

No. 23, Mar 1887

Abolition

versus

Madera Independent
School District

Contents:

Clearfield County, ss:

In Re Abolition
of Modern Independent
School Dist

versus

In the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield
County, Pennsylvania.

No. 505 Meh Term, 1883

AND NOW, to wit, the 18 day of Sept, in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, the
School Dist enter a Rule to take the Depositions
of ancient, infirm and going witnesses, to be read in evidence
on the Argument of this case.
Ex parte Rule of Direction 10 day's notice.

James Kerr
Prothonotary.

TO Machine, Esq:

You will please take notice that, in pursuance of the foregoing Rule, Depositions will
be taken before J B Melnick, or some other person authorized to
administer an oath or affirmation in Pennsylvania, in and for the county of
J B Melnick, at the office of J B Melnick, in
the Borough of Houtzdoor in the county of
Clearfield and State of Pennsylvania, on the 21
day of Sept, A. D., 1883, between the hours of 9 o'clock
A. M., and 9 o'clock P. M., when and where you may attend and cross-
examine.

Clearfield, Pa., Sept 18, 1883. atty for School Dist

Now Sept 18 1883 Service
accepted & time waived
H. A. Bhone

Now Sept 21st 1883. It is hereby agreed
by the undersigned Attorneys that the deposition
of David C. Newell shall be taken on 22nd
Sept 1883. between the hours of 9 am & 9 PM and
be of same effect as if taken at time mentioned
in within rule

In Re Abolition } In the Court of Common Pleas
of Madras Independent } of the County of Clearfield
School District } of March Term 1883.
No. 25.

Depositions of witnesses taken before me this
22nd day of Sept 1883 at my office
in Houtzdale Boro. between the hours
of 9. am. and 9 P.m. by virtue of the annexed
rule of Court of Common Pleas, and notice
hereto attached and agreement endorsed
thereon for the examination of witnesses
In a certain cause depending in said
Court In re Abolition of Madras Inde-
pendent School district

David C. Hensal being produced sworn and ex-
amined on the oath of the Remonstrators doth
depose and say: My name is David C.
Hensal. my age 50 years. reside village of
Madras, Woodward Twp, Clearfield Co.
occupation Hotel Keeper. I have lived
in the Independent School district of
Madras for 3 years, have been
a director for 2 years in the district,
am President of the board. There are
six directors on our board. The term
of two of the School directors expired the
1st of June 1883. There was no election
by the people to fill these vacancies be-

cause the secretary whose duty it was to post notices of an Election failed & refused to perform his duty.

It is necessary to post notices of the election ten days prior to holding the same. I notified him, ^{the secretary} of President of the board about ten days before the time the notices should have been put up - & also notified him about three days before the time for putting them up - to put them up. The secretary replied that there was plenty of time there was at least ten days and he would attend to it - The first time - The second time he said ~~all right~~ I will see to it, I will do it. The secretary's failure to perform his duty prevented us from holding a legal election - This election should have been held on 20th of March 1883. We held a meeting of the school board in April, May & in June 1883. The meeting in June was held on first Monday in June, but did not get through and adjourned to meet on 12th or 15th of June. We met on 12th or 15th of June and reorganized the board, settled up the accounts of old year and also put out our June statement.

We then adjourned to meet on a short
time at the call of the President for
the purpose of laying a Tax and
filling the vacancies. We then
met two or three times at different
times but did not have a quorum.
This was during the month of
July. One of the School directors
Robt Moring was away from
home. Consequently we did
not have a quorum. We ~~did~~
did have a meeting of the School
board on 20th of ~~each~~ this month
(Sept) at which a quorum of the
old School board was present and
we proceeded to fill the vacancies.
laid a tax of ten miles and appointed
a committee to employ School teacher
for ensuing year, and fixed the
salary of the Teacher, and adjourned
to meet again on Saturday night
the 22nd Sept. In case this dis-
trict was abolished then would
be no new scholars come in
to the district from the Township
or none would go out of district
it would be most convenient for
them to attend the same school.
There are about eighty School children

