



The Norris Ford Bridge

The Norris Ford Bridge was the last Kennedy covered bridge built in Rush County. It was erected in 1916 by E. L. Kennedy and Sons to replace a ford across the Big Flatrock River in Jackson Township on County Road 300 North between 125 and 240 East and Northeast of Rushville. Although the Norris Ford was the second to last bridge ever built by the Kennedy's, the techniques were almost identical to those used forty years before. It does not have the customary scroll brackets, but the original stencil put up by the builders on the inside proclaim it as a Kennedy Bridge. This is now the only Kennedy bridge built in the 20th century, which is still standing. It is named for the O.C. Norris family who owned extensive adjacent acreage. It was restored in 1989.