

No.

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Sessions

1901

~~COMMONWEALTH~~

versus

In Re.
Deer Creek Bridge

Charge.

Bridge

A. H. WOODWARD,

District Attorney.

In the matter of the application
of City of London and Falmouth
Boroughs & Low & Bridge
across the Tanguishamun
River at Deer Creek, submitted
as records as a County Bridge

deputy Master, in
in above matter. before Justice
J. Sney, Esq. at Newbury
Jan 17th 1961. —

A. C. Laubsberg Offered - Age 52. Reside in
Wahaw Township.

The ~~first stone~~ Bridge across the Susquehanna
River, at Deer Creek was built about 1875. This
was a Wooden Bridge and was washed away
about 1889. The first Bridge the Citizens contributed
about \$5000 - towards its erection. After it was
destroyed by the flood of 1889, The County Commis-
sioners appropriated \$1500 - for the repairing of the
Pier and erection of the abutments - After this
J. W. Trivers were appointed who recommended that
the County build the Superstructure which was
was approved by the Court ^{and} Grand Jury -

This last Bridge was built in 1889 & 1890,
This was always a free Bridge - This Bridge
is located on the River at a point where
one of the Main Roads leading from Pottsville to
Clearfield crosses - It is a direct route which the
Citizens of Girard and Conington Townships, have
to travel to get to Woodland, Wallacetown or Philipsburg
It is also the direct route for the Citizens of
Wahaw, Bradford and Cooper Townships to reach
the people living on the North Side of the River.

The Bridge is located within the limits of Wahaw
and Girard Townships. In my opinion the Bridge is
used more by the General Public and the Citizens
of the Townships adjoining Wahaw ^{and} Girard
Township than by both the Citizens of these two
Townships combined - The Citizens of Graham
Township principally transact their business in
Morrisdale Mines, Philipsburg and Clearfield.

All the repairs made to the first Bridge was
made by the County - It was damaged once

to the amount of \$1000.00 which was paid by the County. All repairs made to the New Bridge built in 1889, & 1890 has been ^{paid} for by the two townships viz: - Graham and Girard. Graham Township is one of the smallest townships in the County, with light population, a large population is barren and unproductive, the only source of revenue is derived from the taxes levied on the farm and personal property -

Taking in Considerate Means of the Township, the Roads she has to keep up and the fact that the Bridge is ^{of} no use to the large portions of the Citizens of the Township, I think it is an unnecessary burden and should be made a County Bridge, we have to pay taxes to keep up other Bridges across the River which are entirely County Bridges,

A. C. Linsberry

E. J. Williams, Affirmed - Age 59 Years Reside in Graham Township Am one of the Supervisors of Graham Township - The Township is small with light population, a considerable of the Township is barren land, the only revenues we receive is against the farms and personal property we have over fifty Miles of Road to keep up, some of these Roads are hilly, others are low, some of them wash a great deal that makes them expensive to keep them in order - The Township is not in debt at the present time, it takes all about we can raise to keep our Roads in good condition - With the exceptions of a few Citizens the Bridge is not much use to the Citizens of Graham Township, but

is largely used by the General travelling public. The Bridge Needs considerable Repairs at the present time, To make these repairs it would make the taxes of Graham township very heavy, We have laid Nine and One-half Mills for road purposes this year. Considering that the Bridge is used ^{more} by people outside the township we think it should be kept up entirely by the County.

E. J. Williams

A. R. Hubler - Affdr Age 28, Reside in Graham township. Am one of the Supervisors of said township at the present time, I have examined the Deer Creek Bridge within the last two weeks, the bridge is very much out of repair, Needs new stringers, New plank painting and tightening up, in my opinion it will cost not less than Eight hundred dollars to put the bridge in first class repair. We have Nine and one-half Mills tax laid for road tax for this year. I do not know the amount of School tax laid but do not think it is less Eight or Nine Mills, In my opinion this bridge should be kept up by the County, It is more used by the General public ^{than by Graham township} and we have to pay to keep ^{up} other bridges through the County.

A. R. Hubler

Ashley Kyler. Affirmed - Age 45 years
Reside in Girard Township, Am one of the Supervisors
at the present time - This township has over
50 Miles to keep up, the township being hilly are
hard to keep up - The road fund is indebted to the
Amount of about \$2500.00 at the present time, the
School fund is indebted to the Amount of about \$300.
We have laid nine and one half Mills ^{Road} ~~School~~ tax
Girard Township, is a small township with a light
population, a large portion of the township is barren
land, The trade of the township goes largely to Shawville
and Clearfield, to get these places they would not cross
the Deer Creek bridge - This Bridge is used more by
the General public than by the Citizens of Graham
and Girard townships, Girard Township lies
largely North West of this bridge, The bridge needs
New plank and painting - In my opinion it will
cost between \$600.00 and \$700.00, to repair the bridge,
this would impose a heavy burden on Girard township,
The change in the township road occasioned
by the building of the New Railroad down the river
will add considerable burden to the township and
will require several years of Extra work to put the
New Road in good condition, Taking in consideration
of the burden that the township has now and that the
fact that the bridge is of more use to the General
public than Graham and Girard townships I think
it should be made a County Bridge.

