

**Everett S. Sherman  
& the Preble County  
Covered Bridges**

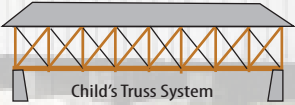
One of the most serene land-  
scapes you will discover in  
Ohio is that of a covered bridge  
tucked away on a back country  
road, reflecting its image in the  
gently running waters below.  
Over 125 covered bridges still  
exist in Ohio with 8 of them  
located in Preble County.

Six of the Preble County  
covered bridges shown on this  
map were built by Everett S.  
Sherman, who came to Eaton  
in 1886, from Delaware  
County, Ohio. These bridges  
include:

- Warnke Bridge
- Geeting Bridge
- Dixon’s Bridge
- Brubaker Bridge
- Christman Bridge
- Harshman Bridge

Sherman was awarded  
contracts to build 15 bridges  
damaged during a storm in  
1886.

Sherman used the Childs truss,  
developed by Horace Childs, to  
build 14 of these bridges. He  
reconfigured the Child’s Truss  
system by adding diagonal iron  
rods to a multiple kingpost  
design.



The surviving antique covered  
bridges include the oldest in  
Ohio, the Roberts Bridge,  
1829, and the last one built by  
Sherman, the Warnke Bridge  
built in 1896.

You will also discover on your  
tour the newest addition to our  
county, the Hueston Woods  
Covered Bridge built in 2012.  
This elegant bridge spans 108  
feet.

As you drive through the  
picturesque countryside of  
Preble County, keep in mind  
there are many other historical  
sites to discover including Fort  
St. Clair located near the  
Roberts Bridge in Eaton and  
the Preble Co. Historical Soci-  
ety located on S.R. 122 on your  
way to the Brubaker Bridge.

We hope you enjoy your stay  
here in Preble County as you  
discover our many treasures.

*Discover the  
Covered Bridges  
of Preble County*

