

No. 6 December Term, 1897

Public Bridge  
versus in  
Lawrence Township

Now Dec 6th 1900 We the Grand Jury of  
Clearfield County in session at Clearfield  
Do recommend that the report of the Viewers for  
the location of a bridge across the  
Susquehanna River below Clearfield Be  
approved. And that we find a bridge a  
necessity at this point. Namely six  
hundred and seventy feet down the Susquehanna  
River from the Southern end of Reed's Fording  
And that we find the same to be expensive  
for the adjoining townships to build.  
And recommend that the County be at the expense  
of building this bridge excepting the  
filling of the approaches. S. H. McCloskey  
(foreman)

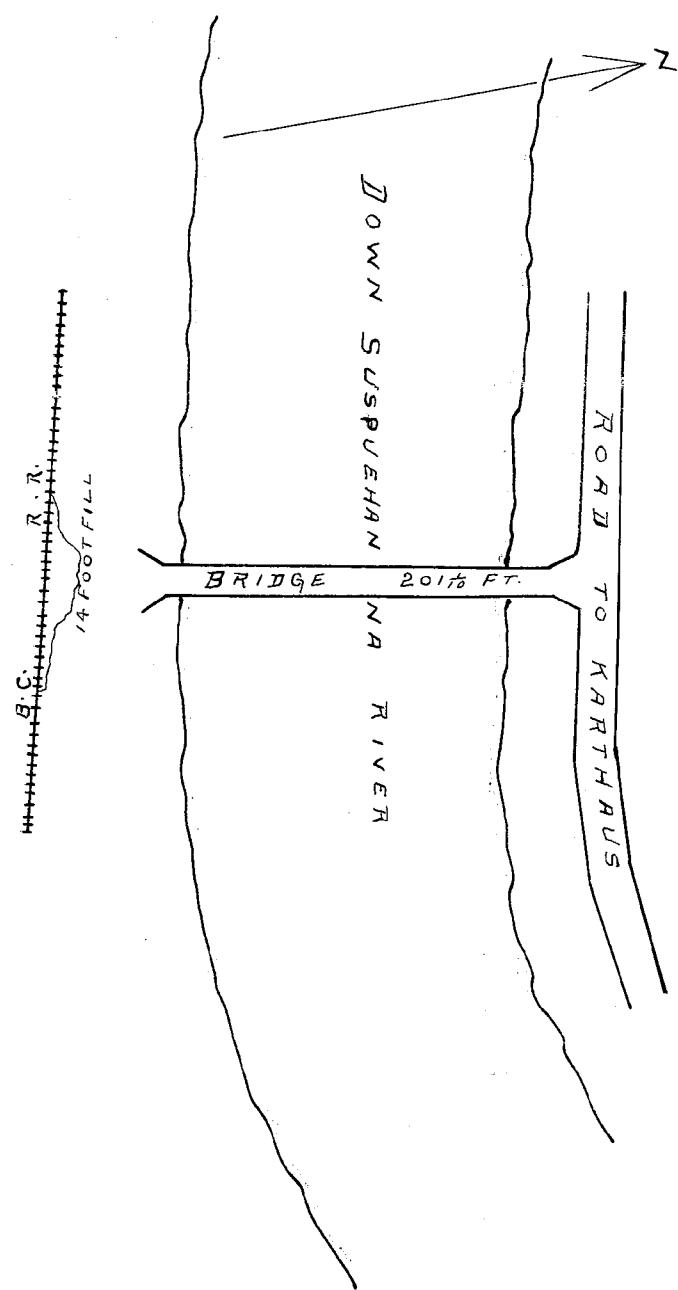
To the Honorable  
The Judge of the Court of Quarter  
Sessions of Clearfield County  
Penns.