in the independent district.
The village of Modena is about the
center of the Independent district.
Most of the children are in the
village of Modena and suburbs.
All the school children with one or
two exceptions live within eight
miles of the school house.
It is the intention of the school board
in case we remain an independent
district to have a graded
school. If it had not been for
the proceedings now in court we
would have had a graded school
there this winter. We have the best
school so the County Superintendent
says that it is in the County. I
mean one of the best. The
financial condition of our district
is good. We are out of debt and
have a small balance in
our treasury. In case the Ind.
district were abolished our share
of the indebtedness of Woodland
Township would be about
three hundred dollars. The
school building belongs to the
Trustees of Modena Hall Associ-
ation, and is subject to their

order and Constitution & Co. & Co. & Co.
The Ind. Dist. has an article of
Agreement signed by the School
directors and the Trustees of the Hall
association. it was signed in
1874. By this agreement Madera Hall
Association sold one-half interest
in the building to the Madera
Ind. School district as long
as it is used for school purposes
by Independent district. It would be detri-
mental to the School interest of Indep't Dist.
if Independent district were abolished
It would be detrimental to both the
Educational and Financial interests
of the people to have it abolished.

Cross Ex. by M. A. Chase

There are now six school directors on the board we have a full board
two of our directors term expired on
1st June 1883. ~~then~~ We neglected
to hold an election to fill the board,
We filled the board by appointment at
a school meeting on 20th Sept 1883
From 1st day of June 1883 to 20th Sept
1883, there were only four members
on board. We did not levy our
tax for school purposes until 20th Sept

1883. I know the School law says it should be done by 12th of July ^{each year} ~~XXXX~~ but is not compulsory. It is left to discretion of the School board. The meeting at which we levied the tax and appointed persons to fill the vacancies, was held after testimony had been taken in this case on the part of petitioners for abolition of the district. When we organized our board in June, we did not fix any regular time of meeting, we were to meet in a short time and fill vacancies in a few days, and fix our time of meeting. We had a regular time fixed for meeting the previous year, at our meeting on 20th Sept we did not fix any time of meeting, we adjourned to meet on 22nd to fix up old duplicates. We held the meetings of the Schoolboard in my Parlor. They have been held there for each year. We did not hold any School meetings on Sunday. It was the intention of the board to have a graded school but there was no resolution of the board to that effect - still it was the

general talk of the people =

The Independent School district has a deed for the lot of ground adjoining the one on which the School building is situate - I do not know who has the title to the lot on which building stands on. The building was built by the Madery Hall association - but the Independent district has put some repairs on it. The building was built for a hall and I subscribed ten dollars to the building of it, I gave my subscription as a donation to the Hall association. I cannot say how much the balance in Treasury is. The statement shows - Cash on hand \$27⁵⁷, uncollected & due Treasur \$38⁶⁵. State appropriation \$82⁰⁰ Total \$118.27 = We owe. Saml Whiteside \$80²⁵ and I have orders for \$24⁰⁰ - I am not certain that there are any orders out.

The Independent district is located about the middle of Dryer Gap, when Independent district was formed the village of Madery was in Woodward Gap. The Dist. was formed for the purpose of accommodating persons who

in road for Masons. I was called
Bullock Twp. W. A. Clark asks.

Were you a candidate for ~~Section~~
School director at Election, object
ed to by W. H. Patterson, ^(as irrelevant) witness
answers, I was a candidate for
School director in Bigler Twp
and was defeated - I was at the
election and voted. The population
of the Independent district is increas
ing. In reference to the three hundred
dollars which I said would have
to be paid in case of Abolition
of District to Woodward Twp,
The money was paid by Woodward
Township to Madera Hall Association
for the right to hold school in the
building, and this money will
have to be refunded to Woodward
Township in case of Abolition of
the Ind. district.

D. J. Hensel

Greenfield, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above witness was
duly examined at the time and place stated in above
caption and subscribed his name ^{to deposition} in
my presence.

Wm Brewster
J. P.

Exposition

United Rule of Council
of Common Schools
No 25, March 5, 1883
for the Abolition of the
"Indiana Independent School
District

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May 19 May 1884

Deposition of William Luther, produced, sworn & examined by me as my Officer in Guilford Sept. 25, 1883, between the hours of 1 P.M. & 5 P.M. in the matter of the Abolition of Madera Independent School District, now pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Guilford County.

