

No. 3, May Sessions, 1905

COMMONWEALTH

versus

Public Bridge
in
Lawrence Lwp.

Charge

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WILLIAM I. SWOOP,
District Attorney.

To The Honorable Allison O. Smith,

President Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions
Clearfield, Penna.

The undersigned, viewers appointed by the Court on
the 16th day of November A.D. 1904, as per the following peti-
tion and order of the Court viz:

COPY.

To the Honorable Allison O. Smith, President Judge of
the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County, Penna.

The undersigned petitioners, the Commissioners of
Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, would respectfully represent:

That a County bridge has been erected by Clearfield
County, where the public road crosses the West Branch of the
Susquehanna River at what is known as Reed's Fording, near where
the A. H. Shaw grist mill formerly stood, and connects with
the Clearfield and Karthaus public road near the residence of
Mrs. Sabra Thompson, in Lawrence Township, Clearfield County,
and that said bridge has been fully completed. It is necessary
to have said bridge inspected by Inspectors to be appointed by
the Court as provided by law for the purpose of ascertaining
whether or not said bridge has been built in accordance with the
contract and plans and specifications.

Your petitioners would respectfully request the Court
to appoint a committee of three persons, one of whom is a
Surveyor or Engineer, for that purpose. and they will ever
pray and etc.

S. R. Hamilton

C. P. Rowles

Order of Court.

Now the 16th day of Nov. A.D. 1904 the within prtion
presented, and thereupon E. W. Hess, R. H. Thompson and A. B.
Reed are appointed under the Act of Assembly to view the said
bridge with the contracts and specifications therefore placed in
their hands, and to examine carefully into the character of
the work done and material furnished, and make report to the
Court whether or not the contract has been complied with, and
if not, in what respects it is deficient.

By the Court,

Allison O. Smith,
P.J.

Therefore, the viewers, in pursuance of a notice of
meeting, copy of which is attached, met at the place appointed
at 9 A.M. on January 7, A.D. 1905, and, after duly affirmed,
went to the location of the bridge and proceeded to examine the
same to ascertain whether or not said bridge had been built
in accordance with the contracts, plans and specifications,

they being furnished with copies of said contracts, plans and specifications.

Your viewers after careful examination, do find that the superstructure, or steel work of the said bridge, erected by the York Bridge Company of York, Pa. has been erected according to the plans and specifications furnished.

Your viewers also find that the masonry Substructure of the bridge, built by A. Garovi of Falls Creek, Pa. has been built according to the plans and specifications as approved by the County Commissioners, and that the foundations of said Masonry are good and sufficient. Your viewers find, however, that the guard railing on the wing-walls of the two abutments and straightened should be painted as called for in the specifications, and that said guard rail on the down stream side of each abutment should be connected by a suitable clamp to the guard rail of the bridge.

Your viewers also find that the approaches to the bridges have been filled in and graded by the Contractor, McQuown & King and that slope walls and railings have been erected by them according to their contract and specifications.

Therefore, with the exception of items regarding the railing, as referred to above, we find the bridge to be erected in all points according to the plans, contracts and specifications, and do so report.

To which we affix our hands and seals this 10th day of January A.D. 1905.

A. B. Reed

Seal

P. H. Thompson Seal

E. W. Felt Seal

Clearfield, Pa. January 7, A.D. 1905

State of Pennsylvania)
)
County of Clearfield)

Personas; y came before me, a Notary Public residing
at Clearfield, Pa. in and for said State and County.

E.W.Hess,
R.H.Thompson,
A.B.Reed,

who being duly affirmed according
to law doth depose and say that they will severally and
respectively perform their duty as viewers in re the erection
of a new County bridge at Reed's Fording, Lawrence Township,
County and State aforesaid, faithfully, impartially and to the
best of their ability.

A.B Reed
R.H Thompson
E.W.Hess

Affirmed to and subscribed before me this seventh day
of January A.D. 1905.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Benjamin F. Chase
Notary Public.
My Commission Expires Jan. 26, 1907.

Inspectors appointed by the Court to view the bridge recently built at Reed's Fording, will meet at the office of E. W. Hess, Kratzer Building, Saturday, January 7th at 8:45 A.M. to perform said duty.

Inspectors,
R.H.Thompson,
A.B.Reed,
E.W.Hess.

