

**Subject:** Darwin Ferry  
**Interviewee:** Larry Lindley  
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**P&N:** When did construction begin on the Darwin Ferry?

LL : In the year of 1818

**P&N:** Which individual was most responsible for this?

LL : Mr. John McClure

**P&N:** Why was the ferry built?

LL : Mainly for the reasons so that the farmers could farm across the river and to carry cars and trucks across Indiana.

**P&N:** How many times has the ferry been rebuilt?

LL : It has been rebuilt quite a few times; I'd say about maybe 3-4 times.

**P&N:** Why was it rebuilt the last time?

LL : Because the other ferry was out of shape and was very worn out

**P&N:** How long did it take to rebuild?

LL : Approximately one year

**P&N:** How many people were involved in this?

LL : I was the main person in charge of remaking it. I had the help of two other gentlemen when it was needed, which was very often.

**P&N:** What is it made of, and how big is it?

LL : The ferry is made of all steel, including 65 miles of welding wire. It weighs 32 tons and is three feet tall and 20 feet wide.

**P&N:** What is so unique and unusual about it?

LL : The fact that it is made of all steel

**P&N:** How has the ferry affected people's lives?

LL : People do not have to drive as much as they did. Before they would have to drive from Darwin to Hutsonville. The ferry has saved people, mainly farmers, time and money.

**P&N:** What attracts people most to the ferry?

LL : The fact that the crops are very close to the river.