

No. 2, Dec Sessions, 1903

COMMONWEALTH

versus

Public Bridge
over Bear Run
in Bell Township

Charge

To The Honorable Board of Quarter Sessions
Clearfield County.

The Petition of the Undersigned respectfully
represents that the Bridge Crossing Bear
Run just opposite the Sherwood House
in the Township of Bell, Clearfield Co. Penna
has become unfit and not safe for service & travel
and Respectfully ask that Viewers be appointed
to make the necessary report that will
secure a new Bridge at the above point
and that the expense of erecting said Bridge should
be borne by said township.

Wm. A. Smith	E. C. Reed
J. B. Miller	J. Cochran
J. H. McElroy	Wm. McHugh
J. H. McElroy	James Riley
W. C. McElroy	E. L. Nicodemus
A. B. Gomer	L. J. Sherwood
J. Archibald	William Montgomery
J. B. Gomer	A. C. O'Neil
J. R. Mook	John H. McElroy
W. W. McElroy	W. G. Campbell
Miller L. Bowdoin	J. O. Campbell
Edwin Sunderland	L. J. Sunderland
L. E. Crite	J. B. McElroy
J. S. Sherwood	T. A. McElroy
Edward Sunderland	W. F. Nicodemus
Daniel Romaleg	

J. W. Hartman	John H. Newberry
J. Russell	A. L. Beatty
G. K. Aber	Samuel Haupt
B. H. Hulthorn	Foster Beatty
J. J. Rodkey	D. E. Baird
J. E. Smith	A. J. Grist
R. A. Duff	H. S. Maloney
Alfred Smith	
Hugh Lundgren	
George Mogle	
W. Campbell	Ernest Ellis
R. J. (Portman)	W. Campbell
H. M. Davidson	
W. O. Peace	
D. H. Fairbank	J. T. Kauffman
George Weaver	W. L. Kauffman
B. H. Shaffer	S. T. Kauffman
A. J. (Ling)	D. L. Kauffman
A. H. McGee	A. R. Cooper
Emory Maloney	
J. M. Kauffman	
William Dunbar	
Frank (L. L.)	
W. H. Matt	

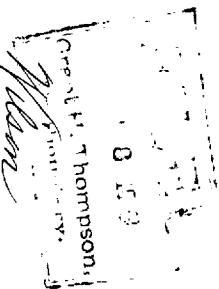
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Petition for

County Bridge over
Bear Run near
the dwelling of Edmund
H. Lee Township of
free County, Iowa.

Nov 8 Appt 1903 P. B. Day
owner, free-bridge & land bridge are
apparently never across
and local ~~road~~ bridge
report at December
term 1903.

By the Court
Cyrus Goodell



McEwen's Office

Saturday Nov. 21st 03

Send to the Clerk

W. H. Tilden

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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

8th day of Sept., A. D.

1903 before Judge of said Court, upon a petition of sundry inhabitants of the township of Bell in said

County, setting forth that

the Bridge crossing Bear Run just opposite the Sherwood House in the Township of Bell, Clearfield County Penna. has become unfit and not safe for service and travel and respectfully ask that Viewers be appointed to make the necessary report that will secure a new bridge at the above point and that the expense of erecting said Bridge would be too heavy and burdensome upon the inhabitants of said township of Bell

and therefore praying the Court to appoint proper persons to view and lay out the same according to law,

and report to next term

whereupon the Court upon due consideration had of the premises, do order and appoint C. B.

Alexander, Jacob Burger and James Chapman ^{viewers}

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;

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 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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Seal

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Seal

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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.....

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BRIDGE

~~Road~~ Viewers' Notice!

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Viewers, appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, to view ~~for Bridge~~ ~~Road leading from~~

~~Crossing Bear Run opposite~~
~~The Sherwood House - McGee's Mill~~

in _____ Township, to

in Bell Township, in the county
aforesaid, will meet at the ~~house of~~ McGee's Hotel
, in Bell

Township, on Saturday, the 21st
day of November, A. D 1903, at 9 o'clock
A. M., to attend to the duty assigned them, of which
time and place aforesaid all parties interested will
please take notice.

E. B. Alexander

Jacob Burge

James Chapman

Viewers.

Nov 16th

, 1903.

Service accepted
Nov 16. 1903
The Commission
By A. H. C. C. C.
C. C.