We the undersigned persons  
Appointed by the within order of  
Court to view and lay out the  
bridge therein mentioned respectfully  
report that after having given  
due public notice by three written  
and printed notices put up near  
the location of said bridge of  
the time and place of meeting  
to view and lay out the same  
and having also given due notice  
to the board of Commissioners  
of Clearfield County and the board  
of Supervisors of Lawrence Town-  
ship of the time and place of said  
meeting we met at Reads Ford  
on Monday the twenty-seventh  
day of November A.D. 1899 and  
after having been duly affirmed  
in pursuance of the within  
order we proceeded to view and  
lay out and do return for public  
use the bridge located as  
follows: Beginning at a point  
over

Six hundred and Seventy feet  
down the Susquehanna River  
from the Southern end of Reads  
ford and extending across said  
River North fifteen degrees East  
a distance of two hundred and  
one and one tenth (201 $\frac{1}{10}$ ) feet  
Which said bridge so as aforesaid  
laid out by us we are of opinion  
is necessary for a public bridge

We would further report  
that we are of the opinion that  
the Cost of Construction of said  
bridge would be too burdensome  
to Lawrence Township and would  
recommend that the entire Cost  
of Construction except the fill-  
ing of approaches be paid by  
Clearfield County

J. A. Reese }  
D. T. Bigler } Viewers  
J. B. Morris }



SCALE 1 IN = 100 FT.

Clearfield County, ss:

At a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, held at Clearfield, in and for said county on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, A. D. 1897, before Judge of said Court, upon a petition of sundry inhabitants of the township of Lawrence in said County, setting forth that a bridge is much needed over the Susquehanna River at Reads fording in Lawrence Township where the public road leading from the Tannery addition of Clearfield Borough crosses said river to connect with the public road leading from Clearfield to Bartholomew,

and therefore praying the Court to appoint proper persons to view and lay out the same according to law, and report to next term of Court whereupon the Court upon due consideration had of the premises, do order and appoint Harry Reese

J. B. Morris and W. S. Bigler

who after being respectively sworn or affirmed to perform their duties impartially and to the best of their judgment, are to view the place proposed for the said bridge, and if they or any two of them, view the same, and any two of the actual viewers agree that there is occasion for such a bridge, and that the erecting of the said bridge would require more expense than it would be reasonable the said townships should bear, they are to make report accordingly; to law

and a map or plot thereof to be made, which shall accompany said report; the report aforesaid to be made to the next term of the Court of Quarter Sessions to be held for the said county of Clearfield.

BY THE COURT.

Grant H. Thompson  
CLERK.

## RELEASE OF DAMAGES.

Know All Men by These Presents, That we, the undersigned owners of lands upon which the bridge is located by the viewers, under the annexed order, passes for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR to us respectively paid by the..... at and before the ensealing and delivery hereof, have remised, released and forever quit-claimed; and do hereby remise, release and forever quit-claim to the said..... all damages that may arise to us respectively by reason of the location or building of said bridge, so that neither we nor any of us, nor any person claiming under us, can or may hereafter ask, sue for, demand, have or receive any damages for injuries arising or growing out of the location or building of said bridge.

Witness our hands and seals this..... day of.....  
A. D. 189.....

Seal.

Seal.

Seal.

Seal.

## ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES.

The following persons, having refused to release the damages to which they respectively may be entitled by reason of the location and building of said bridge in the annexed return described, we, the undersigned viewers, under oath in pursuance of our duty, under the Act of Assembly, do assess their damages and make report thereof as follows:

To..... the sum of.....

To..... the sum of.....

To..... the sum of.....

Witness our hands this..... day of..... A. D. 189.....

NOTE.—Viewers will carefully note the number of days employed, and set the amount out at the foot of their return. Viewers cannot interfere with damages assessed by the original viewers, except so far as the location may be changed by the viewers.

N.B.—If the viewers believe the parties are not entitled to damages, taking into consideration the advantages as well as the disadvantages of the bridge, they will report to that effect.

