

Flax Bridge



General Information	Physical Details
Bridge No. ML3	Type: Pony Truss
Ownership: Township of Mapleton Township of Wellington North	Span: Single
Construction Date: 1954	Dimensions: 22.3m x 7.9m (LxW)
Water Crossing: Mitchell's Creek	Materials: Steel, Reinforced Concrete



Evaluation Form		Check
Design/Physical Value		
I. Is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method		✓
II. Displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit		
III. Demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement		
Historic/Associative Value		
I. Has direct association with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization, or institution that is significant to the community		✓
II. Yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community or culture		
III. Demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, engineer, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community		
Contextual Value		
I. Is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area		✓
II. Is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings		
III. Is a landmark		

General Description

The Flax Bridge is located on County Road 11, 0.01 km south of Wellington County Road 109. It was constructed in 1954 and is one of six remaining steel truss bridges in the Township of Mapleton, five of which are pony trusses. In addition to the Flax Bridge, the group of pony truss bridges includes: Mallet River, Simmon's, Moorefield, Bosworth and Rothsay Bridges, all of which were constructed between 1949 and 1954, with the exception of the Mallet River Bridge, which was constructed in 1910. The Moorefield Bridge and Flax Bridge are very similar in appearance and dimensions and were constructed in the same year by the same group of County of Wellington staff.

This steel pony truss bridge was constructed for the County of Wellington by contractor A.H. MacLellan and County Engineer, W.H. Keith. Both are credited with working on many other truss bridges in the County. The Flax Bridge is set above the floodplain and has concrete railings on the north ends of the bridge.

Sources: County of Wellington Bridge Inventory
County of Wellington, 2007 Bridge Appraisals

