



### *The Smith Bridge*

*A. M. Kennedy and Sons built the Smith Bridge in Rushville Township in 1877 across the Big Flatrock River. It is northeast of Rushville on County Road 150 North, between Country Roads 100 and 200 east. The structure length is 121 feet, with a vertical clearance 14 feet and a deck width of 16 feet 9 inches. The bridge derives its name from Dr. William H. Smith, a prominent adjacent landowner who was a Civil War veteran and had served as a captain on a canal boat on the Whitewater Canal in his youth.*

*The bridge, which was closed to traffic in 1986, was reopened in 1996. Through the efforts of RCHI and the Historical Landmarks of Indiana, the County Commissioners were able to obtain matching funds from a newly formed government program. The bridge has been completely restored to an 11-ton load limit. The bridge is a favorite of the youth of Rushville because of its short distance to town.*