you,

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Covered Bridge Community News Notes

Jon Bright #2 Covered Bridge Damaged WGN 35-23-10

A fire was set about mid-span on the Jon Bright#2 covered bridge on the Ohio University campus in Lancaster, Ohio, shortly before 6 a.m. January 16th.

A passer-by tried to put the fire out before calling the fire department. Up to four joists and adjacent decking will need to be replaced. Initial estimates put the damage at about \$20,000. The full cost won't be known until the bridge is inspected.

The 75-foot bridge was built in 1881 using an inverted Bowstring truss to span Poplar Creek near Carroll. It was relocated to the O.U. campus in 1988 where it serves as walkway during the Lancaster Festival. The bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is closed to the public until further notice.

For the full story and photo, go to

<http://www.wkyc.com/news/article/278447/3/Fire-damages-historic-covered-bridge-on-OU-campus>

[Thanks to Tom Keating for sending the story – Ed.]

Parr' Mill Bridge Repaired WGN 38-19-29

The Parr's Mill bridge in Columbia County, Pennsylvania has received new siding and repairs to the roof. The approach road was repaired and the steel pony truss adjacent to the bridge has been replaced.



Carl McDaniel Photo, February 2013

Maxwell Crossing Bridge's Future Uncertain WGN 55-03-04

On January 21st, a car crashed into the side of the Maxwell Crossing Covered Bridge near St. Stephen, New Brunswick, causing significant damage to the structure. A representative of the Department of Transportation has stated that the government is not that eager to restore the bridge. The solution, he stated, may be to install a modern bridge at \$300,000, rather than repairing the covered bridge (a cost of perhaps \$500,000) – some of which may come from the vehicle's insurance company. Anything less than full restoration is not acceptable to the rural residents.

On February 6th, the Local Service District of Dennis Weston, the local government in the area of the bridge, hosted a public meeting with representatives of the Department of Transportation. Residents expressed their desire to have the bridge repaired, not replaced. The LSD of Dennis Weston circulated a petition to "urge the Department of Transport to undertake any and all actions that will ensure the full restoration of the Maxwell Crossing covered bridge." The petition drive ended on February 21st with 831 valid signatures.



Bill Caswell Photo, July 5, 2012

Bloomfield Creek Covered Bridge WGN 55-06-01

Bloomfield, New Brunswick, March 1, 2013 - The Bloomfield Creek Covered Bridge in Kings County, New Brunswick, will be closed to traffic until further notice due to recent damage. The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure will be carrying out repairs to the bridge during the closure.

Green Sergeants Bridge Damaged WGN 30-10-01

Delaware Twp., NJ, February 24, 2013 - A Canadian truck driver damaged the inside of New Jersey's last surviving covered bridge on Sunday, Feb. 24, at about 11:45 p.m., police said.

Michel Gauthier, 47, of St. Paul-de-L'Ile-aux-Noix, Quebec, drove his Freightliner through the bridge, knocking loose an interior support beam. Gauthier was charged with careless driving. The county was notified of the damage, but township police said the bridge was open to traffic.

[Hunterdon County Democrat, February 26, 2013]



Bill Caswell Photo, May 14, 2012

Cabin Creek Bridge Work Begun WGN 17-68-03

Arnold Graton has begun the restoration on the Cabin Creek Bridge in Lewis County, Kentucky. The bridge was originally built in 1873 by William Henderson as a 114-foot, single span, multiple kings post bridge, according to Patrick Kennedy, preservation officer in the Kentucky Heritage Council. It was closed in 1983 to foot and vehicle traffic, due to storm damage. It fell into disrepair after flood waters damaged more of the bridge. They have a year and a half to complete the work, but do not expect it to take that long.



Bill Caswell Photo, November 5, 2011

Historical Committee Report

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Greenbanks Hollow Bridge WGN 45-03-01 (#2)

The section of Danville known as Greenbanks Hollow, or sometimes as South Danville, is many miles by gravel road from the nearest paved highway. The area is largely woods and fields, and except for a single dwelling, is far from any neighbors. Years ago, though, this was a busy village, with several homes, store and post office, a grist mill and likely a sawmill, and a 5-story woolen mill that employed 45 people, most of whom lived in the village of Greenbanks Hollow.

The South Danville area was settled by the Greenbanks family, probably earlier in the 1800s although possibly in the late 1700s, as the grist mill is said to date from 1793. In any event the Greenbanks family developed the village and built the woolen mill and other structures. Although the village itself was apparently called South Danville, the post office took the name Greenbanks Hollow.

A major fire occurred in 1885, which burnt down the woolen mill and the entire village, including the bridge over Joe's Brook at South Danville. Nothing in the VCBS Archives suggests what this bridge was or even if it was covered. The new bridge was built in 1886, 75 feet long with a Queenpost truss. In appearance, the bridge was very similar to some of the covered bridges in Lyndon, and if not built by the same builder, at least influenced by their design. By the 1970s the bridge was failing, and was nursed along with steel beams supporting the truss and an auxiliary pier in the center.

In 2000, the Town of Danville received grant money to rebuild the bridge. This was completed in 2002. Because so many elements of the 1885 bridge were damaged and could not be used in the rebuilding, the present Greenbanks Hollow Bridge is considered a new bridge, dating from 2002.

Sources: Archives of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society, especially articles published in the North Star Monthly, September 2001.

