

Bibliography of Newspaper Articles on the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge

(There are copies of these articles at all Catawba County Public Library locations.)

Observer News Enterprise

July 31, 1995

Rededication event set for historic bridge

This lists the featured speakers and the program for the rededication ceremony.

October 21, 1964

A Picturesque Scene

Photo

January 15, 1969

Just Kidding

Sylvia Kidd

January 1969 Catawba Report

Old Covered Bridge One Of Few Remaining

The owner of the bridge, Mrs. R. K. Bolick, entered into an agreement with the Catawba County Historical Association to allow the organization to keep up the bridge and its surroundings.

Photo

January 5, 1977

Through The Covered Bridge

Photo

June 19, 1972

New Walk To Old Bridge

These pictures show the new improvements at the park.

Photos (6)

October 19, 1977

Fall Foliage

Photos (2)

January 15, 1982

Bridge won't be forgotten

This article focuses first on the reasons for the closing of the adjacent Connor Recreational Park, then on the bridge's history. A story about captured British Redcoats is also included.

Photo

October 18, 1991

Autumn Stroll

Photo

February 3, 1994

Historic bridge undergoing face lift

Jessica Wilson

This article describes the restoration work.

Photos (2)

June 1, 1994

Bridge Restoration Topic of N-C Rotary Program

Jessica Wilson

July 25, 1994

Historic Bridge to re-open this week

August 4, 1995

Restored Bridge is dedicated

John Callahan

About 150 people came to Claremont to see the rededication of the bridge. The article includes comments from the featured speakers.

January 2, 1984

Park open in winter

Many people have devoted their time and money to preserve this bridge. As a result of all the hard work and effort the bridge will be open in the winter.

Photo

August 28, 1985

Covered bridge is given to history group

Sylvia Ray

The Bunker Hill Covered Bridge was given to the Catawba County Historical Association Inc.

January 28, 1996

Bridge, mill named treasures

Bunker Hill Covered Bridge and Murray's Mill have been named as North Carolina treasures by a state commission.

Photo

June 19, 1972

New Bridge

This photo shows the new footbridge and gravel walk to the covered bridge.

May 21, 1979 100th Anniversary Edition

Old Covered Bridge One Of Few Remaining

This article briefly discusses covered bridges in North Carolina and Catawba County.

Photos (2)

The County News Enterprise

November 16, 1978

Photos (2)

Past Times (Catawba County Historical Association newsletter)

Unknown

Tornado Damage Repairs Set At Covered Bridge Site

In November 1992 a windstorm damaged the bridge. Restoration efforts are underway.

Hickory News

December 3, 1992

Weathers savagery of tornado

Sylvia Ray

Fallen trees damaged the bridge during a tornado that occurred on November 22.

Photo

September 1974

Covered- Bridge, oddity

This article describes the Bunker Hill State Park.

December 23, 1987

Season's Greetings

This is a view of the bridge after a snowfall.

Photo

February 13, 1992 Sesquicentennial Edition

Old covered bridge one of two in state

This contains a brief description of the bridge and proposed plans for the site.

Photo

Unknown

September 10, 1978

Photo

August 5, 1982

Area Park Rededicated

People from the Claremont Recreation Commission, City Board, Lions Club and Catawba County Historical Association held a dinner and a rededication of Connor Park.
Photo

Unknown

A picture of the creek from the bridge.

Unknown

Old Bridge Scene Of Much Activity

Photos (6)

Unknown

One bridge photo and one Shuford House photo

Unknown

Bunker Hill Covered Bridge...A Place Where Lovers Stroll

This photo shows the bridge and creek.

Photo

Unknown

Brighter Outlook For Old Bridge

Robert Hefner

Photo

Unknown

Preservationists Want To Save Covered Bridge

Sonja Paschal Linsley and Scottie Klein Baker

The future of the 93-year-old Bunker Hill Bridge is in jeopardy.

Photo

Unknown

Trails Completed To Covered Bridge

Judge Wilson Warlick, representing the Catawba County Historical Association, reports that the beautification and trail projects have been completed in time for the summer.

Photo

Unknown

Covered Bridge On List Of Vanishing Americana

H.G. Jones

Bunker Hill Bridge is one of the two Haupt truss-type covered bridges left in the U. S.

Unknown (circa August 1955)

68-Year-Old Covered Bridge Last in N.C.

At a meeting of the Catawba County Historical Association, Federal Judge Wilson Warlick presented a program on the history of the bridge.

