

Sec 1. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly: That Stephen Mack, his heirs and assigns, be, and they are hereby authorized to build a toll bridge across Rock River, on Section twenty-three, in Township forty six North, of Range one, east of the third principal meridian, being in the town of Peatonie, in the County of Winnebago.

Sec 2. The said Mack, his heirs or assigns shall commence the building of said bridge within one year and have the same completed within three years from and after the passage of this act. Said bridge shall be built in a substantial and workman like manner, with a draw, or otherwise so constructed as not to obstruct the navigation of said river.

Sec 3. That after the completion of the said bridge, the said Mack, his heirs or assigns are hereby authorized to place a toll gate on either end of said bridge, or contiguous thereto, where he, or they, may ask and demand of every person passing said bridge, the following rates of toll, to wit: For each waggon or other vehicle drawn by two horses, mules or oxen twenty five cents; For each waggon or other vehicle drawn by

four horses, mules or oxen ^{thirty six} ~~thirty~~ cents;
For each waggon or other vehicle drawn by
one horse ^{eighteen} ~~eighteen~~ $\frac{3}{4}$ cents; For each man and
horse ~~twenty and a half~~ ^{twenty} cents; For each head of ~~cattle~~
~~horses, mules, pack~~ ^{lambs or cattle} ~~two~~ ^{two} cents;
~~and sheep, or goats, one~~ ^{one} cent; For each
footman six and one ~~cent~~ ^{fourth} cents -

Sec 4. That the said Stephen Mack, his
heirs and assigns shall at all times after
the completion of the said bridge, keep the
same in good repair, and allow a speedy
passage to all rafts, boats and other craft
navigating said river, ^{at all times,} without the payment
of any toll; And also, to all persons and
property passing over it, upon the payment or
tender of the toll as herein before provided,
between the hours of six o'clock in the morning,
and ten, at night; and at any and all
other hours upon the payment or tender of
the said toll and fifty per cent addition thereto.

Sec 5. That, if at any time after the completion
of said bridge, it shall be left out of
repair, so that the same does not afford
a safe passage to persons and property, for
the space of six months; the privileges and
immunities hereby granted to the said
Mack, his heirs and assigns, shall be
forfeited; Provided, however, that destruction
or damage of said bridge by fire, flood

or other Casualty, shall not work a forfeiture of the privileges hereby granted, if the said Mack, his heirs or assigns shall within a reasonable time proceed to repair the same; or rebuild the said bridge, if totally destroyed; and shall complete the said repairing or rebuilding within one year after the happening of said Casualty; and during the time such bridge shall remain impassable from such accidental cause, it shall be lawful for the said Stephen Mack, his heirs and assigns, to establish a ferry across said river, at or near the site of said bridge; and to demand and receive from persons crossing, the same toll as is allowed by this act for crossing said bridge; which ferry, when so established shall be subject to all the rules, regulations, liabilities, and privileges, provided by an act entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of Ferries, toll bridges, and Turnpike roads" approved Feb 12. 1827.

Sec 6. That if any person or persons shall wilfully do or cause to be done any injury to said bridge, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay to the said Stephen Mack, his heirs or assigns, double the amount of such injury or damage, to be recovered by an action of debt before any justice of the peace, or Court of Record in said County.

Sec 7. This act shall remain in force for the benefit of the said Stephen Mack, his heirs and assigns, for the space of twenty five years from and after its passage, unless forfeited as here in before provided.

Sec 8. The said Stephen Mack, his heirs and assigns shall be entitled to purchase, hold, and convey so much land as may be necessary to construct the aforesaid bridge, and erect a toll house, or whatever may be necessary for the use and purposes of said bridge.

Sec 9. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons, County or Corporation, to erect a bridge, or establish a ferry across said Rock River within two miles of the site of the aforesaid bridge.

Sec 10. The said bridge when erected shall ever be free and exempt from taxation, and shall in every respect be considered a public highway, except so far as the payment and receipt of toll is concerned.

Sec 11. This act shall be taken and deemed a public act, and be in force from and after its passage.

Sec 10 It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners Court of the said County of Winnebago, at the first term of said Court after the said Mack, his heirs or assigns shall have commenced the building of said bridge, to order and direct the County Surveyor of said County to proceed ~~and~~ to view and locate a road from the North east end of said bridge, on the most proper and direct route to intersect the main road leading up and down said River on the east side of the same, which road when so located shall be a public highway.

Sec 12 This act shall be taken and deemed a public act, and be in force from and after its passage.

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A Bill for
An act authorizing
Stephen Mack to build
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Rock river

State Road

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