

it ever constructed over such a tremendous rapid. The first bridge was thrown across this angry stream in 1817, near the grist-mill on Iris or Goat Island, with much hazard of life, and great expense. It was carried away by the ice the ensuing spring. In 1818, another was constructed where Bath Island bridge now stands, by the Hon. Augustus Porter, and General P. B. Porter, brothers, the proprietors of the island.

A suitable pier was built at the water's edge; long timbers were projected over this abutment the distance they wished to sink the next pier, loaded on the end next to the shore with stone, to prevent moving; legs were framed through the ends of the projecting timbers, resting upon the rocky bottom, thus forming temporary piers until more substantial ones could be built. Visitors all pass this bridge on to Goat Island. It is perfectly safe; carriages and heavy loaded teams cross it almost every hour in the day.

Rapids.

The next thing that attracts the attention of the visitor, as he passes on his route to Goat Island, is the rapids. These are grand and impressive; thousands, in the summer season, particularly when the sky is clear, stand upon this bridge, and gaze upon the angry flood, as it rushes past them, in all its wild