

No. 3, Feby \$8
Term, 1887

Petition for the Purchase
by the County

~~COMMONWEALTH~~

versus

Bridge across River
in Bell Township

Contents:

To the Honorable, the Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Clearfield:-

The petition of the undersigned residents and taxpayers of said county would respectfully represent, that upon the 23d. day of February A. D. 1886 a charter of incorporation was granted by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to "The Elk Lick Bridge Company" that the said corporation in pursuance of the powers and authority by law conferred upon said company, have erected a bridge and approaches thereto over the West Branch of the Susquehanna river from a point at or near James Sunderlan's in Bell township in said county of Clearfield to a point on the opposite side of said river in the said township and county, and that the said river at said point, crosses the public road leading from Smithport to New Washington, which said road the public are required to travel, and the said corporation is authorized to charge and take tolls for the use of and crossing of said bridge, that the said bridge is necessary to the accomodation of public travel, and that the payment of tolls over such bridge is burdensome to the traveling public, and that your petitioners are residents and taxpayers of said county of Clearfield, pray that the said bridge may be taken as a county bridge, and that viewers be appointed by the Court as by law provided to view and assess the damage if any, which said corporation may sustain by the taking of the same, And they will ever pray &c.

Robert Mahaffey

J. A. Murray and

Emery Mahaffey

W. W. McQuinn

H. H. McGee

J. S. Work

Wm. McGee

Thos. A. McGee

S. M. Orzel

J. W. Campbell

J. W. Davidson.
J. J. Campbell
Edwin M. Sunderland

James Dowler

Harry C. Garner

Samuel Hall

John Fanger

John W. Campbell

Edwin H. H. H.

R. D. Smith Supervisor

Hugh Sunderland

James Sunderland

Timothy Sunderland

Geo. M. Ferguson

W. C. Douglas

Fred. Fuller

Stephenson

R. S. Masters

Andrew Smith

L. R. Patrick

Robert Conner

William Conner

W. B. Sunderland

D. W. Hauer

Geo. C. Moore

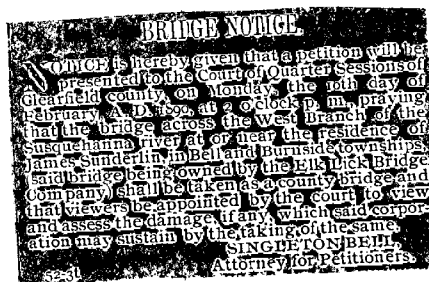
Wiles Brigley

In Re application for purchase of Bridge in Bell
and Burnside Townships known as Elk Dick
Bridge

Clearfield County ss

Before me personally appeared H.C.
Wilson Eng who being duly sworn according to
law; deposes and says that he is one of the editors and
publishers of the Public Spirit, a weekly news-
paper published in the County of Clearfield and
that the notice hereto attached was inserted in the
columns of the Public Spirit for at least ~~three~~
successive weeks prior to the 2nd Monday of May
AD 1890. and further saith not.

Subscribed and sworn to the 25th } H.C. Wilson
February AD 1890
A.M. Bloom
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In Re
Elk Creek Bridge

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State of Pennsylvania
County of Clearfield SS

At a Court of Quarter
Sessions of Clearfield County Pa. held at Clearfield
in and for said County on the 10 December 1870
Before Honorable David L. Krebs President Judge
of said Court upon the petition of Inhabitants
and residents of Bell Twp said County
Respectfully represents, that upon the 28 Feb'y
1866 a Charter of Incorporation was granted
by the Commonwealth of Penna to The Elk Lake
Bridge Company that the said Corporation in
pursuance of the Powers and authority by Law
Conferred upon said Co have Erected a Bridgend
approaches thereto over the West Branch of the
Susquehanna river from a point at or near
James Sunderlin's in Bell Township in said County
of Clearfield to a point on the opposite of said
river in the said Township and County and that
the said river at that point crosses the Public
road leading from Smithport to New Washington
which said road the Public is required to
travel and the said Corporation is authorized
to charge and take tolls for the use of crossing
of said bridge that the bridge is necessary for
the accommodation of public travel and
that the payment of tolls over such bridge is
burdensome to the traveling public and that

Your petitioners are residents & tax payers of
of said County of Clearfield pray that said bridge
may be taken as a County bridge and that Viewers
be appointed to View and assess the damages
if any the said Corporation may sustain by
the taking of the same and they will comply

Now Held Sessions 1890 Petition presented &
thereupon John M Adams W J Hoffman Anthony
McGarry Anthony Hill Aaron Palestine
John M Cummings are appointed Viewers to
View said bridge and report to the Court
upon the propriety of the County purchasing
the same and whether the same is necessary
for the travelling public and if so to assess
the damages if any which the owners may
sustain by taking the same

By the Court

D L Kneass

Witness My hand & Office

Seal the 25th day of May
1891

AM Robinson
Clerk

To the Honorable David S. Krebs, President-Judge
of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of
Blair, Pennsylvania.

The undersigned views appointed by the said
Court for the purpose in the annexed order named,
do hereby respectfully report: That in pursuance of
said order of Court the said John M. Adams,
W. J. Hoffer, Aaron Patchin, John M. Cummings,
Anthony McGarry and Anthony Hill views in the said
order named, went upon the premises in Bell
Township in said County on the 9th day of June
A.D. 1891, after having given due notice of the
said view as required by law, and said views
being duly sworn to before entering upon
their duties; That we are of the opinion that the
said bridge is necessary as a free bridge for the
public accommodation, and that the payment of
tolls on the same is unjust-burden on the traveling
public and the people of the Township where the
said bridge is located, and that the amount of
damage which will be sustained by the "Bell
Bridge Company" in the loss of property and tolls
arising therefrom will be the sum of One
Hundred & fifty dollars —, and to be paid
by the said County of Blair to the said Bell
Bridge Company, or those representing the same

who may be authorized by law to receive and accept thereof.
Conditioned that the supervisors of Bell Township shall assume charge of, and keep
said bridge in repair at the cost of said Township.
Witness our hand and seals this 9th June A.D. 1891

W. J. Hoffer
Aaron Patchin
John M. Cummings
Anthony McGarry
Anthony Hill

Viewers Fee -

J. M. Adams 1 day + 30 miles (Cert #929)	\$5.30
Wm J. Wiffen 1 day + 30 miles (Cert #930)	5.30
Aaron Pardon 1 day + 6 miles (Cert #940)	2.60
J. M. Cunningham 1 day + 6 miles	2.60
Anthony McGarry 1 day + 12 miles (Cert #943)	3.20
Amos Hill 1 day + 16 miles Cert #935	3.60

Recd. this 3rd Augt. 1892, One hundred and Fifty Dollars, amt. of Award of Viewers and approval and Recommendation of Court and Grand Jury.

Singleton Bell

Attorney for Carriety

No 3 February 1870

In the purchase of
County of Berks
Hempstead
James S. S. S. S. S.
Paul J. S. S. S.

Order to the

approved

W. R. Hartman

Freeman

Sept 1891

approved

By M. G. S.

Referred to the

James S. S. S.

Paul