

Rufus Graves: a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1791. who had studied out as divinity student, passed to merchandizing at Hanover, and in 1798 became a Lt. ^{commandant} Col. in the N. S. Army and ^{afterwards} a Physician. He died in Ohio in 1845 at 86.

a drawing of the bridge was preserved for many years at Hanover, but is now lost.

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by Hon. Frederick Chase]

I will add to the above ^{that} the water-way indicated by the above figures was insufficient during floods, and to that fact is undoubtedly due the early undermining of one of the abutments.

The present bridge is a lattice, continuous over a centre pier, the two spans being each a little less than 200 ft in the clear and this water-way is just sufficient in times of flood-flow. This bridge is about 30 years old and still in good condition. When it was opened and named the "Ledyard Free Bridge" (in honor of Ledyard the traveller, a Dartmouth man) it was the first and only free bridge on the Connecticut river.

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