1841 Beaver Road Bridges

In 1841, Allegheny County built two stone arch bridges to carry the Beaver Road over Kilbuck Run and Little Sewickley Creek in what was then Ohio Township.

Kilbuck Run Bridge #1 was built in what later became Glenfield Borough and is shown below in a 1907 photo. Notice the young boy dangling his legs over the side. COMMISSIONERS OFFICE, Pittsburgh, July 21, 1841. YO BRIDGE BUILDERS.—Proposals will be received at this office, until 12 o'clock of Saturday the 7th of August next, for building two Stone Bridges on the Beaver Road, in Ohio Township, one over Kilbuck Run, and the other over Little Sewickly Creek, according to plans and specifications to be seen at this office. Also, a Bridge of Wooden superstructure over Mil-

ler's Run on the Noblestown Road, in Fayette Township, according to the plans and specifications.

WM. LEA, JOHN PATTERSON, JOHN MORRISON, Commissioners of Allegheny County Attest JAMES GORMLY, Clerk. July 23-wtd (Mercupy and Harris' Intelligencer copy.)







Built in 1841, the stone bridge over Little Sewickley Creek was enlarged in 1918 and remains in use. The photo on the left shows the bridge as it appeared in 1905. The Little Sewickley Creek Bridge #1 is found in what is now Edgeworth Borough.

(Photos are shown courtesy of the Allegheny County Department of Public Works.)