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Hello Milton!

Thanks for your card. I wanted to let you know that I did get to Vergennes this year to look at that industrial footbridge. I wasn't able to get inside the mill, but the bridge does seem to have a truss, because the floor framing is too light to support the weight otherwise. You can see the bottoms of some tie rods, so it is probably a Howe truss, although a crude one; it appears to have been built up from common dimension lumber, rather than using larger pieces. I couldn't get up there to measure the lumber sizes, but my guess is that the bridge would have been built in the 1920s. These industrial bridges are getting scarce, as the old mill buildings themselves fall out of use. Thanks for telling me about this!

"Happy Bridging"

Joseph