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# The Reminisce News

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## A Bridge to the Past

Historic bridges are links to our past. They are exemplary of an era's architecture, engineering, art, and technology. They also tell the story of a region. Who built the bridge? Who used the bridge? What communities did it connect? During November, Historic Bridge Awareness Month, take the time to seek out a local historic bridge and learn the history it embodies.

The oldest bridge in America is a humble stone arch crossing of Pennypack Creek in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Built in 1697, men from the surrounding communities were expected to contribute to its construction either through labor or with money. Over the centuries, the three-span bridge has gone by many names: Pennypack Creek Bridge, the Holmesburg Bridge, the Frankford Avenue Bridge, and the King's Highway Bridge. It was originally built to carry America's first highway, the King's Road, from Philadelphia to New York. It was just 18 feet wide when it was built, large enough to accommodate two teams of horses. It is said that in April of 1775, a rider from Boston sped across the bridge into Philadelphia, delivering news of the Battle of Lexington and the start of the American Revolution.

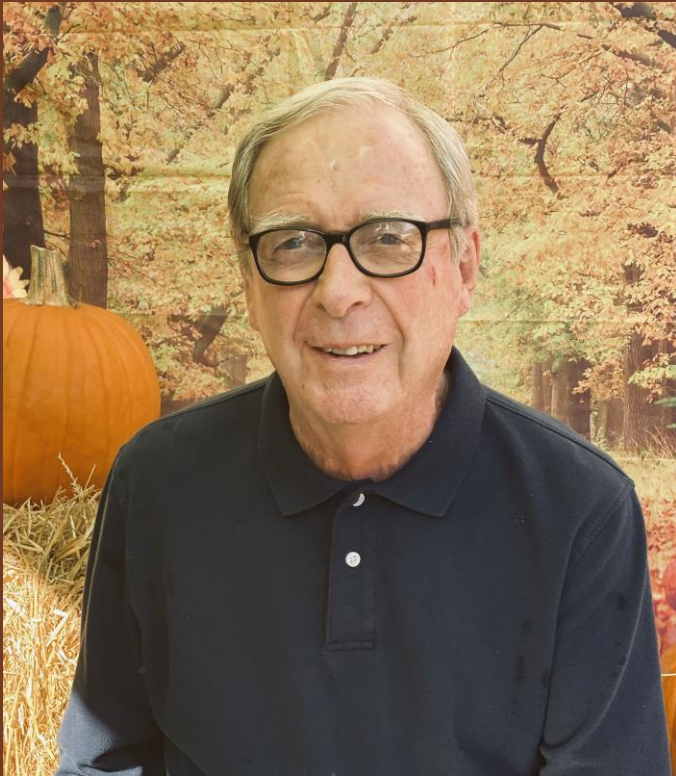
Historic bridges range from the humble to the magnificent. On November 21, 1964, the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge opened, a massive two-span suspension bridge connecting Brooklyn to Staten Island over the "Narrows," the mile-wide entrance to New York Harbor. When it was built, it was the longest bridge in the world, and it is still the longest suspension bridge in the Americas. New York's master planner Robert Moses, engineer Othmar Ammann, and the thousands of workers who risked their lives to construct such a marvel created more than a bridge; it is New York's grandest entrance and an enduring work of art. Its two monumental 70-story steel towers support four massive cables, which contain enough steel wire to stretch halfway to the moon. These bridges—artifacts of art, engineering, and history—are just two reminders out of thousands around the world that it is always better to build bridges than to burn them.



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Barbara Sieck	11/17
Carol Williams	11/18
Barbara O	11/26

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