

SEGUIN BRIDGE

The Seguin Bridge, spanning Lewis Creek and built circa 1850, is 72 feet long and, like the Quinlan Bridge downstream, is a kingpost Burr Arch construction. The builder is unknown. In the early 1800s General Nathan Leavenworth operated a grist, saw and woolen cloth mill just east of this site. The woolen mill included carding (combing and cleaning the wool) and cloth dressing operations, a coloring vat and a fulling mill. Fulling refers to dampening and beating the wool to thicken it. The Seguin and Rules families subsequently owned the land around the bridge.

A fourth covered bridge existed in Charlotte, spanning the La Platte River on Spear Street near the Shelburne line. It too was a kingpost Burr Arch style and was adjacent to the site of a former saw mill and mill pond. The La Platte River bridge, reconstructed in 1863 due to flooding, was dismantled in 1956 and replaced by the present two-lane bridge.

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