Copy to County Commissioner,
Clearfield County.

EXPENSES.

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|-----------------|--------|---------|--------|
| R. H. Thompson, | 1 day | \$5.00 | #28742 |
| A. B. Reed, | 1 day | \$5.00 | #28660 |
| E. W. Hess, | 1 day | \$6.00 | order |
| " " " | Notary | \$0.75 | #26933 |
| " " " | Livery | \$2.00 | |
| | | \$18.75 | |

No 8 May 1902

IRRE
Inspection or
Restoration
Process.

Jan. 2 1905.

19 January 1905 -
Baptist approved.

By the Compt.

William J. Smith

(WJ)

In re County Bridge across Susquehanna River at Reads Fording
To the Honorable Cyrus Gordon President Judge of the several Courts
of Clearfield County .- We the undersigned citizens and people engaged
in business in the 4th ward of the Borough of Clearfield .- Respectfully
pray your Honorable Court to favorably consider and approve the report
of the Grand Jury and viewers which located a County Bridge at Reads
Fording just below the Borough line in Lawrence township .-
We make this request because we believe it needed .- The bad condition
of the road on the other side of the river interferes with business and
people who are hauling to the various industries located in the 4th ward
By building the bridge at the point named the distance will be shortened
and the heavy grades avoided that have to be climbed by parties hauling
bark and other materials into this section .- The building of the bridge
in addition to being a benefit to the business portion of this part of
the Borough will also benefit the working classes who desire to buy homes
outside of the Borough limits by placing in close communication with the
4th ward of the Borough a large and desirable amount of land .- We
further represent that while the rail road makes it somewhat dangerous
for a bridge at this point yet the fording is being used at the present
time by a large number of travellers and teamsters to shorten distance
and avoid the heavy grade of Bigler Avenue so that we do not think that
fact should interfere with the building of said Bridge

And we will ever pray &c

W. D. Langley
W. A. Bloomer
H. F. Bigler
J. B. Boyd Smith
Jas. O. Hunter
Harbison & Walker Co

James D. Smith
Associated Traders
C. Kinney manager

To the

D. C. Burkett. Merchant
B. Allisius " "
David Lupton Merchant
J. G. Hoffman Merchant
Lizzi Stewart
P. L. Smith
Geo. Dewalt
A. P. Good
W. H. Brewize
W. J. Wilson
Owen J. Grimes
J. S. Leathers
C. E. Belcher M. D.
J. C. Barnes
J. F. Shade
T. M. Barratt
Guy Forsey
A. L. Brown
R. R. Stewart
Geo Coogran

W W H. & C. merchants: Rufus Cole

George G. Shunk

W J Mitchell

~~D. Fieldland~~
J. H. Waples

James Rose

H. C. Cowdrey

E. A. Parker. Barber

Geo. H. Brett

Frank McNamee

J. G. Schryver

N. J. Schucker

Frank R. Rossner

P. J. Ribgen

Wenceslaus Rosworsky

J. J. Sardam

Geo Basford

J. W. Roessner

John Shadé

James Young

A. M. Murphy

M. J. Hartman

J. C. Heath

C. L. Heath

Daniel Hooper

C. S. Peters

3 May 22, 1902

Bridge

Bridge on
Lawrence Twp

And now May 9th 1902 we approov the report
of viewers and do further find said Bridge
to be necessary and would be too burdonsome
upon the inhabitants of Lawrence Township to
build.

R. C. Crum
Foreman Grand Jury.

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGE OF THE COURT OF
QUARTER SESSIONS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA.

We the undersigned persons appointed by the within order of Court to view 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 also having given due notice to the County Commissioners and the Supervisors of Lawrence township of said time and place of meeting, we met at Readsford in Lawrence township on Friday the Eleventh day of April A.D. One thousand nine hundred and two, at One O'Clock PM, 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 a bridge across the Susquehanna river.

