

Bridge Expenses
(From Town Expense Books)

The following Colebrook expense books need some modern references in order to be understood.

Bridge south of Arah Phelps is the one on R.t. 183 at the south end of the meadows.

Bridge north of Arah Phelps is the Rt. 183 bridge between the tavern and the Church in the Wildwood.

Bridge near Ovid Williams is probably Campbell's Bridge.

Stone bridge north of Alvin Wright crossed Wright Brook just before it enters the pond on Smith Hill.

Bridge east of Hezekiah Wakefield crosses Mill Brook on Rock Hall Road.

Bridges near Daniel Deming means the bridge crossing Sandy Brook on Old Forge Road and also the bridge over Still River on Old Creamery Road. These two bridges had many different descriptions.

Bridges on Farmington River There were two; one at the north end by the road that ascended Harvey Mountain, the other was at the south end where old Rt. 8 crossed to the east side prior to flooding.

Gristmill by Jason Sage is today the private bridge crossing Sandy Brook at 148 Sandy Brook Rd.

Viets Bridge is on Beech Hill Road and crosses Viets Brook.

Viets Meadow Bridge is on McClave Road at Lake Triangle.

Sandy Brook Bridge near Allen Deming's is the Route 8 bridge.

Bridge near Jared Deming's crosses the small stream just south of the Sandy Brook Bridge.

Thomas Conklin ???

Samuel Whitford lived at the south end of the River

Jason Killbourn lived next to the Center Bridge

Bridge near Dr. Carrington's is the bridge over Center Brook in front of 36 Schoolhouse Rd.

Calvin Stow lived on Slocum Brook (Sawmill Brook) in the River.

Daniel Mills lived near the north end of the River.

J. Couet lived on Phelps Road near the outflow from Phelps' Pond.

Grant's Sawmill (later Lawrence's) is on Mill Brook at the south end of Millbrook Rd.

Abiram Chamberlain lived at the north end of the River.

Calvin Sage lived next to the Center Bridge.

Bridge near Wm. Porter's is on Rockwell Road

Bridge near Thompson is bridge on McClave Road.

Bridge north of Mrs. Spencer was on West River Rd. over Chappell Brook from Beech Hill.

Luther Phelps lived on Phelps Rd. near outflow from Phelps Pond.

Union Gristmill was next to Still River on Old Creamery Rd.

Simons' Bridges, or Simons Street means the two bridges on Phelps Road.

P. Williams ???

Bridges near the Forge The bridge over Still R. and the one over Sandy Brook on Old Forge Rd.

Bridges near Meeting House (1833) Probably in the River at Slocum Brook.

1825

Building bridge south of Capt. Arah Phelps'	\$23.00
Repairing bridge north of Arah Phelps	8.90
Building bridge by Ovid Williams E. Sage	40.00
Building stone bridge north of Alvin Wright N. Bass	5.00
Building bridge east of Hezekiah Wakefield's E. North	4.50
Repairing bridges near Daniel Deming's J. Deming	11.42
Repairing bridges on Farmington River R. Chatfield	16.15
Perrygreen White repairing bridge	<u>.50</u>
	\$109.47

Misc. Expenses

Jared Deming for highway	\$5.32
Reuben Chatfield and others for building road	40.00
Enos Sage for building bridge on Sandy Brook	40.00

1826

Building bridge at the new gristmill by Jason Sage	\$32.00
Erastus Stillman for planking Viets bridge	2.16
Nathaniel Cobb for building Viets meadow bridge	10.00
Reuben Chatfield for repairing bridge	1.00
Wm. Manchester for repairing bridge and furnishing planks	1.00
Eli Marshall for putting on a rider and two braces on the Sandy Brook bridge near Allen Deming's	8.00
Repairing bridge by Jared Deming near his house	9.11
Building bridge near Thos. Conklin's	<u>189.74</u>
	\$250.01

Misc. Expenses

Truman Ives for highway	\$10.00
Nathaniel Cobb for keeping David Rockwell ending April 18 1827	60.00
Nathaniel Cobb for building Viets meadow bridge	10.00
Jason Sage for building mill's bridge	32.00

1827

Building a new bridge near Samuel Whitford's by Rufus Seymour	\$250.00
Iron work about	50.00
Repairing bridge near Jared Deming's	16.80
Building stone bridge near Jason Killbourn's	21.00
Repairing bridge near Dr. Carrington's	1.84