Map of

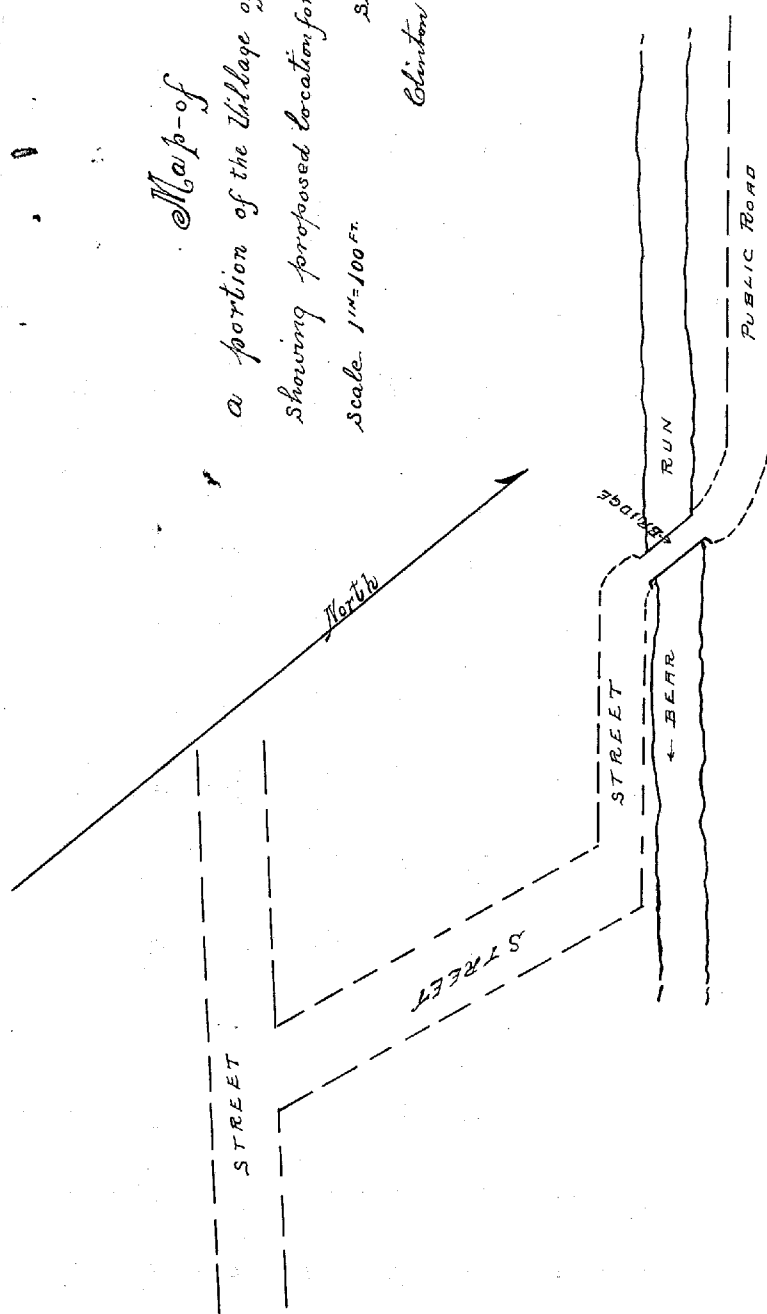
a portion of the Village of McGees Mills, Pa.

Showing proposed location for bridge as petitioned.

Scale. 1"=100 Ft.

Sur. Nov. 19th. 1903.

Clinton G. Alexander/Eng'r



To the Honorable Cyrus Gordon President Judge of the
Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania

We the undersigned Viewers appointed by ^{the} ~~the~~ within order of Court to view for the bridge therein mentioned respectfully report that we gave good and lawful notice of said bridge view and met agreeable thereto and viewed the ground and stream at sight proposed for bridge and roads leading thereto and being severally sworn or affirmed do report as follows:

We are of the opinion that the bridge now in use at said point, being made of hemlock stringers overlaid with plank, will not give service for any great length of time, and that the length of the span and the method of building present structure make its value doubtful for heavy hauling. and that a new bridge of iron or steel is needed across Bear Run opposite the Sherwood House in Bell Township and further that the construction thereof would cost more than is reasonable that the Township of Bell should bear. We have further noted that the abutments now in use at this point under the present wooden bridge are of a good class of masonry and have the appearance of being well preserved. It is our opinion, subject to the decision of the Engineer in charge when the kind and weight of bridge for this place may be finally selected, that these abutments now in use with a few repairs will be sufficient to place thereon the new bridge.

We therefore recommend that an iron or steel bridge be placed at this point. said bridge to have a length of forty feet (40') or such as will fit the present abutments, and to be placed the same height above low water as the present bridge, and same to have a roadway of sixteen (16) feet.

We further recommend that in the construction of this bridge the within mentioned County of Clearfield supply the ironwork or superstructure and the erection thereof and that the within mentioned Township of Bell repair and put in proper shape for service the abutments for said bridge.

All to be done under the supervision of a competent Engineer, a plat or draft of location of bridge is herewith attached.

Witness our hands this 27th day of November A.D. 1903.

Viewers { C. B. Alexander.
Jacob Burge
James Chapman

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Public Bridge
in
Bell Township

NOTE—Viewers will carefully note the number of days employed, and set the amount out at the foot of their report. 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.

	Days	Miles	Amount
633 Alexander	2 1/2	3.60	\$10.00
Jacob Burge	2	4 1/2	3.60
James Chapman	2	4 1/2	3.60
	1.0	1.00	

ORDER TO VIEW.

8 Dec 1903 approx
and returns to
Jury

By the Court
Cyrus Gordon

Filed 189
Fees \$1.25, paid by

W. Wilson
Attorney.
FILED
DEC 2 1903
Grant H. Thompson,
Prothonotary.

Approved this eleventh (11) day Dec 1903
and we the Grand Jury find that
this Bridge is necessary and that the expense
of building said Bridge is to expense
for said Township to Bear all expenses said
Township to Build Approaches and abutments
one County to furnish Iron or Steel for frame
Frank Gorr
Foreman