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**Building the Proctor Marble Bridge, Conflict and Controversy**

**Today, Vermonters are familiar with Proctor as the location of the “beautiful marble bridge.” While many people know of and appreciate the beauty that spans the Otter Creek, most are unaware of the legal conflicts that ensued during construction.**

**The bridge was created in memory of Fletcher Proctor, whose brother Redfield Jr. and mother Emily were heavily involved in the process. The bridge itself was designed by Harry Leslie Walker and the contract to build the bridge was to be conducted by the B&W Concrete Company of Newark, NJ, for an amount of \$20,965 (a modern day value of approximately \$500,000). The business relationship between the town and the B&W soon turned hostile, involving slow progress of work and a dispute over an initial payment.**