Repairing bridge near Calvin Stow's	\$9.44
Repairing bridge near Daniel Mills	1.78
Repairing bridge by J. Covet	.58
Repairing bridge near Allen Deming's	<u>4.25</u>
	\$355.69

Misc. Expenses

Rufus Seymour for building bridge	\$200.00
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1828

Repairing bridge near E. Grant's sawmill	\$10.00
Repairing bridge near Sam Whitford's	-
Repairing bridge near Abiram Chamberlain	-
Repairing bridge near Loren Percival	1.71
Repairing bridge near Calvin Sage's	4.40
Repairing bridge near Hezekiah Wakefield	-
Repairing bridge near Allen Deming's	2.76
Repairing the bridge near Jared Deming	1.27
Repairing bridges near Wm. Porter's	1.26
Building small bridge north of Mrs. Spencer's	6.75
Repairing same bridge – went out with flood	2.25
Repairing bridge near Calvin Stow's	.50
Repairing bridge near Thompson's	-
Repairing bridge near Obed Williams	<u>-</u>
	\$30.90

NOTE: "Bridges carried off by flood – probable expenses of said bridges"
[And nothing more.]

The last page of 1828 reads: "March 5, 1829 Adin Wakefield to repairing

Bridge near Luther Phelps	\$3.50
Nathaniel Cobb near Isaac Thompson's	6.00
Enos Sage for highway on Sandy Brook Road	12.50
Ephraim French for highway on Sandy Brook Road	5.75

1829

Expenses for bridges for one year ending Oct. 1st 1829

Building bridge near Allen Deming's	\$218.34
Repairing bridge near Sam Whitford's	104.61
Repairing bridge near Abiram Chamberlain	<u>119.37</u>
Repairing bridge near Loren Percival	30.96
Repairing bridge near Jared Deming's	2.25
Filling up bridge near William Porter	4.00
Repairing bridge near Obed Williams	10.50
Repairing bridge near Calvin Sage's	2.00

Repairing bridge near Calvin Stowe's	\$1.50
Repairing bridge near Thompson	7.50
Repairing bridge near Luther Phelps	3.50
Repairing bridge near Arah Phelps	6.22
Repairing bridge near Union grist mill	1.12
Repairing old bridge near Allen Deming's	<u>1.55</u>
	\$513.42

The town is indebted to the following:

Daniel Deming and Francis C. Barber for building stone work at bridge near Allen Deming's	\$138.40
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1830

Sandy Brook bridge near Capt. Phelps' sawmill	10.18
Bridges near Capt. Phelps	11.15
Old Forge bridge	4.50
River bridges	8.49
Bridges near the Center	3.03
Bridge near Jared Deming	2.09
Simon's bridges	<u>6.41</u>
	\$45.85

1831

Expenses for bridges one year ending Oct. 1st 1831

Building bridge near Jared Deming's	\$212.58
Repairing bridge near Elijah Grant's sawmill	5.53
Repairing bridge near Jared Deming's	1.81
Repairing bridge near Calvin Sage's	-
Repairing bridges in Simons' Street	.40
Repairing bridges on Sandy Brook	5.26
Repairing River bridges	<u>2.48</u>
	\$228.06

Earl & Sidney Peck for highway	\$20.55
Smith Beecher for highway	20.00

1832

Repairing bridges near Old Forge	\$.87
Repairing bridges in Simons Street	1.40
Repairing bridges on Sandy Brook	6.10
Repairing bridges at the River	5.59
Repairing bridges near Thompson	1.75
Repairing bridge near P. Williams	<u>3.00</u>
	\$18.71

