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HISTORICAL DATA

This bridge is one of the few remaining examples of a type which has almost completely disappeared. The preservation of this particular one is due undoubtedly to the fact that it is situated on an unimproved dirt road.

Research has failed to reveal any authentic records concerning the building of this bridge. According to local tradition, the bridge was erected sometime in the seventeen eighties or early seventeen nineties.

The state of preservation of the framing is remarkable. The wood has never been painted nor treated in anyway. And yet, after approximately a century and a half of exposure to the elements, all material, with the single exception of the thin batten boarding, is in perfect condition. Certain thin battens encasing the exterior show some disintegration.

Reference: Walter R. Crowe.

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