

No. 6 December Term, 1894

Public Bridge

VERSUS in

Lawrence Township

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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 Reeds Ford  
And that we find the same to be expensive  
for the adjoining townships to build.  
And resolved that the County be at the expense  
of building this bridge excepting the  
filling of the approaches. S. F. McGloster  
(foreman)

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

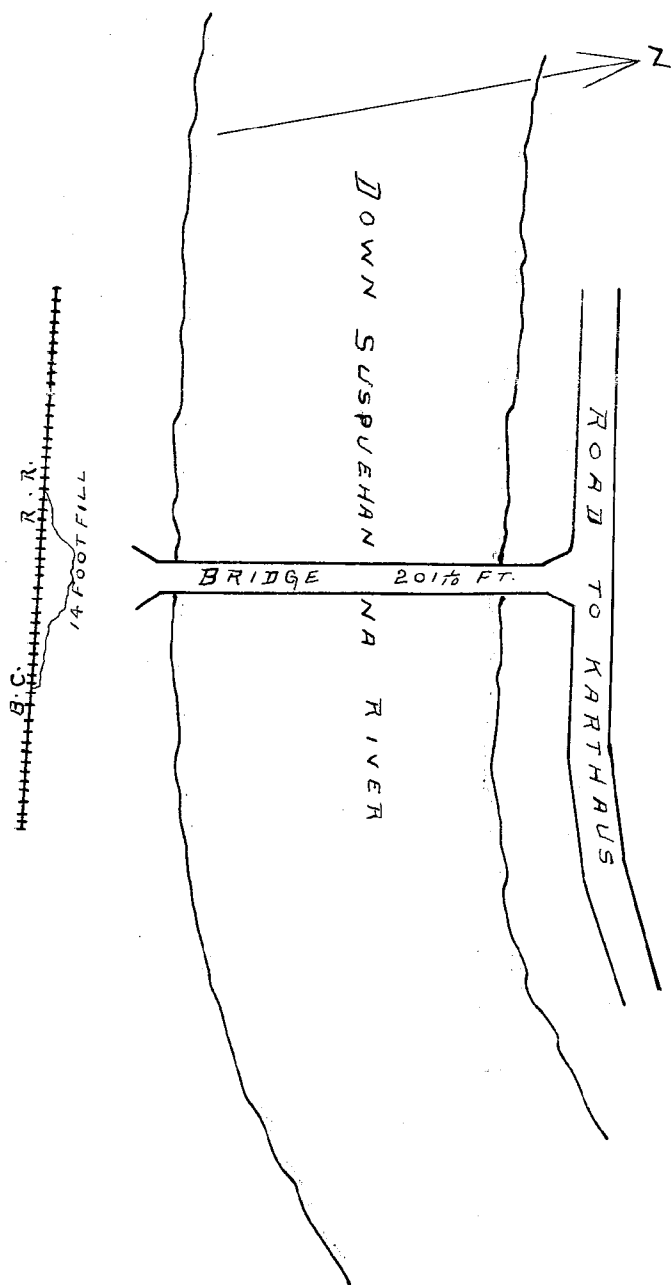
We the undersigned persons  
Appointed by the within order of  
Court to view and lay out the  
bridge therein mentioned respectfully  
report that After having given  
due public notice by three written  
and printed notices put up near  
the location of said bridge of  
the time and place of meeting  
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. H. A. Reese }  
N. D. Bigler } Viewers  
A. B. Horns }



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 Karkhaus,

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. D. 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.....

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Seal

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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.....

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

(1953) Two Amount.  
S.B. Horns } Days 3 1/2 Miles 6 1/2  
W.B. Byler } Days 4 Miles 4 4/10  
H.A. Reese } Days 4 Miles 4 8 2080  
Days Miles Days Miles Days Miles Days Miles

8 Feb 1900 Appointed  
and referred to  
Grand Jury  
By the Court  
Cyrus Gentry

No. 6 Dec. 1899  
Public Bridge  
in  
Lawrence Township

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FEB 5 1900  
ORDER H. Thompson  
Prothonotary.

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Grant H. Thompson  
Prothonotary.

Filed 189  
Fees \$1.25, paid by W.A.  
Hagerty  
W.A. Hagerty  
Attorney.

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 thereon the Superstructure of

E.A. Ann 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

Isaiah J. J. J.  
W. Porter  
Simon J. J. J.  
J. B. Ogden  
Alfred Graham  
W. H. Beaumont  
W. M. Graham  
D. J. B. J.  
Jas. M. J. J.  
H. B. J. J.  
J. B. J. J.  
E. C. J. J.

