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Public Road

in

Bell Twp

Clearfield Co Pa

Depositions taken before me this 26th day
of May A.D. 1883. at my office in Penn Township
Clearfield County Pa. between the hours of
10 Am. and 6 P.M. by virtue
of the annexed rule of Court

J R Henry being produced and affirmed
doth depose and say I am forty six years of
of age and live in Bell township about
a half a mile from the Rocky Spring
School house state briefly. The ground
over which the road runs is fitted to make
a good road I did not notice any swamp
tho I went over it with the view of examine
it In back of the Rocky Spring School house
in the direction of this road there lives
three families of the Rhodeses Henry Stagner and
Les Parish and I know other parties that will
be accommodated with it part of the road
by which those parties get out to the School
house is simply a road cut throug the
woods The owner can shut up at his pleasure
Les Parish made a second road because
his first was filled up by clearing land
the parties I have named have no direct
road leading to Troutville in order to go
there they have to come out to the Rocky
Spring School house by a circuitous rout it will
be further those families to go the old road
I believe that every man should have a road
Will Parish ^{and Sam Stagner} have bought a piece of land further
on the rout in the direction of Troutville so I
have been informed by Will Parish

Cross Examination There is two of those
families of Rhodeses live near this new
road Mr Parish lives about a half a mile

from the Punxutawney road in on the line of the new proposed road from where the old road leaves the Punxutawney road, to Troutville is perhaps a little shorter ^{distance} than from the place where the new proposed road leaves the Punxutawney road to Troutville. This road is for the benefit of the parties I have named as well as for the use of the public in general. From Mr. Parish ^{where} lives on the new road to where it intersects on the Troutville road is a distance of one and a half miles and there is no family lives along this part of the new road. This new road runs in between two other Township roads and almost parallel with them from where these two roads leaves the Punxutawney road, it is about two miles apart these two roads intersect at Dan Freyers and the new road terminates about a fourth of a mile from Daniel Freyers.

Joseph K. Henry

Henry Stegner being produced and affirmed doth depose and say John D. Rhodes John H. Rhodes Leo J. Parish Samuel Stegner William Parish and myself line along the line of the new road back of the Rocky Spring School house. none of those parties have a public road out to the School house neither have they any road of any kind to Troutville where we do much of our business, and where we get our mail in going to Troutville we have to go to the Punxutawney road and around to Freyers to get to Troutville and it is a mile and a half shorter by the new road the ground over which the new road runs is well fitted for a road there is no swamps on it there is one part of it is a little Rocky I would willing build the road for twenty dollars I think the road could be built from

beginning to end for five hundred dollars

Cross examination I signed the petition for this road and live along proposed road I own fifty acres of land My road tax is between two and three dollars I am interested in this road because I wish to get a road to get out from ^{where} the new road leaves the Punxsutawney ^{road} to Troutville is a shorter distance than the old one it is between a half mile and three quarters from Mr. Parishes to the Punxsutawney road. This new road runs between two public roads. These two public roads join the Punxsutawney road about two mile apart and intersect at Dan Freyers the distance between the Mc Clinsey road and the new road from where they leave the Punxsutawney road is between thirty and forty rod after the new road leaves the Punxsutawney road it runs further away from the Mc Clinsey road the distance between the old road and the new road at Parishes is two hundred rod it runs very near parallel with the old road from Parishes to Freyers on the new road there is no houses. The settlers on this road are recent settlers

Henry Stagner

Samuel Rhodes being produced and affirmed doth depose and say, my age about 29 years past. I live handy to the west of the new road and expect house when opened. I have no public or private road out ~~needed~~ in the direction of the Punxsutawney road or of Dan Freyer's. The several families I have heard named here live along the west of the road and at present have no means of express or regress. I deal at Troutville and get my mail there. The new road will be a more direct route for me. It will not save me as much distance as it will some of the others.

Cross Examination

I always considered the old road from the Pungutowny Road to Fryers three miles it is a horrible road and may seem longer than it is. I can drive the other from Miller sooner and with a larger load. I signed the petition for the new road. I would like to have a road. There are two old roads leading from the Pungutowny road to Trouville the new one runs between them. They all unite within a half a mile from Fryers. The new road will benefit the parties along, its route the most. The distance between the new and old road is about as Stagers drove to. I would suppose that the new road is $2\frac{1}{2}$ or $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles long. I Rhoades

J. H. Rhoades produced and aff. says I am about 31 years of age live in Bell Township along new road. There are 4 families along new road and 2 others have taken up land. Those parties have no road out either in the direction of the School house or Fryers excepting what they have cut out themselves. If they had a road out with the school it would still be much farther around to Trouville. The present road around by Mr. Blaisey is not fit for a road at all. There are ^{three} steep places on it one is very steep the other one is not quite so steep. The road is full of ruts and mud holes and the road is too narrow to get around them. It would cost about as much ^{to make} a good road through there as the new road even if were not steep. I signed a petition for

for the road and then I signed a
certificate because Mr. McBlinsky
told me that the road was rocky and
swampy and I have since been over
the road since and it will make a
good road not very steep. I found
no swamps found it rocky for about
8 or 10 rods for that distance it is very
rocky but a very good road can be
made through
across &

I live along this road, I own
twelve acres, my road tax is about \$1.10
I want this road built to get out, this new
road runs most of the way through the wood
it will have roots on some as old one if
not taken out I don't see where it could
have mud puddles it is on dry ground
I would like to have about \$30 for putting
the road through the rocky part -

