



### *The Offutt's Ford Bridge*

*The Offutt's Ford Bridge crosses Little Blue River northeast of Arlington in Posey Township. It is a single-span structure, erected in 1884 by Emmett and Charles Kennedy. It is 85 feet long, and is supported by stone abutments. The enclosure is 16 feet longer than the deck to provide a protective overhang. It is located on Offutt's Bridge Road between 300 and 400 North. This bridge, which was closed to traffic in 1986, was restored and reopened in 1990. The bridge now sits in a park-like atmosphere, thanks to the loving care of neighbors who cut the weeds, trim the trees, and have provided picnic tables in the area near the bridge. This is a highly sought destination for impromptu picnics!*

*The bridge is named for the Offutt family who were early settlers in the region. In a nearby cemetery is the grave of Sabert Offutt who cleared the land in 1830. The bridge is particularly attractive because of its small size and fine natural setting. It has all the Kennedy details of ornamentation and is a charming example of their work.*