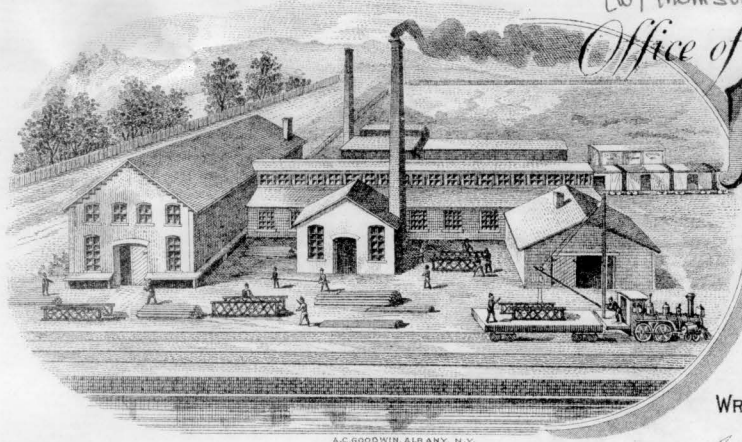


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Dear Sir;

I regret that I have been obliged to defer answering your letter of inquiry so long and that I have now so little definite information to impart concerning my father's earlier work. Though I have written to many who would be likely to possess such information I have been unable to find anyone who was connected with him in the beginning of his practice and have received no important facts from others, while his own records are very incomplete and fragmentary. I have reason to believe that he began building iron bridges as early as 1859 but am unable to give the location or description of his work at this time. His first bridge on the N.Y. C. was built in 1862 over the Erie Canal near Newark N.Y. in two spans of 160 ft. each. Iron bridges were built on this road