

8. Bernard Kempinski's Bridges



This is the Military Trestle over Claiborne Creek ([photo above](#)). It was the first bridge I built for the current Aquia Line layout. Herman Haupt came up with the design to save materials compared to a normal trestle when in a field expedient situation such as quickly replacing a destroyed bridge.

Here is my latest bridge. This is the trestle over Mueller's Creek ([photo right](#)). It spans a low area between a bend in the creek. Modern RRs would have made a dirt fill embankment here, but in Civil War times, earth moving was too expensive, so they used wood trestles instead. The bridge is complete, but I still need to finish the scenery.



This is a through Howe Truss bridge at Biscuit Run ([photo right](#)). I built it about 10 years ago for my portable ACW era layout. It is scratch built using basswood parts I cut on my laser.

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