	<u>Miscellaneous expenses</u>	
	Expense of a committee make highway districts	\$6.00
1833		
	Repairing bridges near the Forge	\$1.00
	Repairing bridges in Simon's Street	3.37
	Repairing bridges on Sandy Brook	38.17
	Repairing bridges at the River	10.10
	Repairing bridge near Capt. L. Phelps	4.75
	Repairing bridges near Meeting House	<u>4.50</u>
		\$61.89
	<u>Miscellaneous expenses</u>	
	Truman Ives as surveyor [these are the heads of the new districts]. 18 days	22.50
	James Cobb as surveyor 14½ days	18.12
	Ira Whiting as surveyor 12½ days	15.62
	Harvey Whiting as surveyor 8 5/8 days	10.87
	Enos North as surveyor 10 days	12.50
	Expense for making road in Peck district	25.00
1834		
	Repairing bridges at the Forge	\$2.71
	Repairing bridges on Sandy Brook	17.14
	Repairing bridges at the River	12.62
	Repairing bridges in Simons Street	1.38
	Repairing bridge near E. Grant's sawmill	<u>.33</u>
		\$34.18
1835		
	Bridge at the Old Forge Earl Bacon, Percival	\$14.50
	Bridges at the River Manchester	7.42
	Bridges in Simons Street A. Bunnell	1.93
	Bridge on Viets Brook	.50
	Bridges on Sandy Brook	9.15
	Bridge by Calvin Sage	.34
	Bridge by Bill Rockwell (location ?)	.25
	Bridge near Grants	<u>2.75</u>
		\$40.27
1836		
	Bridge at Old Forge	\$0.34
	Bridge on Sandy Brook	2.25

Bridges near A. Phelps and Simons Street	8.78
Bridge at Meeting House (Center)	9.25
Bridge near Hezekiah Wakefield	1.00
Bridges at the River near DeWolf building one-half	78.46
Repairing same	2.00
Stow Bridge, building new	12.00
Repairing same	6.15
Whitford Bridge	<u>10.63</u>
	\$130.86

1837

Repairing bridge near Sam Whitford's	\$95.75
Repairing bridge near D. DeWolf	2.50
Repairing bridges at the Old Forge	3.15
Repairing bridges in Simons Street	4.08
Repairing bridge near J. Stillman [Viets Brook]	3.00
Repairing bridge near Isaac Thompson	2.04
Repairing bridge near A. Phelps	.94
Repairing bridge near Nathaniel B. Walter	.68
Repairing bridge near P. Williams	19.28
Repairing two bridges near D. C. Y. Moore's	<u>75.75</u>
	\$207.20

The town must have taken over Sandy Brook Road from the original builder, that explains why the two lower bridges on SBR are mentioned for the first time, and it also explains the entry under miscellaneous Expenses that reads: "Paid on road execution \$101.95"

1838

Jonathan Stillman repairing bridge near Phelps' sawmill	\$7.63
Truman Ives repairing bridges at the River	1.50
Carl Bacon building new bridge at Old Forge	60.00
Carl Bacon repairing bridges on Sandy Brook Road	4.60
Repairing bridge near Porter house	10.40
Repairing bridges near A. Phelps near gristmill	16.29
Repairing bridge near Elihu Pinney's	.34
Repairing bridge near Walters'	<u>.68</u>
	\$101.44

1839

Building bridge near Samuel Whitford by Truman Ives & others	\$306.00
Building one-half of bridge near DeWolf's	51.00
Repairing bridges near Stows	28.10
Building stone bridge near Calvin Sage's	150.00
Repairing two bridges near D. C. Y. Moore's	68.69
Repairing two bridges near Moses & Jared Deming's	6.05

Repairing bridge at Old Forge	2.00
Repairing two bridges near A. Phelps	32.19
Repairing bridge near A. Phelps' sawmill	17.25
Repairing bridge near P. Williams	15.25
For plank on gristmill bridge and timber	7.36
Repairing bridge near Isaac Thompson's	.80
Repairing bridge near Samuel Simons	12.00
Repairing bridge near Calvin Sage's	1.25
Repairing bridge near Hezekiah Wakefield	<u>2.43</u>
	\$700.37
 Expense for keeping state arms in repair	 \$5.40

1840

Expense of new road

Damages for new road leading from Colebrook to Winsted	\$548.94
Making said road	280.00
Cost paid on execution October 1839	<u>112.16</u>
	\$941.10

Expenses for bridges one year – ending October 1st 1840

Repairing two bridges at the Old Forge	\$2.85
Repairing bridge in Simons Street	.64
Building bridge near Nathaniel B. Walters'	8.29
Repairing two bridges near D. C. Y. Moore's	8.00
Repairing bridges at the Union Mill	.75
Repairing bridges at the River	2.00
Repairing bridge by E. A. Phelps	<u>2.00</u>
	\$24.53

1841

Building bridge near D. C. Y. Moore's	\$35.00
Repairing bridges on Sandy Brook	7.04
Repairing bridges on the River	21.50
Repairing bridges near Southwest Schoolhouse	8.75
Repairing bridges in Simons Street	8.61
Repairing bridges near Nathaniel B. Walter's	<u>6.00</u>
	\$86.90