

No. 2, Dec. Sessions, 1902

B-13-01-1000-11

COMMONWEALTH

versus

Public Bridge
over Bear Run
in Bed Township

Charge

To The Hanover Court 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 Travel
and Respectfully ask that You can 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 burthenous upon the inhabitants of said

W^m. A. Smith O. C. Reed

J. B. Miller (Cochrane)

J. D. McHugh

J. H. McSorley James Riley

J. C. Lee E. L. Nicodemus

A. B. B. Gomer Lewis Sherwood

J. J. Archibald William Montgomery

J. B. Gomer J. E. Reed

J. W. Most John H. Martin

W. W. Miller Jr. G. Campbell

Miller, G. Bowes J. D. Campbell

Edwin Sunderlin

J. E. Trile L. P. Sunderland

J. S. Sherwood John H. Martin

Edward Sunderlin T. T. McGehee

Daniel R. maley W. F. Nicodemus

J. P. Hart, ~~W. H. Hart~~, John, H. Hart, ~~John~~
J. Russell, ~~Freel~~ A. L. Beatty
G. K. Rivers Daniel Hause
B. Hullihen Foster Beatty
S. J. Rodkey D. E. Baird
J. G. Smith G. J. T. ~~W. S. T. T. S.~~
R. A. Duff W. S. McElroy
Alfred Griffith
Hugh Gunderson
E. Rock ~~Proctor~~
J. L. Johnson E. F. Gillis
W. Campbell
A. J. Hartman D. Campbell
G. M. Davidson D. Campbell
W. G. Peace M. F. ~~W. G. Peace~~
D. H. Fairbank J. T. Kauffman
George Steamer H. L. Kauffman
B. H. Kauffman S. J. Kauffman
B. G. ~~Long~~ D. L. Kauffman
C. H. McGee A. R. Cooper
Elmore Maloofsky
J. H. Kauffman
William Dunbar
Frank C. ~~Long~~
F. H. ~~Long~~ Matt
F. ~~Long~~ ~~Long~~

2 Dec. A.D. 1903

Letter for

County Bridge over
Bear River near
the mouth of Skunk
in Lee County, Idaho
Fruit County, Idaho.

Nov 8 Sept 1903 C. B. Clay
and Fred George James Chapman
appointed viewers to view
and locate ~~and~~ ^{the} bridge
before at December
Term 1903.

By the Sheriff
Opus scriber

Geo. W. Thompson
Sheriff

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W. H. W.

M. S. 257:11
Saturday Nov. 21st 03
Second term to

Clearfield County, ss:

W. H. Gilcoole, Esq.
M. S. 257:11 U. S.

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 Home 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 to 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 Berger 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 sealing 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

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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

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 - McCaus Mill~~

in ~~Bridge~~ Township, to

in ~~Bridge~~ Township, in the county aforesaid, will meet at the ~~house of~~ ~~McCaus 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.

L. D. Alexander

Jacob Burge

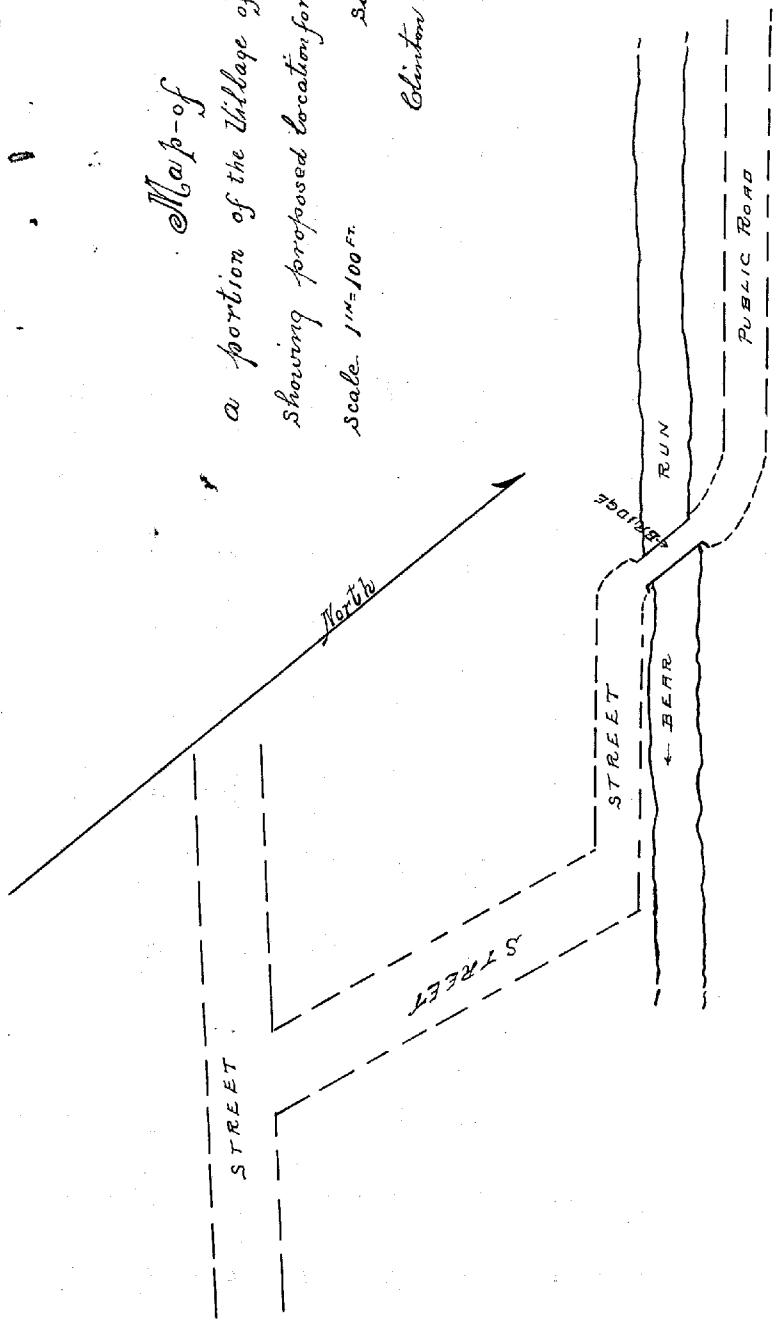
James Chapman

Viewers.

Nov 16th.
, 1903.

Service accepted
Nov 16. 1903
to Commission
By Postmaster
Gen

Map of
a portion of the Village of McMechan's Mills, Pa.
Showing proposed location for bridge as petitioned.
Scale 1 in = 100 ft.
Sur. Nov. 19th, 1903.
Clinton J. Alexander, Engg.



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} Court within order of Court to view for the bridge therin 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 Shinwood 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 plan 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

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

AMOUNT.
Days 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ \$1.00
Miles 3.60
Days 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ \$4.50
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Days 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ \$4.50
Miles 1.60

No 2 Dec 1903
Bell Township
In
Public Bridge

ORDER TO VIEW.

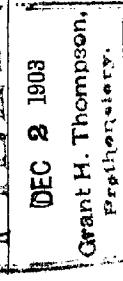
of the 1903 approach
and subversus bridge
from Bell Township

By the County
of Cyrus Seward

Filed 1189

Fees \$1.25, paid by

W. M. Nelson
FILED Attorney.



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 be borne
by said Township to bear all expense said
Township to build approaches and abutments
one County to furnish iron or steel for same
Frank Goss
Foreman