

Built: early 1900's
 Built By: Unknown
 Structure: Wrought iron & wood

Current Owner: Robert Edwin Graham
 Original Use: Bridge
 Current Use: Bridge

Architectural

This bridge was built originally to pass over the railway which was built between 1873 and 1875. It was used by farmers to get to their fields; therefore, it was required to be strong enough for machinery and animals to transport across it. The bridge structurally is strong and is built out of wood and wrought iron (Figs 1 & 3). The bridge was built high to allow for the train to pass underneath when it was still running between the towns and villages. The support beams underneath are 8x8 pieces of wood standing on end to support the bridge (Fig 2).



Fig 1: Wrought iron railing

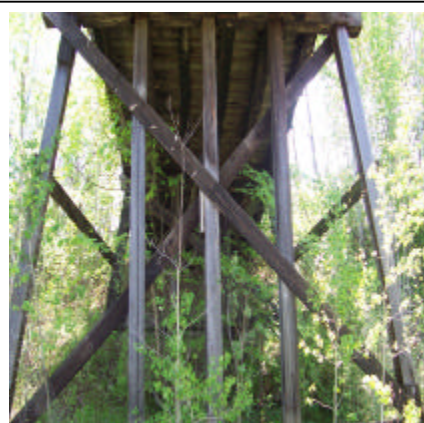


Fig 2: Support beams underneath

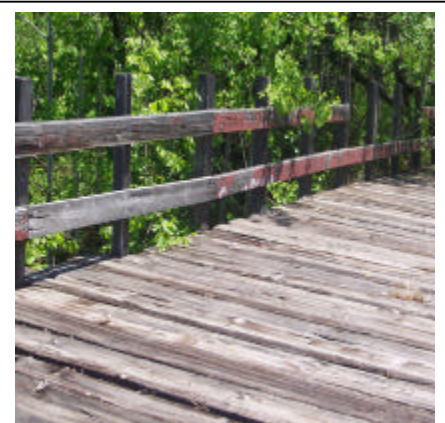


Fig 3: Wood portion of bridge

Historical

The structure of the bridge was built after the train was put through, 1873–1875, it is estimated by long time neighbours that the bridge was built in the early 1900's. The bridge was required for the farmers who owned the land to travel between the fields as they were on either side of the train tracks. The bridge however, would not be built until the early twentieth century when heavier equipment was used to farm. A bridge was needed because the equipment could not cross the railway nor was it safe as the railway became increasingly busier.