



### *The Moscow Bridge*

*The Moscow Bridge was built by E.L. Kennedy at the east edge of Moscow, over the Big Flatrock River in Orange Township. Moscow is on County Road 650 West, south of State Road 244. This was the second bridge constructed at this site and was completed in November 1886.*

*The bridge is one of the longest two-span covered bridges in existence, measuring 330 feet, plus 8 feet of overhang at each end. It has the characteristic ornamentation of the Kennedy bridges and is the only one with lattice ventilators. It is 15 feet, 6 inches wide, and the height at the arch is 13 feet, 6 inches.*

*On June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1986, following a weekend festival celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Moscow Bridge, there was a rededication to its second century of usefulness to the community. This festival has continued annually on the last full weekend of June and has become one of the finest festivals in the state of Indiana.*

*The Moscow Bridge was restored in 1990 and is a truly magnificent example of the covered bridges in Rush County. It is watched over zealously by nearby residents, including a great-grandson of the bridge builder who lives a few feet from the structure.*