William Luther being duly sworn & according to law says:-

I was born in 1837, and am 46 years of age. I reside in Madera Byler Township this County. I was one of the organizers for the creation of Madera Independent District. I have resided in the district ever since it was created. It was created some 8 or 9 years ago. I am one of the School Directors of Madera Independent District. Have been a director for over two years. There are no vacancies existing on the School Board at the present time. I believe the

terms of two of the School directors expired on June 1, 1883. These vacancies were filled by an election of the School Board under the Common School Law. We had no election by the people during the Spring of 1883, for the reason that the Secretary of the School Board failed to post notices of the election. We have a full and organized board now and are transacting the business of the district. We have held several meetings since June 1, 1883.

At one of these meetings this year we levied a School tax and appointed a committee to secure teachers for the schools. Madison School District contains about eighty school children. It is the purpose of the people to maintain the district in order to maintain better schools. We have been trying for three months to get a graded school. We have been paying higher taxes than the Townships. We had a graded school, or partially graded, last summer. In case the Independent District were abolished no chil-

Area would go from our district into the Township or come from the Township into our district.

I am one of the trustees and stockholder of the Madama Hall Association. I am the largest stockholder in the concern. I think in case this Independent district were abolished a new School House would have to be built, because the title to the School House is in the Madama Hall Association. As trustee of this Madama Hall Association I hold an Article of Agreement with the directors of the Independent School District. (Witness produces the agreement, & a copy hereto attached and made part of this testimony.) This is the agreement. The Madama Hall Association has been renting the building and donating the rent to school purposes. I can answer for none but myself, but if the School district is abolished, I will not allow the School House to be used for school purposes, if I can get my money out of it as one of the directors. I gave the secretary

of the School Board notice to call an election lost April. I was also present when D.C. Russell gave their notice. He said there was plenty of time and he would call the election. It was his fault we to give notice that caused the election not to be held.

Cross Ex. by W. A. Chase Esq, atty for the Petitioners.

The vacancies in the School Board in the Independent District were filled last week. We appointed two men to fill the vacancies. From the first of June 1883 until last week there were but four members on our School Board. We levied our tax and appointed a committee to employ teachers about 3 weeks ago. I was present when the tax was levied. That meeting was held at the house of David C. Russell. At the same time we appointed the President of the Board to employ teachers. There were four members of the Board present at that meeting.

Between June 1st 1883 and the time when the tax was laid we had had other meetings. This meeting at which a tax was laid was held after the proceedings were instituted to abolish the Independent District. I asked no man in any township to sign a paper to erect a new township.

Wm Luther

I hereby certify that the above named witness, William Luther, was duly sworn and examined at the time & place stated in the above caption and signed his deposition in my presence.

Frank Esten's

Notary Pub.

(Copy of Agreement)

Article of Agreement made and entered into this 29. day of August A.D. 1874, by and between the trustees of Madera Hall of the first part and the directors of Madera Independent School District of the second part, All of Woodford Township, County of Crawford & State of Illinois, Witnesseth that the parties of the first part do agree to sell to the parties of the second part the undivided one half interest in the Madera Hall and the lot that it is thereon erected, said school directors to have the same right to control said Hall as if they had the entire interest in the Hall, for school purposes only, in consideration whereof, the parties of the second part agree to pay all the debt that is ^{now} against said Hall, the debt not to exceed three hundred - 000 - Dollars, and the parties of the second part further agree to secure a title to the ground on which the Hall now stands, with sufficient for school purposes, and to finish said Hall by plastering and weatherboarding. Said trustees reserve the right to use the Hall for all purposes guaranteed to them in the

Constitution & By Laws, - not to not
interfere with its use for school pur-
-poses. Either of the parties shall
have the right to use the Hall, free
of charge, for all purposes not pro-
hibited & not forbidden in the Con-
stitution & By Laws of said Hall, or of or
in the Common School Laws of Penna.
It is understood by the parties that
filling the and for the ground
that it shall be in accordance
with this agreement, that is to say
conveyed to both parties.

We do hereby bind ourselves and our
successors in office to the faithful
performance of the above agreement.

School Dirce	G. W. Stoff - Pres.	seal	Am. Luther	seal
	Jos. Alexander	seal	Reuben Hegarty	seal
	A. J. Ruffner,	seal	James Cornely	seal
	David Hegarty	seal		
	L. A. Warner	seal		

A True Copy.

Attest Frank G. Hone's
N. P.