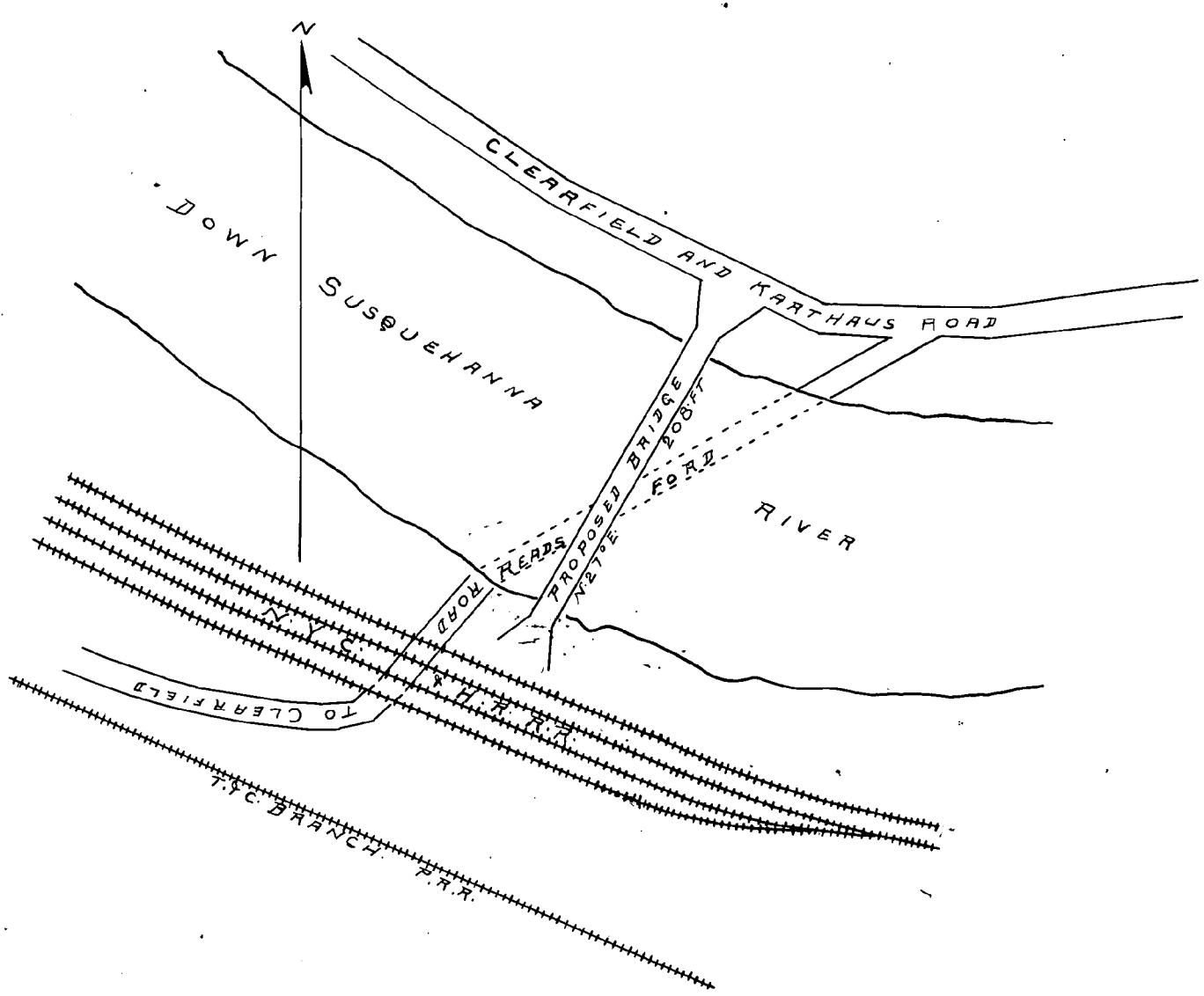
Beginning at a point on the south shore and thirty five feet east of the south end of Readsford and running North twenty seven degrees east two hundred and eight feet to a point on the northern shore.

