

Bridge Trivia- 5 Facts about Covered Bridge

Why Covered Bridges?

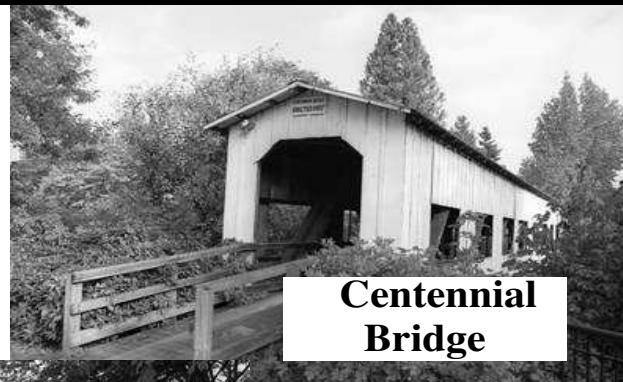
1. Covered bridges are covered to protect the wood from rain and moisture, which prevents it from rotting.
2. Cottage Grove is home to 6 Covered Bridges, with the Chamber's Railroad Bridge being the last remaining rail bridge this side of the Mississippi.
3. The Church Hill Road Bridge is the shortest covered bridge in the USA. It is still standing in Columbiana County, Ohio. It was built in 1875.
4. Early covered bridges were often used as Town Halls and other meeting halls.
5. The Hartland covered bridge is the longest covered bridge in the world at 1,282 feet long. It is located in New Brunswick, Canada. It was built in 1921. You need to turn on your headlights to cross it.

An Untitled Poem

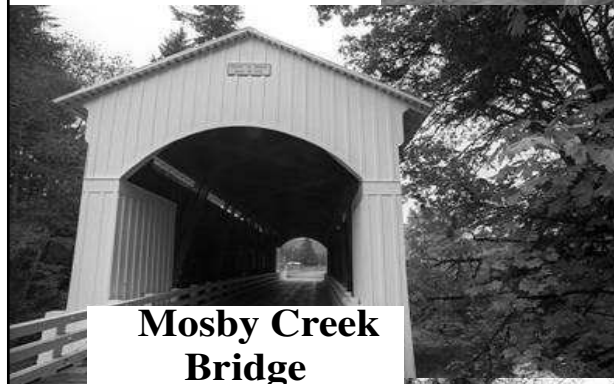
~*~Author Unknown~*~

“What stories could these bridges tell
 If they could only talk?
 They'd tell us of the ones who rode
 And those who had to walk,
 The rich, the poor...those in-between
 Who used their planks to cross,
 The soldiers, farmers, businessmen
 In buggies, sleighs, by “hoss”,
 Like sentinels these bridges stand
 In spite of flood and fire,
 Their rugged, stalwart strength remains
 Our future to inspire.”

Cottage Grove Bridges



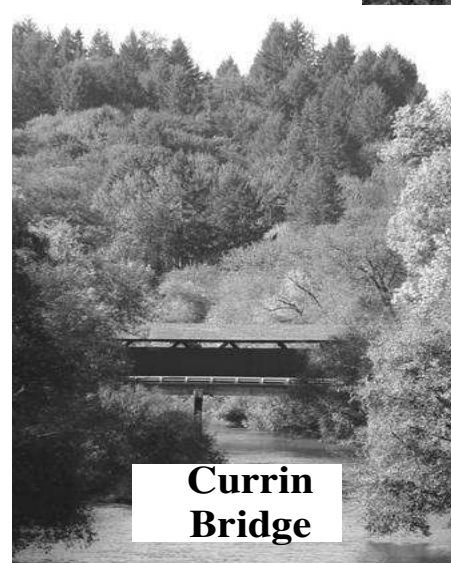
**Centennial
Bridge**



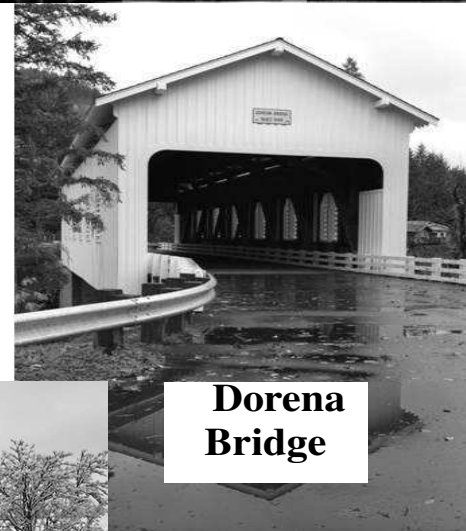
**Mosby Creek
Bridge**



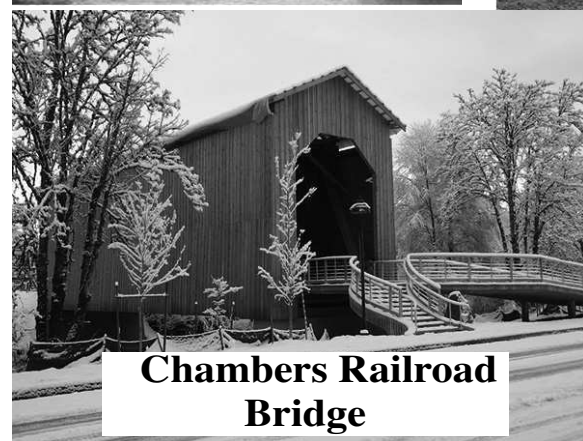
**Stewart
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**Currin
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**Dorena
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**Chambers Railroad
Bridge**



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