Apr 25 Wed Nov 188

In the Matter of
the abolition of Slavery
as a subject
before District

Defendants Report
Costs
\$4.00
\$2.50

Bellevue

In the matter of } In the Court of Quarter
the Abolition of } Sessions of Clearfield
the } County Pa
Madera Independant }
School District } No Mar 28 1883

And now 21 Mar 1883 Petition presented and
Considered ^{and} thereupon a rule is granted to
Show Cause why said Independant
School District should not be Abolished
Service to be made on the School Directors
of said district

By the Court
Certified from the record at
Clearfield this 29 Mar 1883
James Kerr
Clerk

Mo 25 March 1883

On the matter of the
Association of

The

Madera Independent
School District

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Remitted the Rule on
the last general Assembly
and by present law
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Edw. Meston Shaw

Rule on the School
directors of

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State of Pennsylvania }
County of Clearfield }

Now Jan'y 22, 1884 Rule granted
on the Defendant School District of Madera to show
Cause why it should not be abolished —

By the Court
Certified from the Record at Clearfield
this 22 Jan'y A.D. 1884

James Kern
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No 25 Mar 55, 1883
In Re To Petition of
the Madras - Defendant
before clerk

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W. A. Ballia
att for Reist

Ed Shaw 4.24

~~Chase~~

May 3rd Whitcomb
 J. P. Whitcomb
 J. H. Williams
 J. H. Williams
 W. B. Russell
 W. P. Thomas
 B. B. Thomas
 C. B. Thomas
 C. B. Thomas

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Madison, March 30 1883.
The School Board, express the financial
account to Milwaukee at the close of the
school year ending June 1883. It would be
impossible for me to give the exact figures
at this date but they cannot be less than
of more than fifteen or twenty dollars
either way.

Yrs. Truly
Wm. Madison S. S. School District

W. P. Pusey
George Rogers
Sayer L. Thompson
Bryon Mullins
Henry H. Gentry
Robert H. Gentry
Wm. Whit
Robert Alexander
G. G. Davis
J. E. Pusey
Geo. W. Pusey
Wm. H. Pusey
John Moore
John Pusey

Robert H. Gentry
John Pusey
Geo. W. Pusey
Wm. H. Pusey
John Moore
John Pusey
James Pusey
Nicholas Pusey
Wm. Pusey
H. Pusey

Wm. Pusey
Henry Whitehead
John Pusey
Esmond Jordan
William H. Gentry
Wm. H. Gentry
Richard Pusey
James Pusey
E. H. Gentry
Austin Chapman
Crews Longene
John Pusey
Edw. Lloyd
Robert Baldwin

Henry H. Pusey
J. P. Pusey
Wm. H. Pusey
Martha Pusey
Wm. Pusey
Geo. H. Pusey
Wm. Pusey
Jacob Pusey
Robert Pusey
Wm. Pusey

E. R. Miles
A. S. Miles
Samuel Miles
A. P. Miles
Wm. Miles
Wm. Miles

Joseph Miles
John Miles
Geo. H. Miles
Samuel Miles
John Pusey
Thos. Pusey
Isaac Pusey
Wm. Pusey

O. W. Pusey
James Pusey
Edw. Pusey
Wm. Pusey
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To The Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Clearfield,

The petition of the undersigned one third of the Citizens and Taxpayers of the Township of Bigler respectfully represents; that by a decree of the Court of Common Pleas of said County given the 18th day of March A.D. 1874 there was formed out of parts of Beccaria, Lulich, Knopf and Woodward Townships an Independent School District known as the "Madera Independent School District" and that since the formation of said Independent School District there has been a new township formed known as Bigler Township taken from parts of Beccaria, Lulich, Knopf and Woodward Townships above mentioned; that the said Independent School District is situated in the centre of said Township of Bigler. Your petitioners therefore pray your Honors to abolish said Independent School District for the reason that the cause for its formation has ceased to exist and that it would be for the best interests of the Taxpayers of said Township of Bigler to have the same abolished. And they will ever pray &c

Wm. S. ...
Albert Shoff
D. C. ...
James ...
E. W. ...
Wm. ...
J. F. Dunlap
Joseph Alexander
Ruben ...
A. C. Shoff
James ...
John W. ...