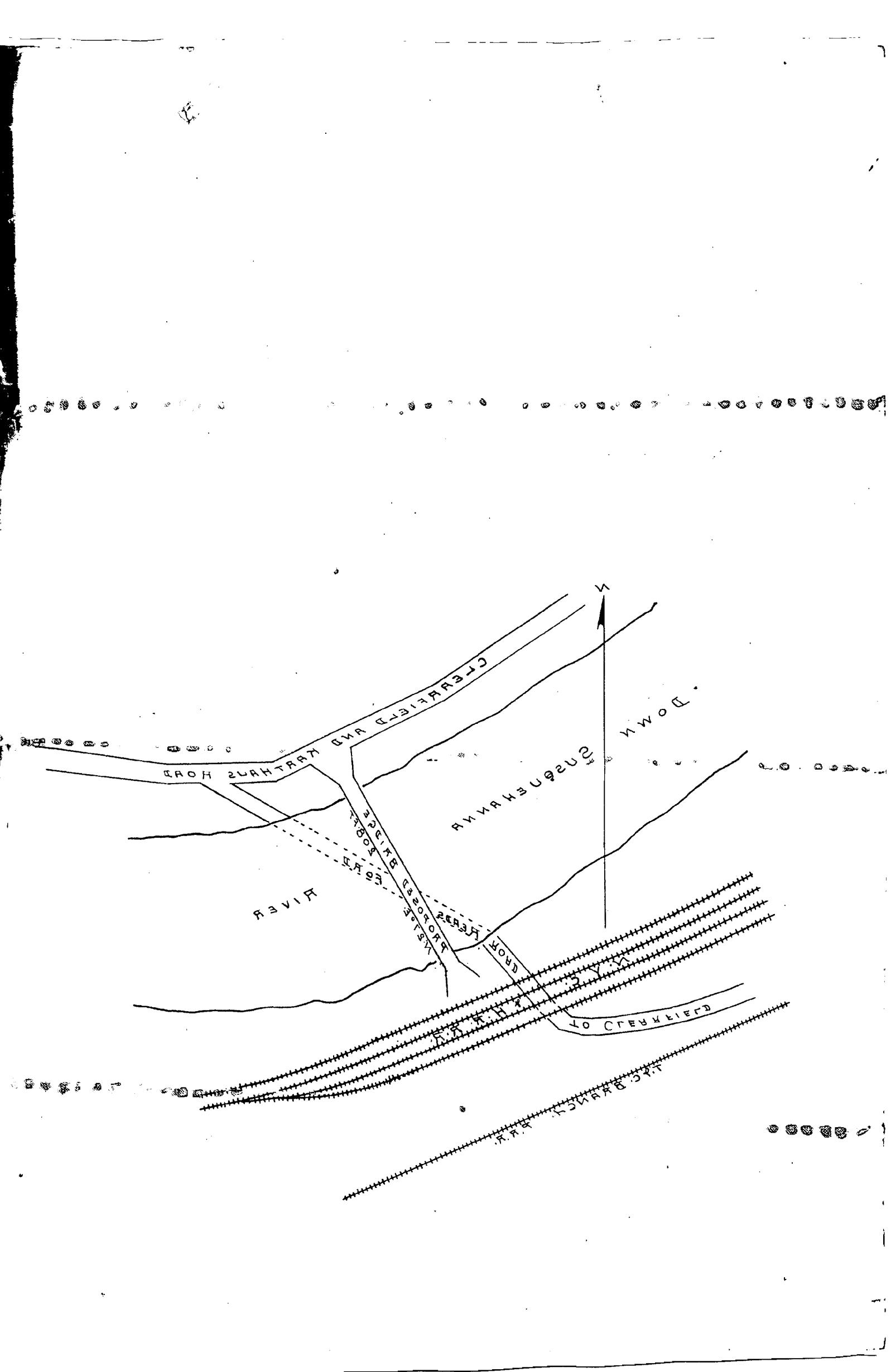
Which said bridge so as aforesaid laid out by us we are of opinion as necessary for a public bridge.

We would furthur report that as the cost of construction of said bridge would be very burdensome to the tax payers of Lawrence township and as many other parts of Clearfield County would derive greater benefit from said bridge than Lawrence township, we would recommend that the entire cost of construction and filling approaches be paid by Clearfield county.

Respectfully submitted.

H.A. Reese
R. G. Matayeff
W.O. Bigler





Bridge Viewers' Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Viewers, appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, to view a Bridge at at near
Reads ford. Across Susquehanna River

in Lawrence Township, in the county aforesaid, will meet at said place on Friday, the Eleventh day of April, A. D. 190², at 1 o'clock P. M., to attend to the duty assigned them, of which time and place aforesaid all parties interested will please take notice.

W. D. Bigler

H. A. Reese

F. B. Mahaffy

Viewers.

Apr. 1st

190².

Service accepted, April 3rd, 1903

W. G. Staves

Elect to Commissioners

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

19 day of February, A. D.

