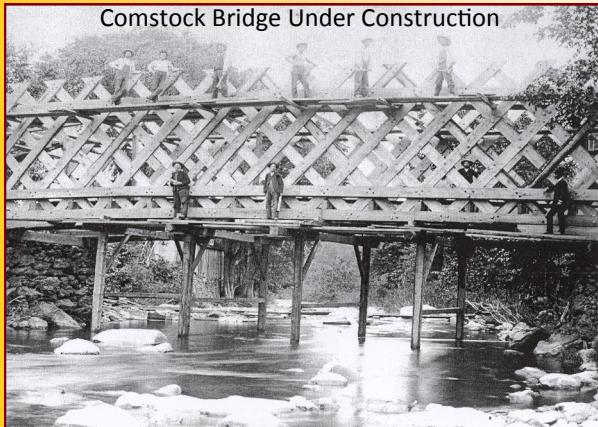


Sheldon and Savanard Jewett (back row right) built all of the remaining covered bridges in our area. They operated a sawmill on West Hill which enabled them to mill the wood to their specific requirements. Hemlock was the wood of choice because of its strength and durability. The design of the bridges, based on Ithiel Town's lattice truss, accommodated the weight of snow, wagons loaded with butter tubs, and logging vehicles.

The brothers started by positioning the main bearing beams across the stream onto a pier foundation on each end. Next the trusses were moved into position and the top beams tied. Finally the roof was secured. They were enclosed, to protect the massive beams from the weather.



Comstock Bridge Under Construction



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A Community Effort

Founded in 1973, the Society through the generosity and hard work of its members, bought and restored St. Bartholomew's, the former Episcopal Church. Built in 1835, its stained glass windows, original interior, and clock tower remain a community treasure.

Renamed Pratt Hall, the church now serves as a venue for concerts, speakers, and other community events. It also houses a growing collection of artifacts from Montgomery's past. We:

- preserve Pratt Hall, & historical artifacts, structures & memorabilia;
- provide a venue for local exhibits and for artists & artisans to share their talents;
- sponsor programs that assist in preserving town history & culture;
- award scholarships annually to Montgomery students.

Membership is welcome, as are donations of any kind. For more information please visit our web site or write the Board of Directors at either of the addresses (USPS or email) above. Tours are available by appointment.

"Montgomery Vermont: The History of a Town" by Sara Taylor and W.R. Branthroover, is available from the Society, The Town Clerk's Office, Lutz's Automotive and from our web site.

We are more than 200 strong...Join Us and Make History!!!

Montgomery's Covered Bridges 1863-1890

Montgomery is known as Vermont's Covered Bridge Capital. Our unique geography required many bridges, and as recently as the 1940s there were thirteen covered bridges within the Town's limits. Today there are six covered bridges within the Town's limits and one which straddles the town line with Enosburg, the most of any town in the country.



The "Highway Bridge" formerly at the intersection of Routes 118 and 242.