Philip ...
John ...
Albert ...
P. H. ...
J. ...
E. Alexander
Joseph ...
David ...
James ...
J. ...
Wm. ...
Ben ...

no 25 mar 7 1883

Petition of Citizens and
Taxpayers of Bigler Twp for
the abolition of Madison
Independent School District

22 July 1884 Rule granted
to show cause as within
prayed for
By the Court
D. L. K.
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John Loring

Thomas Green

John Loring

Robert Loring

S. W. Loring

Frank Loring

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In the matter of the Abolition of the
Madera Independent School
District

versus

In the Court of Common Pleas
of the County of Clearfield
of March Term, 1883
No. 257

DEPOSITION of witnesses taken before me this Twelfth (12) day of
September, A. D., 1883, at my office in Southdale
County of Clearfield, Penna.

between the hours of 9 o'clock A.
M., and 6 o'clock P. M., by virtue of the annexed Rule of Court and notice thereon
endorsed, for the examination of witnesses in a certain cause there pending, wherein
In the matter of the Abolition of the Madera Independ-
ent School District.

Plaintiff, and

Defendant.

Joseph Alexander being produced, ^{affirmed} ~~sworn~~ and exam-
ined on the part of the Petitioners, doth depose and say:

My name is Joseph Alexander, am 42 years of age;
I reside in Madera, Bigler Twp. and am a Farmer
by occupation. I have resided where I do now
since my birth, it was Woodward Twp.
until this year—I reside in the Madera
Independent School District—I do not
know exactly when the District was
erected, but think it was about nine
years ago. I ^{know} ~~think~~ it was erected out
of parts of Woodward, Bearia, Knox
and Gulick Twp. Since the erection
of Independent district a new Twp. has
been formed named Bigler Twp. out
of parts of the same townships that are

in Ind. district - The Independent district is located near in the centre of the New Twp of Bigler. I was one of the original petitioners for formation of the Ind. district - The reason of formation of Ind. district, was it was located at the corner of four Towns, and it was more convenient for people to attend one school. - The reasons given for formation of district have ceased to exist - as the parts of Twp. embraced in Ind. Dist. are all included in Bigler Twp. - My belief is that it would be to the best interests of the people of Bigler Twp and of the Ind. district to have the Independent District abolished - I am assessor of Bigler Twp. The Independent district makes extra work for Assessors on account of making out separate lists for the Commissioners, so that they can make separate Transcripts for the school board. There is also extra expense in holding a separate Election for election of school directors for the Independent district - I believe the whole Twp. could be handled by one set of school directors without any trouble. I don't think it would make any material difference in the expenses by abolishing the Independent district and think it would require about the same rate of tax.

Alford

ation for the trap as it does for entire district - the rates of tax would be about the same. I am a property owner and Tax Payer of ^{Bigler} ~~Woodward~~ Trwp. It would not require expenses of separate election if district were abolished.

No Cross Ex.

note - more than 1/2 of the population
said note regards expenses of separate
election. Insisted on signing

Joseph Alford

Joseph Alford

Joseph Denny being produced affirmed and examined on the part of the petitioners doth depose and say my name is Joseph Denny, am 54 years of age. reside in Bigler Trwp. am a Laborer by occupation. reside in the Madera Ind. School district. I am Secy of the School Board of Madera Ind. District. The Madera Ind. School district is about the center of Bigler Trwp. and includes the village of Madera and was formed out of parts of Woodward, Bear River Gulch and Knox Trwp's. I was one of the signers to have the Ind. dist. formed in the first place. I think it would be for the best interest of the people of Independent district and Bigler Trwp. to have this Independent

ent district abolished, as the reason
for its formation have ceased to exist
by reason of erection of Bigler Twp.

I do not think there would be
much difference in rate of taxation
to have the Ind. district abolished,
think the taxation would be about
the same. We have not laid
any taxes this year. We only
have four school directors at
the present time, We did not
hold any election this spring
for school directors

Cross Ex. by W. H. Patterson

The reason we did not hold
an election for school directors
was that it was the understanding
that Independent School district
was to be abolished - The people
of the District and the Twp both
gave us the understanding. I don't
know where they got their infor-
mation. If I had been instructed
to do so it would have been my
duty to have posted notices of
election. I never received any
notice from any one to post
notices of an election. The

President of the School Board
did talk to me something about
it. I promised the President to
put up the notices, and said
there was time yet there was at
least ten days. The old School
Board met and settled the affairs
of the District and adjourned to
meet again, during this year,
I expected we would meet in June
to lay the Tax - the time it should have
been laid - and attend to the affairs
of the School District - I don't
remember of any thing being said
about any particular time - but I
expected we would meet again in
June - One of the duties which were to
attend to upon meeting was to fill the
Board. I don't remember about any
thing ^{being} said about it, but it was part
of our duties. - There was some un-
finished business - Saul Whitesides
had a claim against District - there
was no arrangement made for the
settling of it. Whitesides claim has
been settled since by Dist. Treas-
and old Treasurer and Collector of
the District. Since June I have been
notified by the Directors that there

would be a meeting at some certain time. There was a particular time set for this meeting and I was there and there was no meeting. I did not go to the particular place of meeting for the purpose of attending the meeting as I did not expect there would be any meeting, but was at the place when the meeting was to be held at the time. I had no notice of a meeting of the School Board, "Last Saturday night."