1890, before Judge of said Court, upon a petition of sundry inhabitants of the township of Lawrence in said

County, setting forth that ~~at Dec 1899~~ viewers

were appointed to locate a public bridge across the Susquehanna River where the Township road leading from Clearfield Boro crosses the said River at what is known as Peads ford, near the A. H. Shaw Grist Mill and connect with the Clearfield and Marshall road near the residence of Mrs John Thompson. That in pursuance of said order the viewers at the request of the B. C. R. R. Co. located said bridge some 600 feet down the river from the point fixed in said petition. That on account of the change in the Railroad they are unable to build the bridge at the point fixed.

and therefore praying the Court to appoint proper persons to view and lay out the same according to law, and to take such action on the subject as is required by law whereupon the Court upon due consideration had of the premises, do order, and appoint

Harry Reece W. D. Dugler W. F. J. Mahaffey

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 of them, view the same, and any 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;

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.

Frank J. Thompson, CLERK.

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.

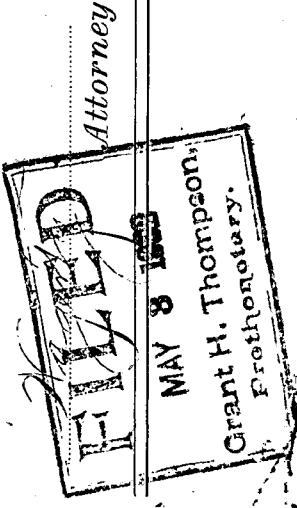
No 3 May 1st 1902
John B. Bridges
in
Lawrenceburg

ORDER TO VIEW.

16 July 1903 Report
of the
Solemn and Definite
Community Communion
by the Deacons
of the First Congregational Church of
@ 1903 - 1904

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Glenfield Pa Aug 29-1902

Rev Cyrus Gordon

Glenfield Pa

Dear Dr - The enclosed petition was
handed you with request that
I present it to you to the Court.

Very Respectfully Yours
W H Haughey

To the Honorable the Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County .-

We the undersigned citizens of Lawrence township respect fully represent that at Dec Session 1879 viewers were appointed to locate a Public Bridge across the Susquehanna River where the Township Road leading from Clearfield Borough crosses the said River at what is knownas Read's fording near the A H Shaw Grist mill and connect with the Clearfield and Karthaus Road near the residence of Mrs Sabra Thompson .-That in pursuance of said order the viewers at the request of the Beech Creek Rail Road Company located said Bridge some six hundred feet down the river from the point fixed in said petition .- That on account of the change in the Rail Road they are unable to build the Bridge at the point fixed .- They therefore pray your Honorable Court to appoint viewers to view and lay out a Bridge across the Susquehanna River where the public road leading from 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 too burden some upon the inhabitants of said township of Lawrence and that 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.

Thomas N. Barratt
J. J. Thompson
Alfred Graham
S. J. Bourge

Austin Haney
W. F. Bigler
Jas S. Read
Harry Ross
H. J. Livingston
D. L. T. Jones

W. H. Miller
Ruben Bloom

George Bandy
John F. Brown

Norman B. H. Mads
J. M. Read

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A. M. Murphy
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Frank T. Haeser
W. F. Douglass
W. J. Mitchell
W. Sternrock
Geo. F. Thompson

D. R. Wallace
H. L. Orr
Thos McCorkle
Wm. Davidson
R. J. Conklin
E. M. Moore
~~J. H. Lipp~~
John Brashaw
Jm. Jordan
P. R. Hinkle
H. P. Roads
Wm. Graham
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H. L. Ogden
Jefferson Butler
John C. Barnes
John R. Whitehead
F. J. Weber
J. G. King
S. C. Read
T. N. Fenton

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James A. McPherson
J. A. McBride
J. M. Owens
John McPherson
R. William Thompson
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John H. Brown
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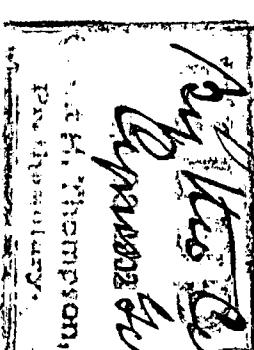
By the Court

Cyrus Gordon -
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W. H. Thompson
Prob. Notary

No. 1
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1st
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~~Route~~ in
Benton
Lawrence Township
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