

QUINLAN BRIDGE

The Quinlan Bridge, built circa 1850, is 88 feet long and is of kingpost Burr Arch construction. The builder is unknown. Also called the "lower" bridge, it is downstream on Lewis Creek from the Seguin covered bridge. The Quinlan Bridge spans what was then the 1812 turnpike, part of which is now Spear Street.

The Sherman family owned surrounding lands, and in 1830, built a saw mill just up the creek. This building burned down, but the area around the bridge continued to be a center of manufacturing, with a woodworking mill that made wash, doors and blinds, a nail-making shop, and a foundry where plow points, cultivator teeth and other farm implements were cast.

In the 1860s, Winfield J. Scott, a carpenter-joiner, operated a gristmill and butter tub manufactory nearby. Portions of the old mill dam can still be seen from Lewis Creek Road above the bridge. Later, John Quinlan, an immigrant from Ireland, ran the mill. In recent times, steel I-beams were inserted under the bridge as reinforcement for abutment bents.

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