

Table 23 - HDT.RP: Historic Changes to Bridges & Meadows, June 24 1859

Page	Quote	Comment	
111	Wayland bridges	I hear of two places in Wayland where there was formerly what was called a hay Bridge--but no causeway--at one narrow & shallow place--a hundred years ago or more.	See map
111	General Wayland	The testimony of the farmers &c is that the river 30 to 50 years ago was much lower in the summer than now.	Meadows drier before 1810-1830
111	Heards Bridge	Dea. Richard Heard spoke of playing when a boy on the river side of the bushes where the pads are & of wading with great ease at heard's bridge.	Low water
111	Wayland Meadows	I hear that one Rice (of Wayland or Sudbury) (an) old man remembers galloping his horse thorough the meadows to the edge of the river--	low water
111	Wayland meadows	The meadow just above the Causeway on the Wayland side was spoken of as particularly valuable-- [112]	excellent meadow gone
112	Rocks	Col. David Heard who accompanied me--& is best acquainted of any with the details of the controversy--has worked at clearing out the river (I think about 1820)--said that he did not know of a rock I the river from the falls near the Framingham line to perhaps the rear of Hubbards in Concord.	No rock in river
112	Lincoln	Daniel Garfield whom I met fishing on the river & who has worked on Nine acre corner & Lees bridges for 50 years or more could remember on eyear that when capt. Wheeler dug much mud from [113] the river--when the water was so low that he could throw out pickerel on each side outside the bushes (where the pads now are).	low water
113	Lees Bridge	[Daniel Garfield] says that his old master with whom he lived in Lincoln when he was young--told him that he wheeled the first barrow load at the building of Lees bridge & road--& that if he were alive now he would be a good deal over a hundred years old. Yet Shattuck says that bridge was a new bridge in 1660.	Bridge is 18th century
113	Canal Dam	Ebenezer Conant remembers when the Canal dam was built & that before that it used to be dry at mmidsummer outside the bushes on each side.	low water
113	Lees Bridge	Lee says that about 1819 the bridge near him was rebuilt & the mud sills taken up.	
113	Lees Bridge	Dea Farrar says that he can remember Lees bridge 75 years ago & that it was not a new bridge then.	
113	Lees bridge	[Dea Farrar] says that he has seen a chip go faster upstream there than ever down.	Back-flood
113	Rices	His [Dea Farrar] {son} said this was the case considerably further up in the meado toward Rices & he thought it [114] the effect of the stow river backing up [Assabet]	Back-flood
114	Hay Bridge	Dea Farrar thought the Hay bridge called Farrars bridge was for foot passengers only.	old bridge
114	South Bridge	John Hosmer tells me that he remmbers Maj. Hosmers testifying that the south bridge ws carried up stream --before the court at the beginning of the controversy.	slackwater

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