



The Forsythe Bridge

The Forsythe Bridge was built by E.L. Kennedy across the Big Flatrock River in Orange Township on County Road 650 South, east of Gowdy. It was named for Asa Forsythe, owner and operator of a nearby gristmill. Running 186 feet long and 16 feet wide, the structure is 15 ½ feet high. It features the Burr arch construction and the carved brackets found on other Kennedy bridges. Stone steps at the corners are a distinctive feature of this structure, which was completed in 1888 at a cost of \$3,700. It is the longest one-span covered bridge in Rush County.

The bridge underwent extensive restoration in 1984, and is faithfully watched over by the residents of the Big Flatrock neighborhood.