Jas. Mahaffey

Nov Sept 10 1900  
 within public domain  
 and Creek land and  
 being granted to the  
 County Commissioners  
 to build cause ways  
 to connect the same  
 with the streets of same  
 report of same expense  
 board to not be made.  
 By the Court  
 Cyrus Gordon

Nov Sept 10 1900 I accept service of this rule  
 for clearing away and maintaining same  
 and former service.

W. C. Miller  
 County Solicitor

Nov 26 Nov 1900 Rule made absolute, ~~the~~  
 recommendation of the Grand Jury made 9  
 July 1900 is set aside, and it is ordered that  
 the report of the Grand Jury be recommended to the  
 Grand Jury of next term Session 1900 -  
 By the Court  
 Cyrus Gordon

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 <sup>or</sup> ~~and~~ taxpayers in said township of Lawrence .- That at the  
December Term of Court the Grand Jury approved the report of viewors  
and recommended the building of a bridge at the point named, —  
the stone work to be built by Lawrence township and the superstru-  
ture 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  
<sup>of said Report and</sup>  
of building the stone work for said bridge to be submitted to the  
present Grand Jury for further consideration and recommendation.

May 18. 1900. And we will ever pray & c

*Robert Graham*

*Simon Thurburn*

*E. Manzaborn*

*J. G. W. Graham*

*Elmer Graham*

*Thos Smith*

*William*

*John Thompson*

*Robert Thompson*

*J. B. O'Connell*

*W. H. Thompson*

*Donathan C. Graham*

*M. S. Lawrence*

*J. F. Thompson*

*J. B. McNally*

*W. C. Smith*

*J. G. Smith*

*J. B. Thompson*

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*J. B. Thompson*

John H. Young  
Wm. Schryver  
John Cowley  
Wm. H. H.

Reuben Bloort

D. R. Fullerton  
John R. Whitehead  
B. J. Mead.

Ed. J. Howard?  
R. E. Sherr

James A. McPherson

Newton Shaw

J. A. Flanagan

W. F. Lister  
John A. Reed

Geo. J. Thompson

E. W. Spencer

Thos. M. Smith

George W. F. Lister

John Smith  
Frank Smith  
W. J. H. H.  
H. L. O.

Thomas H. H.  
Isaac H.

R. S. Tawin

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 apoint 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

Ellis J. Davis  
E. L. Harahan  
Harvey Mairnes  
D. Shunkiesles  
Alban Fairly  
J. J. Wilson  
H. B. Mairnes

John J. Davis

J. W. Shively  
W. E. Dyer  
Edw. J. J.

Elmer E. Murray  
Ed. L. Shively  
Harvey E. Smith  
Hard O. Wilson  
Mitchell Murray  
W. A. Dyer

Wm. J. J.  
Elijah Shively  
J. W. Shively  
Allen Custer  
H. E. Shively

James Shaw  
Edgar Shaw  
Ezra Shaw  
Michael Graham  
Dunrover Run Lumber co.  
Wm Barnes  
H. M. Moore  
David O. Bell  
Andy McGowan  
Chr. Haug  
J. A. Anderson  
W. E. Potter  
W. J. Kelly  
E. J. Smith  
John Smith  
J. Schumers  
J. M. Hovorn  
J. E. Fisk  
L. M. Simpson  
W. H. Hanson  
Geo. Rees  
Lawrence Flood  
H. A. Mulvaney

Louis Rossby  
G. J. Hengert  
E. S. Donahut  
Ed. Picard  
A. L. Con. Loom  
D. C. Landrieu  
Ernst L. O. and  
J. J. Martell  
L. L. Enokum  
James Hollingshead  
J. H. Bamberger  
Wm. Galt  
Henry Peterson  
Albert Donahut  
Jacob Lytle  
S. F. Winfrey  
Lewis Brown  
Webster Thomas  
Sol. Kline  
H. F. Bigler  
Fred. D. D.

W. J. Schryver  
W. J. Hooper  
R. E. Shaw

A. A. Pitt  
A. B. Emens,  
J. J. Butler

Fort Ogden  
A. W. Weller  
L. B. Shaw  
F. A. Sackett  
J. C. Hess

Academy Money. Lawrence Jr  
H. L. Orr  
M. Carver

Harry Ross  
A. H. Gielich  
John Smith  
D. R. Fullerton

LAP-OVER MARGIN.

Mar. 18. 1879.

Within fifteen  
and thirty years,  
I do know and  
my people can  
afford to see it  
we need not  
be in a hurry  
and this people  
and this people  
and this people

Wm. Wells Jr. 1879  
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SEP 18 1899

Grant H. Thompson,  
Prothonotary.

W. A. HAGERTY,  
Attorney at Law,  
CLEARFIELD, PA.

John C. Clark & Sons, 230 Dock Street, Philadelphia.