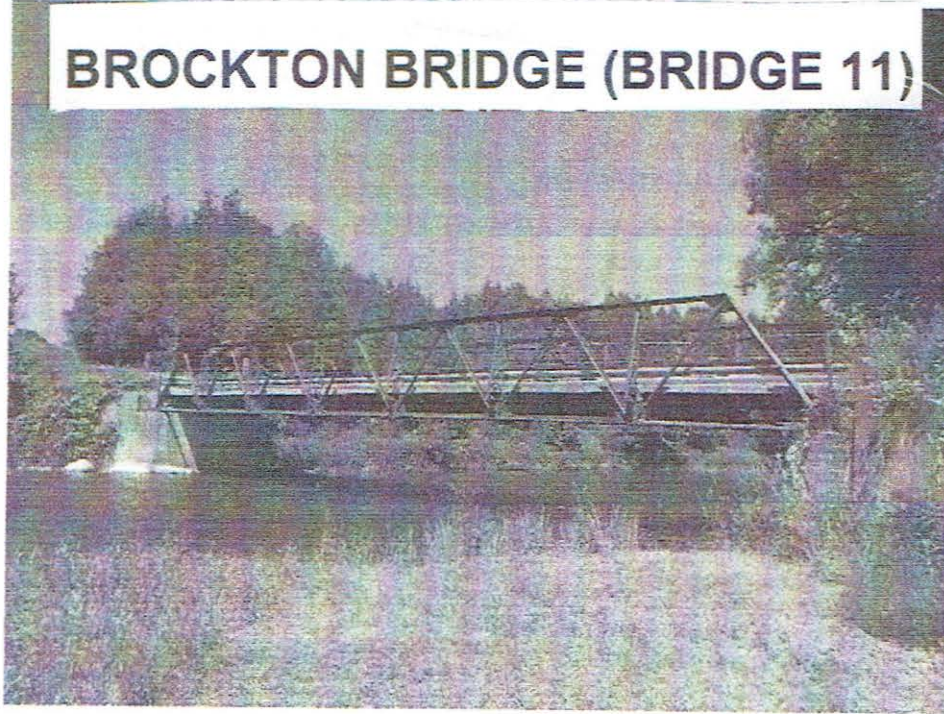


## BROCKTON BRIDGE (BRIDGE 11)



The original bridge over the Teeswater River on Concession 20 of the former Township Of Greenock was likely erected as a wooden 1 lane structure, circa 1851-1860. This allowed direct access from the Elora Road [Bruce County Road #3] to Bruce County Road #1.

The former bridge, built circa 1890, by the Hamilton Bridge Works, for \$1350, was constructed at a narrow section of the River, with steep 10% road grades on either side, was potentially paid for, by the County of Bruce. It was 101.4 feet in length and was an excellent example of a single, relatively long, metal riveted span Warren Pony Truss design, with a wooden deck. The design dates to the 1840's. It was one of the longest Pony Truss bridges in Ontario.

Bridge 11 played an important role in the local community, providing residents/farmers access to social visiting and family ties as well as economically for the transportation and distribution of goods for the Agricultural community.

# Centretown Condos

The Walkerton Public & High Schools  
were built on this site in 1875 and 1877.

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The original school was elementary, but also  
provided more advanced classes at the high-school  
level, until 1877. Rural students often boarded  
with local families to attend school. High school  
classes were transferred to Walkerton District  
Secondary School in 1951.

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The Walkerton Public School's enrolment climbed  
from 322 in the 1870's to a peak of 450 students  
one hundred years later.

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In 2012, the Walkerton Public School was closed  
and the students transferred to the newly built  
Walkerton District Community School which  
provides classes from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

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The Walkerton Public and High Schools offered  
public education to the region's students for  
137 years.

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