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No. 5 Sept Term, 1889

Deer Creek Bridge

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IN THE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS OF THE PEACE IN AND FOR CLEARFIELD COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA.

In the matter of the Public Bridge over the Susquehanna River between the Townships of Girard and Graham at or near the mouth of Deer Creek, known as the Deer Creek Bridge.

To The Honorable The President Judge of said Court, and the Board of County Commissioners of Clearfield County:

The petition of the undersigned citizens and tax payers of the Townships of Graham and Girard, in said County of Clearfield, respectfully represents:-

That on the 2nd day of September, A. D. 1889, several of the citizens of said Townships presented their petition to the above stated Court, asking that viewers be appointed to report on the propriety of the re-building of a bridge over the Susquehanna River at the mouth of Deer Creek, and that such action be taken in the said case as to "enable the Commissioners to make an appropriation towards the re-building of said bridge".

That proceedings were had in said case and in consequence thereof an iron bridge was constructed over the said River at the point aforesaid; that the County of Clearfield appropriated the sum of \$8761.50 for the iron and \$1000.00 for the masonry, and \$525.00 was subsequently appropriated by said County as additional on the mason work on said bridge; that is, the County of Clearfield appropriated and expended in all the sum of \$10,286.50 in the construction of said bridge.

That while it appears from the proceedings under which said bridge was erected, that the County of Clearfield only assisted in building said bridge, in fact, the County practically built the bridge and has a large amount of money invested therein, to wit, the sum heretofore named; that by petition filed on the 11th day of February, 1899, in the Court aforesaid and to the number of said bridge proceedings, to wit, No. 5, September Sessions, 1889, which petition was

signed by many citizens of Girard and Graham Townships, it was prayed the Court that the said bridge should be placed on record as a County Bridge for the reasons in said petition stated; that upon said petition being filed it was referred to the Grand Jury at February Sessions, 1899, and the said Grand Jury, after an examination of the facts in connection with said petition and bridge made report to the Court recommending that the said bridge be entered on the record by the Commissioners of Clearfield County as a County Bridge, "without any liability of the County to either Township or to any individual for any money or contributions put in said bridge". That said petition and the recommendation of the Grand Jury thereon remain a matter of record in said Court but there does not appear to have been any further proceeding taken in order to make said bridge a County Bridge of record, at least, the record of said proceeding shows no further action.

That following said petition and thereafter up to the present time the County Commissioners of Clearfield County have maintained said bridge as a County Bridge and at various times have repainted the same, have replaced the floors of said bridge as they were worn out, and have also, replaced the sills of said bridge which were of wood with iron sills, all of which was done at the expense of the County of Clearfield without solicitation on the part of either of said Townships.

That the said bridge is across the Susquehanna River and has a span of, approximately, three-hundred feet from shore to shore, being made in two spans of about one-hundred and fifty feet each, and having a pier in center of the River; that the said Townships of Graham and Girard between which said bridge is constructed are entirely rural Townships having no large Works or improvements in either of them, and having no mining operation at present in either of said Townships; that said Townships are almost exclusively agricultural in character, the timber on the lands of both of them having been to a very large extent cut off and removed, so that the burdens of maintaining roads and bridges in said Townships now fall almost exclusively upon the agricultural interests of said communities; that both of said Townships are comparatively small in area and the taxing power of both of them is small because of the small assessed

valuation of real estate in the same.

That along the Susquehanna River from the line of Indiana and Cambria County in the southwestern part of said County, to the point of the line of Centre and Clinton Counties in the northeastern part of Clearfield County where the Susquehanna River leaves the County of Clearfield, there is no other bridge except the Deer Creek Bridge aforesaid, which is not a County Bridge, and which is not supported and maintained exclusively by the said County of Clearfield.

That repairs are now needed to the Deer Creek Bridge of some considerable extent and value and the burden of said repairs as well as additional repairs which are likely to come in the future is too great for the Townships of Graham and Girard reasonably to bear, and that the care, maintenance and responsibility is greater than it is reasonable the said Townships of Graham and Girard should bear.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully pray that the Court approve the entering of said bridge upon record as a County Bridge, and that the said County Commissioners, with such approval, enter said bridge upon record as a County Bridge, so that the same shall thereafter be and become a County Bridge the same as though it had originally been so entered of record.

And they will ever pray.

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In the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Clearfield County.

In the matter of the Public) No.
Bridge over the Susquehanna)
River, known as the Deer)
Creek Bridge.)

Now, December 4th, 1914, the petition of citizens of Girard and Graham Townships being presented and it appearing therefrom, as well as from the prior proceedings of record, that this bridge was substantially constructed by the County of Clearfield and has ever since been maintained by the County but that it does not appear of record that the same is a County bridge. It further appearing to the Court that the care, maintenance and responsibility of said bridge is greater than it is reasonable that the Townships of Girard and Graham should bear, the Court hereby approves the entry of such bridge upon record as a County bridge whenever the same shall be so entered by proper action taken by the Commissioners of the County of Clearfield.

By the Court,

Stephen Bell

P. J.

No.

In the Matter of the Public Bridge
over the Susequahanna River, known
as the Deer Creek Bridge.

ORDER.

In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County, Penn'a

In the Matter of the Bridge over the Susquehanna River at Deer Creek, Said Bridge being over said river which is the lien between Girard and Graham Townships.

To the Honorable Cyrus Gordon, Judge of the said court:-

The petition of the undersigned citizens and tax payers of the townships of Girard and Graham Townships, in said county of Clearfield, respectfully represents:-

That on the 2d day of September A.D. 1889, several of the citizens of said townships presented their petition to the above recited court asking that viewers be appointed to report on the propriety of the rebuilding of a bridge over the Susquehanna River at the mouth of Deer Creek, and that such action be taken in the case as to "enable the Commissioners to make an appropriation towards the rebuilding of said bridge."

That due proceedings were had in the case and ~~and~~ an iron bridge was constructed over the said river at the point aforesaid; that Clearfield County appropriated the sum of \$8761.50 for the iron and ~~one~~ thousand for the masonry and five hundred and twenty-five dollars was also appropriated by said county for the mason work on said bridge; that is the county of Clearfield has expended on said bridge the sum of TEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX AND 50/100 DOLLARS.

That the burden of keeping up said bridge is greater than the township of Girard and Graham Townships should bear,

That while it appears from the proceedings under which said bridge was erected, that the county only assisted in building said bridge, in fact, the county practically built the bridge and has a large amount of money invested, and said bridge was never placed on record as a county bridge which it is in fact. That the said bridge is being neglected and is not kept in proper repair and will be greatly damaged un-

less the same be placed on record as a county bridge.

That it is for the best interest of the county of Clearfield
that the same be placed on record as a county bridge, and your petitioners
pray that your Honor refer the matter to the Grand Jury requesting them
if they see proper to direct the County Commissioners to enter the said
bridge on record as a county bridge.

And they will ever pray, &c., &c.

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 Andy McGovern
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