Re Ex. by Wachae

The last meeting we held was in June - this year between the tenth and fifteenth. We did not have a full board. The vacancy occurred on first Monday in June - by expiration of term of two directors. Men should have been elected on 20th of April to fill this vacancy.

At the meeting in June, we adjourned with the expectation of meeting again but on no particular time - we had some conversation about meeting but no motion. before we adjourned.

Re cross Ex. W. H. Patton I am ready

Denny

and willing to meet with the board
at any time, had no arrangements
with any one to keep them from
meeting. Jos. Denny

Georgett Stitt being produced affirmed and
examined on the part of the Petitioners
doth depose and say:

My name is Georgett Stitt, am 42
years, a resident of Bigler Twp. occupa-
tion Farmer - I have resided in Bigler Twp
since its formation and in Woodward for
about 19 years. Bigler is formed out
of parts of Woodward, Recoria, Knox
and Gulick Twp. The Madera Ind.
School district is situate in centre of
Bigler Twp. I am secretary of the
School Board of Bigler Twp. I can
remember when the Ind. Dist. was
formed I think it is about 1895
it was formed out of parts of
Woodward, Recoria, Knox and
Gulick and has the village of
Madera within its boundaries.
The new district was formed for the
accommodation of the people living

in those four townships in the neighborhood of the village of Madera. The reason for its formation has ceased to exist since erection of Bigler Twp. and think it is unnecessary to have an Ind. separate District in Bigler Twp. I think the expenses will be about the same if Ind. district were abolished with the exception of Secretary's Salary and expenses of holding Election and expenses of making out extra duplicate and Transcript.

No cross Ex. George W. Stettin

John Beyer being produced, affirmed and examined on the part of the petitioners - doth depose and say My name is John Beyer am 52 years of age, occupation Lumberman & Farmer reside in Bigler Twp. I do not remember the year of formation of Madera Ind. district, but was one of the drivers. I think it was about eight

or nine years ago. It was formed out of parts of Escoria, Gulish, Knox, and Woodward Twp. The Madera Independent School district is located about the center of Bigler Twp. I do not think it is necessary at present, although at time of its formation it was, I think it would ^{save} ~~require~~ extra expenses and trouble if the Independent School district were abolished.

John Beyer
wordy & ago inserted before
John Beyer

James Cornely being produced, affirmed and examined on the oath of the petitioners doth depose and say: My name is James Cornely and 48 years of age. I reside in Madera village, Bigler Twp. occupation Merchant. I reside within the limits of the present Independent School district, I have resided in Madera for about twenty years and a property owner and tax payer - I was one of the signers

of the petition for the formation of the
Madera Independent School Dist.
I was one of the Commissioners appoin-
ted by the Court to hold the first
elections. The reason for formation
of Independent district, was, Madera
was located ⁱⁿ at the corner of Woodward
Twp. and at the corner of Knox, De-
catur and Gulick Townships, the
three latter townships were so thinly
populated, that it would not justify
them to have a School house near
Madera, we found by erecting
a district at Madera we could
accomodate all those living in
the outskirts of those three Towns.
Since the erection of Bigler Twp. the
cause for which the Independent School
District was erected has ceased to
exist, Taking all the circumstances of the
case into consideration I think it
would be more beneficial to the
Twp of Bigler to have the Independ-
ent School district abolished, as
it is unnecessary.

Wm. C. E.

James Barry

Araron P. Shoff being produced, affirmed and examined on the oath of the petitioner doth depose and say my name is Aaron P. Shoff am 42 years my occupation is Farmer. I reside in the Township of Bigler. I have resided in Bigler Twp since its formation and prior to that resided in same place when in Woodward Twp forty one years. I own property about ~~6~~ six acres. but I pay taxes on the whole farm for this year. Hereafter I will pay taxes on six acres, and house and barn.

