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The bridge was constructed in 1872 by master carpenter <u>Caleb B. Lamson</u> and is the only known example of his work surviving in Windham County.

Vermont's covered bridges are among the state's most cherished and symbolic historic resources. Over a hundred bridges still stand and many are an integral part of unique architectural environments whose setting and context have been little altered. In view of the extensive highway programs which are drastically changing the visual environment of the state, the Division hopes to extend National Register protection and recognition to the majority of these important structures.

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The West Dummerston Covered Bridge is the second longest covered wooden highway bridge wholly within the state of Vermont, and the longest covered bridge still open to traffic. Constructed in 1872 by Caleb B. Lamson, a locally prominent bridge builder, the West Dummerston bridge is the only known example of his work to survive.¹ While some reinforcement has been added to the floor of the bridge, its structure has not been significantly altered from its original condition. The vehicular load limit of ten tons currently allowed across the bridge attests to its structural soundness and to the ability of its builder.

The covered bridges of Vermont are among its most cherished and symbolic historic resources. About one hundred bridges still stand in the state, probably the greatest concentration by area of covered bridges in the country.² Many of these bridges are integral parts of unique architectural environments whose physical setting and cultural context have been little altered until recently. However, extensive highway construction programs are now drastically changing the historic environment of the state. The Vermont Division of Historic Sites hopes to extend the recognition and protection of the National Register to the majority of the surviving covered bridges, including the West Dummerston bridge.

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