



Covered bridge in Kenyonville, spanning Oak Orchard Creek

## Vanished Orleans: County had two covered bridges

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Until 1910-11 Orleans County had two covered bridges, one at Two Bridges, and the other at Kenyonville, both in the Town of Carlton.

The first bridge is said to have been a crude brush bridge made by early pioneers. The next bridge at that crossing was built in 1833 of timber and plank. In 1874, the covered bridge pictured here, measuring 1,100 feet in length, was constructed at Kenyonville to span Oak Orchard Creek. It stood

on three stone piers directly above a ten-foot dam, which provided a mill race for water power to run a grist mill and a sawmill owned by Barber Kenyon.

In 1911, this covered bridge was removed after being condemned for several years. It was doomed for its obsolescence rather than decay, as it was made of white pine and protected by a roof and matched pine sides. A portion of the structure was saved and moved to a farm near Alabama where it functioned as a storage shed. It was replaced with more traditional iron bridges.