The Madera Independent School district is located in the centre of Bigler Township. I think the reason for which the Madera Independent School district was erected has ceased to exist and the district is unnecessary. I think it would be to the benefit of the people of entire Twp. including the independent district to have the Madera Independent School district abolished. I am a director of Bigler Twp.

A. P. Shoff

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Cleanfield County, } ss.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That the above witness~~s~~*s* *ever* duly
qualified and examined at the time and place stated in the above Caption;
that the same was reduced to writing by me, in the presence of said witness
and having been first read over to *them* *they* subscribed *their*
name *s* thereto in my presence *and notes and erasures*
made in their presence

WITNESS my hand and *_____* seal.

Notary Public
[Signature]

No. 25 Mich Term, 1883

the matter of Division of 4th

Madison Independent School
vs. Mich

versus

Deposition

of Witnesses on part of
Plaintiff

830 in Great St.

Fees for taking Deposition, \$ 4.60
Alexander
out 1 47

Filed 24 Sept 1883

James C. How
Prothonotary.

Attorney.

Notes of

Witnesses

John Rogers

for Corbely

for Henry

for Henry

for Henry

for Henry

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New March 3rd 1884 summa accepted
for Mauna Indigo School visit of W. Hall
acts for visit
was Owens receipt

No 25 Mar 55, 1883

In Rel to Petition of
the Mauna Independent
School dist.

Rule

Summa accepted this 2nd
day of March 1884

W. H. Hall
Ally & District

Sh. Hall 4.24

Chase

State of Pennsylvania }
County of Alleghenia }

Now-Jan'y 22, 1884 Rule granted
in the Independent School District of Ladona to show
Cause why it should not be abolished -

By the Court
Certified from the record at Alleghenia
this 22nd Jan'y A.D. 1884

James Kerr
Pro

Clearfield County, ss:

In the matter of the
abolition of the Madera
Independent School District

In the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield
County, Pennsylvania.

No. 25

March Term, 1883

versus

AND NOW, to wit, the 1st day of September, in the year of our

Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, the
Petitioners for the abolition of the Madera Independent School District
enter a Rule to take the Depositions
of ancient, infirm and going witnesses, to be read in evidence
on the Argument of this case.

Ex parte Rule of Petitioners on 10 day's notice.

James Kerr

Prothonotary.

TO W. H. Patterson, ESQ:

You will please take notice that, in pursuance of the foregoing Rule, Depositions will
be taken before Jacob McGrath Esq., or some other person authorized to
administer an oath or affirmation in Pennsylvania, in and for the county of
Clearfield, at the office of Jacob McGrath Esq., in
the Borough of Houtzdale in the county of
Clearfield and State of Pennsylvania, on the 12th
day of September, A. D., 1883, between the hours of 9 o'clock
A. M., and 6 o'clock P. M., when and where you may attend and cross-
examine.

Clearfield, Pa., Sept 1st, 1883.

H. A. Chase
Atty for Petitioners for the abolition
of Madera Independent School District

W. H. Patterson
any Petitioner
Subscribed and sworn to 4/14/83

Served the within Subpoena
on John Beyer James Connolly
Joseph Denny Es. St. Stith
and A.P. Shoff personally
by reading

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Mileage .72

Clearfield County or 1.47

Before me a Justice of the Peace
in and for said County personally
came ~~Joseph Alexander~~ Joseph Alexander
who being duly sworn according
to law deposed and says that
he made the above services and
that the miles travelled on each
offered Joseph Alexander
Sworn and Subscribed before me this
12th day of Sept A.D. 1883.

J.P.

County, ss.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Bayard James Cornely Joseph Dean & W. Still
Joseph Cornely Joseph Dean & W. Still

YOU are hereby required and commanded, that, laying aside all business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear

YOU are hereby required and commanded, that, laying aside all business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear

before _____
one of our Justices of the Peace in and for the said County,

at his office on the 12th day of Sept, 1883, at 9 o'clock in the pm noon

of the said day, then and there to testify your knowledge in a certain action now pending before our said Justice, ~~between~~

In the matter of the abolition of Modern Independent School District

Plaintiff, and
defendant,

on the part of the Petitioner and this you are in no wise to omit under the penalty of One Hundred Dollars.

WITNESS our Justice, at Southdale who hath hereunto set his hand and seal, the 5th day of June 1882

day of *Sept* in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*four*

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