Unknown

...Hits the Carolinas

This photograph features a snow-covered Bunker Hill Covered Bridge.

Hickory Daily Record

September 11, 1965

Historic Bunker Hill Bridge

Mrs. R.K. Bolick of Conover has made an agreement to allow the Catawba County Historical Association to maintain the bridge and beautify the surrounding grounds.

Photo

September 11, 1965

Island Ford Road Among First In Area

This article discusses road conditions for travelers in the 1800's in North Carolina.

July 8, 1970

One Of only 4 Left in North Carolina

Photo

July 26, 1972

Unique Bridge In Catawba Among Only 4 Surviving

H. G. Jones, Director of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History
The Southern Covered Bridge Association (a six-state organization) is working to preserve the Bunker Hill Bridge and other surviving bridges across the south.

August 7, 1972

Serene Scene Of Yesteryear.

The Bunker Hill Bridge is the only N.C. covered bridge that is being maintained as a historic site.

Photo

May 14, 1971

May get national billing

This special bridge has been nominated for inclusion on the National Register.

Photo

June 14, 1980

Vandalism, Upkeep Costs Force Park Closing

Rick Smith

The Department of Transportation has closed Connor Park.

Photo

Unknown

Park At Historic Landmark Closed

Connor Park, adjacent to the Bunker Hill Bridge, has been closed because of vandalism, maintenance costs, and redirected funds.

Photos (2)

August 23, 1985

Vanishing Nostalgia

Photo

July 6, 1993

Funds Sought To Repair Vestige Of Past

This article discusses the need for state funding to repair damages to the bridge.

July 7, 1993

Bill Seeks Bridge Funds

North Carolina Rep. Charles R. Preston proposes a bill that would provide funds to help repair the bridge.

February 6, 1994

Covered Bridge Receives Face Lift For 100th Birthday

Marjorie Pitts

Bunker Hill Covered Bridge is the oldest covered bridge in North Carolina. A.M. Graton has been hired to restore the bridge.

Photos (5)

May 27, 1995

Covered Bridge Focus Of Planned Activities

The Catawba County Historical Association has asked owners of horse-drawn wagons, carriages, and pre-World War II automobiles to participate in the parade that will celebrate the bridge's rededication in August.

August 4, 1995

Historic Bridge Reopens to Public

Brad Hodges

This historic bridge was reopened to the public. Over 200 people attended the event.

Photos (3)

July 20, 1996
Access to Bridge Proposed
Marshall Benbow
Photo

Unknown
Bunker Hill Bridge Eyed.
Connie Eckard
This article describes the legal situation that led to the construction of the bridge.
Photo

Unknown (circa August 1955)
Old Bridge's History Told At Meeting
A meeting was held by the Catawba County Historical Association where Judge Wilson Warlick spoke on the history of the bridge, built in 1894 by Andrew Ramseur.

Unknown (circa early 1994)
Gem Of A Bridge
The Bunker Hill Bridge "over Lyle's Creek near Claremont is reportedly the only remaining example of what is known as a Haupt truss design, which uses an inverted V as a structural element."

Unknown
Rip Van Winkle Inspects Old Bunker Hill Bridge And Finds It Sound As Gold Coin
Wake Bridges
Rip Van Winkle reads a sign on the bridge that says "Any-one crossing this bridge is doing so at their own risk. R.K. Bolick."

July 10, 1992
Bridge Is Relic Of Past
Linda Nygren
The Catawba County Historical Association Inc. has set aside \$30,000 to restore the historic bridge.
Photo

The Charlotte Observer / Catawba Valley Neighbors

April 19, 1987
Preserving the Past
Beverly Brown
A bill was introduced in the N.C. General Assembly which would give the Catawba County Historical Museum \$35,000 to repair the roof of the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge.
Photo

May 8, 1988

Onsite Discussion Of History Covers A Bridge Of The Past

An onsite seminar was held at the Bunker Hill Bridge.

Photo

August 2, 1995

Covered in Claremont

William McQuillen

This article provides details about the upcoming rededication ceremony and program.

Photo

Unknown

A covered bridge for the ages

Shirley Hunter Moore

This contains details about the restoration effort.

Photos (2)

Unknown

Family Business

Photo

September 18, 1987

Photo

Winston-Salem Journal

July 6, 1993

Covered Bridge Needs Support To Span Time

Terry Martin

It is estimated that it will cost \$115,000 to restore the bridge.

The Catawba County Museum of History houses a collection of clippings on this bridge.

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