

Crispin Bridge

On the east end of the South Line, Con. 2 SDR, at Lot 74, a tributary of the Saugeen River crosses the road. In order to make for convenience and ease of travel it was decided to build a bridge across the roadway. This road was also a direct route to Hanover.

In 1862, a wooden bridge was constructed across the river, on the property of John Crispin. Almost immediately it became known as Crispin's Bridge. Eight years later, in 1870, the bridge was washed out by spring flood waters. It was replaced by another wooden bridge. Because this bridge served both Grey & Bruce Counties, there was some difficulty in establishing whose responsibility its care would be. Grey County claimed that because the bridge was entirely with Brant, it should not be up to them to look after it. In 1883, Bruce County took the initiative and did some repairs on the bridge. In 1885, with the help of the township, they constructed a new bridge. Although they held out at first, Grey was later persuaded to pay post debts on the bridge.

In 1889, Knechtel Furniture Co. supplied 7, 959 feet of elm for major repairs done to the bridge by Robert Francis. The total bill for the repairs, including the Francis' wages of \$12.00 was \$81.27. It was paid by the township.

In 1901, the County decided that the bridge was in need of replacement and the present steel structure was erected by Hunter Bridge and Broiler Co. of Kincardine. The cost of this bridge is not known.

In 1950's a new bridge floor was constructed other than minor repairs the bridge is still used to-day.