Ashley Kyler

Henry Plubell - Affirmed - Age 67 Years
Reside in Grand Township, Am one of the present
Supervisors - I have examined the Deer Creek bridge
a number of times, the bridge is very much out of
repair, will need new stringers, plank paint and
tightening up, in my opinion it will cost one
thousand dollars to repair said bridge, when lumber
was cheap it cost two hundred dollars to plank the
bridge. The general public uses this bridge more than
Graham and Bradford townships combined. The new
roads made for the township by the Railroad Company
will require considerable ^{part of} Expense on Township before
it gets them in proper shape - Grand township is practi-
cally a farming community and we have no means to
meet our expenses except heavily taxing our farms,
Deer township is largely in debt at the present time
we would have to borrow the money to fix this bridge.

Henry Plubell

Prosper Boudriet Affd - Age 40 years

Reside in Grand Township - Am Treasurer of the
township - The School fund of the township is \$300 -
in debt, the Road fund is \$2400.00 in debt. The
township has five and one half Mills School and
Nine and one half Mills Road tax, The Oak lumber
would now cost about \$300 - for the bridge stringers and
all - Good Oak lumber is now selling at \$20.00 per Mt
I don't know what the Carpenter work, painting and
tightening would cost

Prosper B. Boudriet -

O. H. West - ^{Sworn} ~~Offd~~ - Age 68 years

Reside in Girard township, I am property owner in Girard township, in My opinion this should be a County Bridge as it is used by the public generally much more than by Graham and Girard townships, these two townships do not use the bridge to any great extent because their business interests take them in an opposite direction, it should also be a County Bridge on account of the burden that Girard township now has in the way of taxes which will be increased before they get the new roads made for them by the Railroad Company put in proper shape, it always requires several years to get a new road properly shaped up and solid, I have made roads for years - The Bridge is very much out of shape and will require a great deal of work - The price named by Prosper Conduet, for the plank is about right, the cleaning, painting, and fixing the things and the Carpenter work will be worth at least Seven Hundred dollars more, This would impose a very heavy burden on the tax payers of Girard township and more than they can carry

O. H. West

Now June 17, 1901 I hereby certify that the foregoing witnesses were this day present in my office duly sworn and their testimony reduced to writing and signed by them in my presence -

Witness my hand and seal the day and date above

R. J. Liegaf

Justice of the Peace

Statement of valuations

Girard Township

Real estate	\$82825,00
Personal property	10925,00
Occupation	12610,00
Money at Int	11370,00

Total

118030,00

Graham Township

Real estate	\$96273,00
Personal property	\$119815,00
Occupation	7598,00
Money at interest	15025,00
	5077,00

Total

147,15,00

Clearfield Penna June 10th 1901

To the Commissioners of Clearfield Co

You will please take notice that an application will be made to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County to have the Bridge across the River at Deer Creek in Girard township made a Count and that depositions in support of the application will be taken before Frank Leigey Esq at Frenchville on Monday the 17th day of June A D 1901 at which time and place you can attend and cross examine if you so desire

Yours respectfully

W A Hagerty

Atty for petitioners

*Now June 10th 1901 Service accepted for Clearfield
County.*

*U. C. Miller,
County Policeman.*

Mo. Sept. 21. 1901

Deer Creek
Bridge

FILED

JUN 25 1901

Grant H. Thompson,
Prothonotary.

To the

Honorable Cyrus Gordon, President ^{Judge} of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County:

The undersigned petitioners residents and taxpayers in the townships of Graham and Girard, in said County, respectfully represent:

That the County of Clearfield assisted the said townships of Graham and Girard in the year 1889 in building what is known as the Deer Creek Bridge across the West Branch of the Susquehanna river, said county furnishing the iron or superstructure of said bridge, but that said bridge has never become a County bridge.

Your petitioners would further represent that the care maintenance and responsibility ^{for} ~~XX~~ said bridge is greater than it is reasonable that the said townships should bear, that said bridge is fast rusting for want of paint and also requires other repairs to maintain said bridge and keep it in good condition.

Your petitioners therefore pray the approval of said Court to the entry of said bridge upon record as a county bridge by the County Commissioners of Clearfield County, as provided by Act of Assembly April 28th 1899, P. L. 91, and they will ever pray etc.

A. C. Dale
G. J. Dale
A. J. Lytle
H. W. Evans
J. L. Ward
Mr B Small
J. C. Hubler

J. N. Rothrock
Reuben Holt
Harry Richy
a Hummel son
D Small
Hanna Peters
E K Turner
H W Howard
L A Govey
W L Jorvey

J. T. Slattery
H. Sanborn
Abby Kiger
Henry Boussey
Emiel Ruggick
A. A. Murray
Marta Filoel
Ira D. Jony
Julio Bernier
H. Murray
O. H. West
G. K. Stewart
Allan Green
Daniel Steves
Gas L. Sandvick
Alfred P. Renard
L. H. Wignatt
Frank Smith
Leila Martoe
W. H. Wilson
A. L. Torrey

To the Honorable Cyrus Gordon, President Judge of the Court
of Quarter Sessions of Clarified County.

We, the undersigned County Commissioners
of Clarified County, would respectfully represent,
That we have examined the bridge and facts
set forth in the within petition, and believe that
said bridge should be made a County bridge.
We, therefore, join in the within petition and ask
the approval of your Honor.

W. C. Davis
C. H. Cole

N. J. Wiers

in the Court of S.
Nov 6th 1870
Thos. Deen Sheriff.

FILED
JUN 25 1901
Grant H. Thompson,
Prothonotary.

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a cemetery bridge as
provided by the Act ~~pass~~
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May AD 1899. 

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