*A Look Back**A Look Back*

Cheshire Toll Bridge

Compiled by Bill Caswell from research done by Bunni and Hugh Putnam of Springfield, VT, and the late Richard Sanders Allen.

The photo below from Dick Roy's collection shows a log drive at the Cheshire Toll Bridge which crossed the Connecticut River between Springfield, Vermont, and Charlestown, New Hampshire.



The exact history of the wooden bridges between Springfield and Charlestown is not clear but there were many repairs to be sure. In 1804, incorporation of the Cheshire Bridge Company (named for Cheshire County, NH) was recorded in the land records in Keene with a total investment of \$1,350. This money was paid to John Putnam of Springfield (formerly of Charlestown) who owned the ferry rights originally granted by the Governor of New Hampshire to Simeon Olcott. The grant ran one mile north of the mouth of the Black River to four miles south along the Connecticut River.

Isaac Fisher, a millwright and one of the investors from Charlestown, is credited with building the first bridge. It was completed on October 10, 1806 although one source notes it as a 3-span, Town lattice truss bridge, this is not possible since the Town lattice had not been developed until 1820. It is not clear where the funds to build the bridge came from but, like most of the bridges across the Connecticut, it was a toll bridge.

The Sullivan Mercury, 1831, tells of the western part

of the bridge unexpectedly going out at 9:30 pm on March 24, "...the river appeared to be nearly clear of ice at sunset...and the water rather lower than usual at this time of year" [probably an ice jam upstream]. During the repairs the bridge proprietors launched a ferry a few rods upstream so passengers could continue to cross the river. The 1832 records in Charlestown list \$10,000 for supplies for the bridge repairs.

There are many stories of various bridges, or parts thereof, going out in 1824, 1839 and 1841. The 1839 bridge was more likely the Charlestown Bridge at South Charlestown that was built in 1828 and washed out in 1839. [Martha Frizzell, *The Second History of Charlestown, NH*, page 128] Richard Sanders Allen's research indicated that the first covered span at this location was built in 1827 by Isaac Damon of Northampton, Massachusetts. Six years later, in 1833, Damon returned to build a replacement bridge.

In either 1859 or 1862, a freshet carried out the eastern two-thirds of the Cheshire bridge. [MF page 126] It was probably 1859 because in 1860 the bridge was only valued at \$1,000 for tax purposes. The Springfield Electric Railway Company bought the old wooden bridge and ferry rights for \$8,400 in 1896. Because of weight of the new train and its cargo the bridge was replaced and, in 1897, the first train crossed the new iron bridge.

The photo below, also from Dick Roy's collection, was probably taken shortly before the bridge was replaced. Note the extra supports added to carry rail traffic and metal span on the eastern end of the bridge.





Spanning Time: Vermont's Covered Bridges by Joseph C. Nelson features 102 color photographs of Vermont's covered bridges in fifteen chapters, each a guided tour. The tours are complete with maps, commentary on the uniqueness of each bridge, and historic highlights about the towns and villages in which the bridges stand.

An appendix provides: A Summary of Vermont's Covered Bridges; A Covered Bridge Glossary; A Bridge Truss section, explaining how trusses work; Thumbnail biographies of people who designed and built the bridges; A Covered Bridge Reading List, for bridge and history buffs; A detailed Index. *Spanning Time: Vermont's Covered Bridges: 7" x 10", 288 pages. Published by New England Press at P.O. Box 575, Shelburne, VT 05482. Spanning Time is available directly from the author for \$39.00, free shipping. Go to www.vermontbridges.com/special%20070514.htm*

Also see: www.vermontbridges.com/bookreviews.htm.

World Guide to Covered Bridges - 2009 Edition

Published by the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges. On Sale: \$15.00. Profits will go to the Vermont Covered Bridge Society's Save-A-Bridge Program. For your copy send \$15.00 plus \$4.95 shipping to Joe Nelson, P.O. Box 267, Jericho, VT 05465-0267.

Covered Bridges of New England —DVD Produced by Ocean State Video of Rhode Island for Public Television. On Sale: \$20.00. Profits go to the Vermont Covered Bridge Society's Save-A-Bridge Program. For your copy send \$20.00 plus \$1.88 shipping to Joe Nelson, P.O. Box 267, Jericho, VT 05465-0267.

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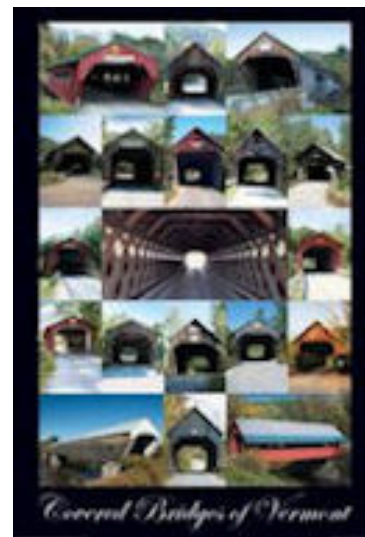
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\$9.95 for a packet of 8 cards with envelopes, plus \$5.00 shipping. Add \$1.00 shipping for each additional packet. (Cards measure 4.5"x 6")

Covered Bridges of Vermont Print

The Covered Bridges of Vermont features 19 photographs of covered bridges taken throughout the state by photographer, and VCBS member, Ray Arsenault. The print is beautifully printed on professional high quality 100lb paper, and measures 18" x 26.5."



Order now at: www.coveredbridgesofvermont.com

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