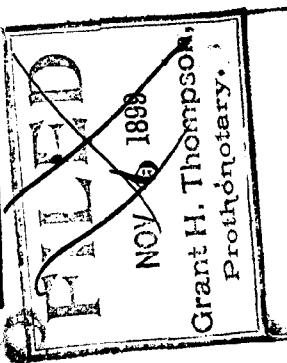
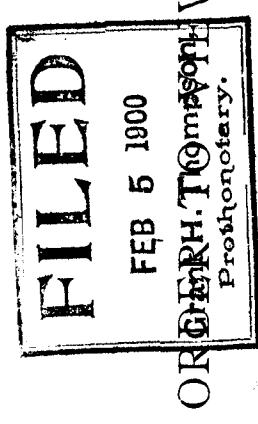
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8 Kelly 1900 approx  
and offered to  
be assessed  
by viewers

W. H. Hargrave  
Attorney.

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No. 6 Dec. 1899  
Public Bridge

in  
Lawrence Township



1899  
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Fees \$1.25, paid by Ma.  
Hargrave

Now February 9<sup>th</sup> 1900 the Grand Jury of the County of Clearfield, having read and considered within report and heard testimony as to the necessity and facts set forth in Petition and report, would recommend that the Township of Lawrence at their own cost build or construct the abutments and approaches and including Pier if Pier be necessary, without any cost to the County, and we would recommend that the County of Clearfield furnish and place the superstructure of

E. A. Lynn Foreman

Referred back to Grand Jury

In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County  
In re matter of report of viewers for a public Bridge across  
the Susquehanna River in Lawrence township at or near Read's fording  
To the Honorable the Judge of said Court

The petition of the undersigned citizens respectfully  
represents that they signed the petition for a public Bridge across  
the river at the point above named .- That the viewers so appointed  
after viewing the premises recommended a bridge to be built at that point  
and further recommended that the same be built entirely by the County  
That the report was referred to the Grand Jury .- That said Grand Jury  
in their report did not comply with the law the said Grand Jury neither  
confirming the report of the viewers nor finding that the bridge was  
necessary and too expensive for Lawrence to build they simply recommending  
that the County build the superstructure and the Township the abutments  
which we are informed is beyond their jurisdiction .- The report of  
the Grand Jury not being in proper form we respectfully ask your Honorable  
Court to strike of the approval and refer the same back to the present  
Grand Jury for further consideration

And we will ever pray & C

Isaac Lucy  
W. Porter  
Simon Frenchburg  
J. B. Ogden  
Alfred Graham  
W. H. Beaumont  
W. M. Graham  
J. G. Bross  
Jos. M. Glau & Klein  
H. B. Yansberry  
J. G. Barclay  
E. C. Johnson

Dear Sirs 10.12 viz  
sister Helios man  
and Cressida and  
Henry and the  
County Councils are  
to be sued only  
to confirm also that  
we be entitled to sue  
before you can get paid  
back at such time as  
they will be paid.  
Believe me I  
Yester  
By His Servt  
Cyrus Gould

Now Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1900 I accept service of this note  
for Clarified County and waiving your  
and formal service.

W. C. Miller

Connelly Solidarity

Nov 26 Nov 1900 Rule made absolute, ~~absolute~~  
recommendation of the Grand Jury made 9  
July 1900 is set aside, and it is ordered that  
the Report of the Grand Jury be communicated to the  
Grand Jury of Worcester Sessions 1900-01  
by the Clerk.

By the Author  
James Morris

Bj

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In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County

In re building of a public bridge across the West Branch of the Susquehanna River below what is known as Reads fording in Lawrence township .- To the Honorable the Judge of said Court .-

We the undersigned petitioners respectfully represent that we are citizens ~~and~~ <sup>or</sup> taxpayers in said township of Lawrence .- That at the December Term of Court the Grand Jury approved the report of viewers and recommended the building of a bridge at the point named, — the stone work to be built by Lawrence township and the superstructure by the County Commissioners .- That while said bridge is very much needed for the accommodation of the lower end of Lawrence twp and the citizens of Goshen Girard Coving and Karthaus townships the cost of building said stone work is greater than the township of Lawrence is able to bear and that the same should be built by the County .- We therefore pray your Honorable Court to permit the matter of building the stone work for said bridge to be submitted to the present Grand Jury for further consideration and recommendation.

