

W.H. PRATT BRIDGE
(Gaddis Ford Bridge)
Township Road 369 spanning the
North Branch of the Kokosing River
Fredericktown vicinity
Knox County
Ohio

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Location: Township Road 369 over the a tributary of the North Branch of the Kokosing River, Fredericktown vicinity, Knox County, Ohio.

UTM: 17/360200/4485620

Date of Construction: 1896

Fabricator: Buckeye Portland Cement Company, Bellefontaine, Ohio

Present Owner: County of Knox (County Commissioners), 110 E. High Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio

Present Use: Vehicular traffic

Significance: The W.H. Pratt Bridge is a 52' long concrete arch bridge with iron handrails. Built by the Buckeye Portland Cement Company during the earliest years of concrete bridge construction, its thin, flat arches resemble German concrete bridges of the 1890s.

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