

OAK KNOLL PARK BRIDGE
Oak Knoll Park
Massillon
Stark County
Ohio

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Location: Oak Knoll Park, Massillon, Stark County, Ohio.

UTM: 17/455640/4515205

Date of Construction: 1859 near Alliance, Ohio. Moved in 1899 to its present location.

Fabricator: C.M. Russell & Company

Present Owner: City of Massillon (Parks Department), City Hall, Massillon, Ohio.

Present Use: Pedestrian use and a historic exhibit.

Significance: The bridge is the oldest known iron bridge in Ohio. It is an early work of Joseph Davenport, founder of the Massillon Bridge Company, and is a Howe truss that anticipates his "Davenport straight Howe truss." When the County Commissioners had the bridge replaced in 1899, they moved it to its present location.

Project Information: The Ohio Cast- and Wrought-Iron Bridges Project was cosponsored by HAER, Dr. Robert J. Kapsch Chief; the Institute for the History of Technology and Industrial Archaeology, Dr. Emory L. Kemp, Director; the Ohio Historical Society, Gary Ness, Director and David Simmons, Historic Bridge Specialist; and the Department of Architecture, Ohio State University, Jose Obrerie, Chairman.

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