John H. Rhodes his X mark

John D. Rhodes being produced and
affirmed both depose and say his age is about
fifty nine years a resident of Bell Township
lives along the route of this new road good
ground for a road and good grade would
be very expensive to build four families live
along it now that have no way to get
out or in would be quite a round to go
by way of McBlinsky School house to go to
Groveville the road round by McBlinsky is
a very bad and steep road to travel There is
quite a ^{large} settlement about Freyers the new
road would make a better less hilly and
somewhat shorter route to the Election
I think the road will be a benefit to the
Public generally I was a chain carrier
on the view the ground is not swampy

There is no rocks that could not be hauled
of with a team the rocky part is only from 10² to 15 rods long

Cross examination

I signed the petition for this road and
need said road I own fifty one acres of
land my road tax about four ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars
There is two hotels and three ^{stores} in Troutville
Our people generally do their dealing in Troutville

Adam Gould being produced and affirmed
dth depose and say my age is about thirty
Eight years a resident of Bell Township
I do not live along the route of the road line across
the Pansotowney road from the end of it
I think it would shorten the distance to
Troutville for me though I never measured
it I think the location for said road is on
as good ground as could be found in that
neighborhood it is a better grade than the
old road the travel between Troutville and
the river would not go the old road if
the new one was opened I think for the
population there is considerable travel between
those points the road will old road will have
to be changed before there is much work ^{done} on it
to vary the grade it is so very narrow a wagon
can scarcely pass between the trees the Supervisor
refuses to work on it on ace of question the
road to be a public road

Cross examination

The steepest hill is ^{on the road} from ten to twelve
rod long I don't know anything about whether
it is a regular laid out road or not
I signed the petition for this road

Samuel Stegner being produced and affirmed doth depose and say my age is twenty three years live in Bell Township I have bought land along this new road my land joins Parish without this road I have no means of getting out any way the new road is on good ground no swamps good grade crosses twisting the road round from my place to Freyers by the old road is two miles further and is very hilly

Cross examination

I don't sign the I never measured the old road or the new one I have been over the new road once It is three mile from ^{where} the old road leaves the Pursittawney road to Freyers It is a quarter of a mile from ~~where~~ my place on the new road to the Pursittawney road & my land is on the opposite side of the road from Mr Parish I am interested in this road

Reexamination

I don't know of any person opposed to this road except James McClinsey

Samuel Stegner his x mark

David Dehn being produced and affirmed doth depose and say I am twenty four years old Resident of Bell Township I signed the remonstrance against this new road James McClinsey asked me to sign it he said it was not fit for a road and there was rocks on it as high as high as a mans house because of what he told me I opposed this road

Cross examination none

David Dehn

William Parish being produced and

affirmed doth depose and say I have purchased some land along this new road it joins Ter Parish's land but lays about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the new School house by the new road I suppose it is two mile further from my place to Dan Friers by way of the old road The ground on which the new road is laid is suitable and good grade and would be the principle line of travel from the river country there is a good many new settlers in the vicinity of the new road

Cross examination

My name is on the petition and I am interested in this road this is the direct route across to river W^m. Parrish

Edex. Rougher produced and affirmed doth depose and say I am about forty two years old resid in Bell Township I live about two mile from the Rocky Spring I have no direct interest in the new road it would be some nearer and a benefit to the settlers if it was made a good road and the other new road from Paxsturner road to river I signed the remonstrance against this road James McElinsey presented it he said there was big rocks in the route and would be very expensive to build I have since been over the ground and find it a easy grade there is about ten rods of rocks there are no very big rocks rocks to be moved they would have to sledge them down and fill them up between I have talked to Mr McElinsey he said if he was beat in this he would get a review and that would baffle them for another year

Cross examination

I signed the petition for this road this road

would be a benefit to the settlers along the road I was just over this road once Parish requested me to go over this road and a lot of us went over it

Reexamination

I know no other opposition to this road but James Mc Clinsey ^{the lawyer} ~~the lawyer~~

Les J. Parish being produced and examined doth depose and say My age is about sixty one reside in Bell Township I move in the woods five years ago last November I have cleared about forty acres of land during that time I could only get in or out by trespassing on my neighbors a road from my place to

Rocky Spring School house would furnish me a road out simply towards Penn Twp and the river it would lead me directly away from Troutville where I get my mail and do most of my business the direct route to Troutville is by the new road to Dan Freyers which is about a mile and half the route by the Rocky Spring School house and by Mc Clinseys is about four mile to Dan Freyers by my ^{new} present route

Cross Examination

I signed the petition for this road and am interested in it I have trying to get the road through I want a place to get out Mr Rhodes and Mr Linkenfeller carried the chain for the view of this road Mr Rhodes signed the petition Mr Mc Closkey & Mr John Smith are the viewers of the road met at my house Mr Mc Closkey kept his horse at my house and I fed it for him the viewers took dinner at my house that day Mr Closkey paid his bill the chain carriers and Mr Penty ~~and there~~ did not pay theirs and Mr Stegner told Mr Penty he would take his horse and feed it

Re Examination

James Mc Clinsey is the only party
that I ever knew to oppose this road

Re examination

Q Do you know of any persons that
are for this road and are taking an
interest in this road except the persons
who live along it. Ans No

Geo J. Parrish
James J. Daly J. P.

Justice costs \$ 8.17

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Ball Trap