

RODRICK BRIDGE
Township Route 144 spanning
Wills Creek
Otsego vicinity
Coshocton County
Ohio

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Location: Abandoned stretch of Township Route
144 over Wills Creek, Otsego
vicinity, Coshocton County, Ohio.

UTM: 17/434240/4446280

Date of Construction: 1872

Fabricator: Coshocton Iron Works

Present Owner: County of Coshocton (County
Commissioners), County Court House
Annex Coshocton, Ohio

Present Use: Abandoned

Significance: The Rodrick Bridge is a bowstring
arch bridge constructed of cast-
iron segments with a lower chord of
wrought-iron chain. Built in 1872
by the Coshocton Iron Works, a
company managed by James W.
Shipman, nephew of Squire Whipple,
it is believed to be the only
surviving example, outside the
State of New York, of a bridge
based on the bowstring design
patented by Squire Whipple in 1841.

Project Information: The Ohio Cast- and Wrought-Iron
Bridges Project was cosponsored by
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Source:
Simmons, David A. "Rare Whipple-Inspired Bridge In Coshocton
County," The Ohio County Engineer, August 1981, 9.

ADDENDUM TO
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Cast and Wrought Iron Bridges Project
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