May AD 1900. And we will ever pray & c

Petitioners	Witnesses
Simon Hanchburg	M S Jacob
E. Mazarberi	J. F. McLean
J. G. W. Graham	A. B. McEvally
Elmer Graham	H. H. Long
Thos Smith	J. S. McEvally
C. J. Evans	J. W. Johnson
O. J. F. Johnson	J. W. Johnson
Asst. Sheriff	Jas. C. Smith
J. B. Clark	J. B. Green
P. F. Johnson	W. W. McEvally

John M. Morris  
W. H. Schreyer  
John Cowley  
W. H. Kline  
Reuben Blodgett

D. R. Fullerton  
John R. Wallace  
B. J. Mead.  
E. J. Wood.  
R. E. Shaw

James A. Mathewson  
Newton Shaw  
J. A. Flanagan  
W. P. Peter  
John A. Reed

John M. Morris  
Geo. S. Thompson  
E. W. Linsen  
T. H. C. Miller  
George W. F. Fox

John Smith  
Frank Smith  
W. J. Vassell  
W. L. Pease  
Howard P. Hopper  
George Stage  
R. S. Parvin  
R. H. Thompson

To the Honorable the Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions of  
Clearfield County Penna

The petition of the undersigned citizens of Karthaus  
Covington, Girard, Goshen and Lawrence townships in said County of Clear-  
field respectfully represent that a bridge is much need over the  
Susquehanna River at Reads fording in Lawrence township where the public  
road leading from the Tannery addition of Clearfield Borough crosses  
said river to connect with the public road leading from Clearfield to  
Karthaus and that the expense of erecting said bridge would be to bur-  
densome upon the inhabitants of said township of Lawrence and that the  
said bridge should be built by the County .- Your petitioners therefore  
pray your Honorable Court to appoint proper persons to view the premises  
and to take such action on the subject as is required and directed by  
law .-

And they will ever pray &c

W. J. Davis  
E. G. Tannaham  
Harvey Mairies  
D. Shunkieles  
Alfan F. Fudd  
J. W. Moore  
G. B. Mairies  
Peter J. J. J.  
G. J. Davis  
G. W. Shirey  
W. G. Diford  
Bill D. J.

Elmer E. Murray  
Ed L. Shirey  
Harvey E. Smith  
Ward O. Wilson  
Mitchell Murray  
W. A. Johnson  
W. W. Johnson  
Elijah S. Murray  
T. W. Brown  
Allen Custer  
L. E. H. J.

James Shaw  
Edgar Shaw  
Ezra Shaw  
Joseph Johnson  
Surveyor Penn Lumber Co.  
Mrs Barnes  
Mrs Murray  
Dr. W. C. Ladd  
Andy Ferguson  
Chr. Wang  
J. A. Anderson  
J. B. Bitter  
W. Kelly  
E. J. Smith  
John Smith  
J. Schuurs  
J. M. Howern  
J. C. Tamm  
L. M. Simpson  
W. J. Johnson  
Geo. Reese  
Laurence Blood  
F. A. Nelson

Louis Rousseau  
G. F. Langford  
J. S. Donahue  
Ed Pierard  
A. H. Carrington  
D. C. Grandine  
Eustis H. Ford  
J. J. Martell  
L. G. Graham  
James Hollingshead  
H. B. Burdett  
Wm Falls  
Henry Palmer  
A. C. Dunn  
Jacob Lytle  
A. F. W. Key  
Lewis Brown  
Webster Thomas  
Sol Kline  
H. F. Bishop  
Geo. D.

W. L. Schryver  
W. W. Coffey

R. E. Shaw

at St. M.,

A. B. Emery,  
Fiji Fisher

Fort Ogden

H. Parker

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Fra Sagott

J. E. Ness

Ass'tin Honey Lawrence Sp  
H. L. Orr

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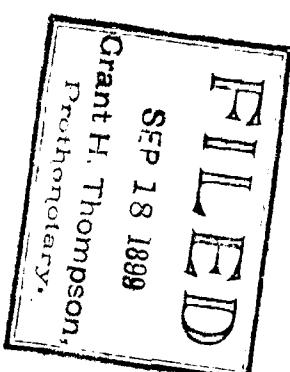
Harry Ross

C. H. Gielich

John Smith  
D. R. Fullerton

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and Harry New,  
Lafayette seen  
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Cyrus, etc.

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and Harry New,



W. A. HAGERTY,  
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