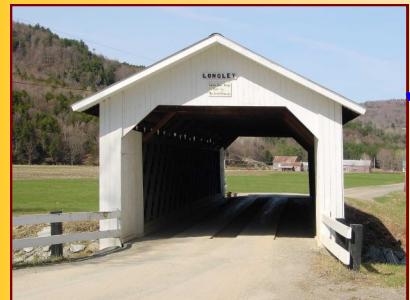
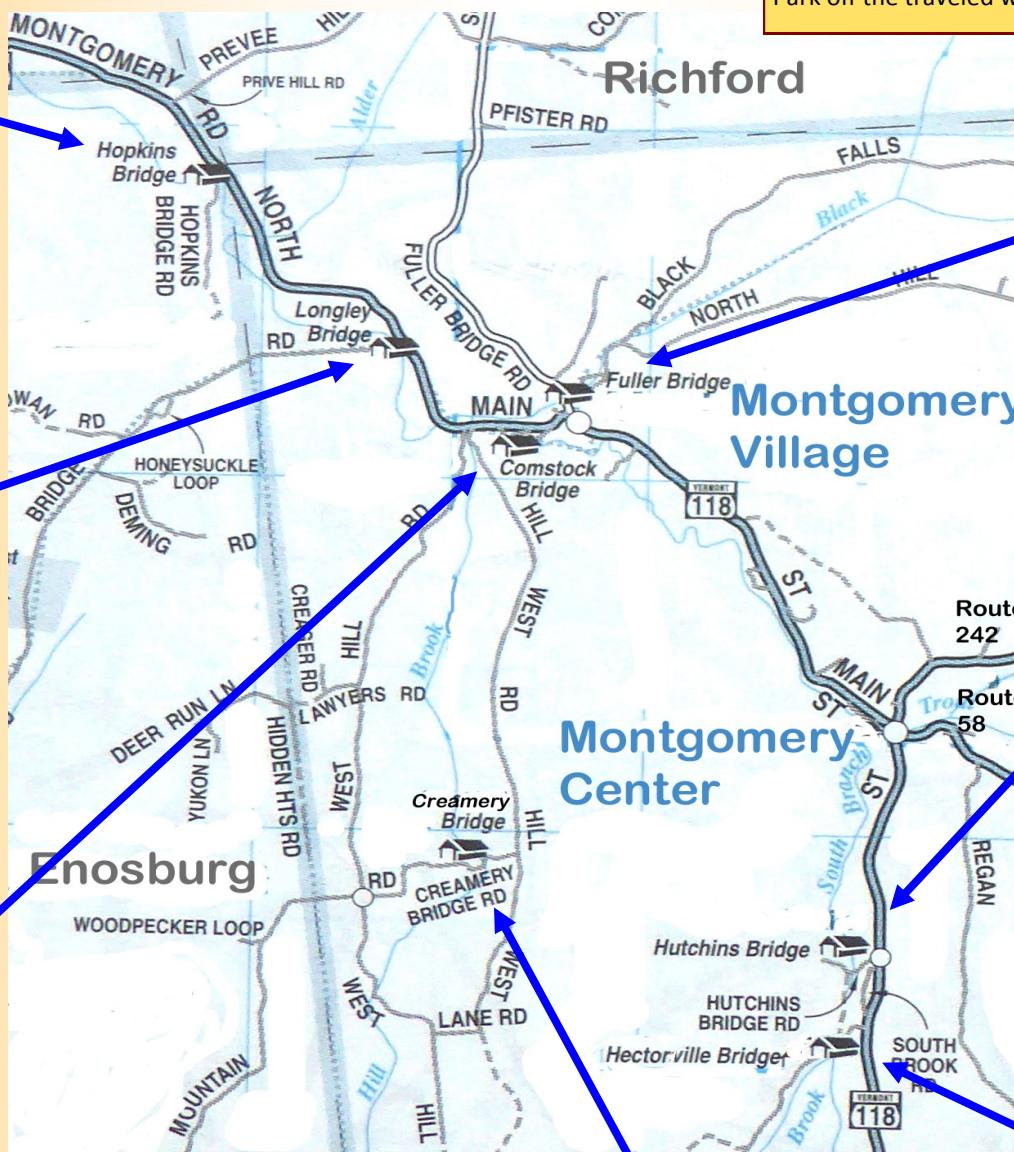
Modern requirements for larger loads, better safety, and cheaper maintenance all contribute to the bridges' declining numbers. Still these beautiful structures serve us well and link us to our heritage. For many, they remind us of a time when life seemed slower and less complicated.

The past is closer than you think...

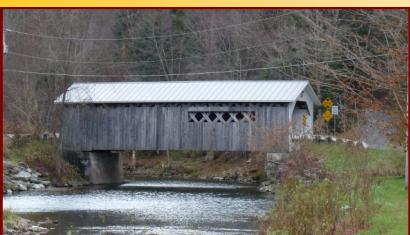
MONTGOMERY'S COVERED BRIDGES



Hopkins Bridge, 1875
Rte 118 & Hopkins Rd.



Longley Bridge, 1863
Rte 118 & Longley Bridge Rd.



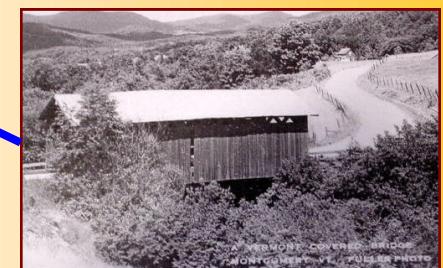
Comstock Bridge, 1883
Comstock Bridge Rd.



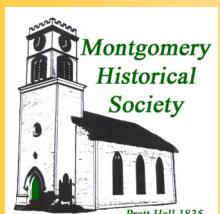
5. Fuller Bridge, 1890
Fuller Bridge Rd.



6. Hutchins Bridge, 1883
Hutchins Bridge Rd.



7. Hectorville Bridge, 1883
Gibou Rd.
Removed & In Storage



Creamery Bridge, 1883

Go 2.6 miles on West Hill Rd then left on Creamery Bridge Rd. (note; West Hill Rd and Hill West Rd are different roads!)