

### **The Bridge Builders: Josiah Durfee**

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Little is know about Josiah Durfee of Noblesville, Indiana, except that he built at least six covered bridges in Hamilton and Marion counties between 1868 and 1881. He used the Howe truss in all structures and built four two-span bridges in Hamilton County from 1868 to 1871.

On two of the jobs, Noblesville and Strawtown, he successfully competed for the contracts with J.J. Daniels. After an absence of nine years, he built the Traders Point bridge in 1880 and Cicero bridge the following year. Two of his bridges are still standing: Potter's Ford and Traders Point, which is on private property.