

No. 5

May

Sessions, 1901

COMMONWEALTH

versus

Public Bridge  
in  
Beccaria & Gulich  
Townships  
Glen George

charge

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WILLIAM J. SWOOPIE,  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF THE COURT OF QUARTER  
SESSIONS OF THE PEACE IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD:

The Petition of the undersigned inhabitants of the  
Townships of Beccaria and Gulich, in the said County, re-  
spectfully sheweth:

That a bridge is much wanted over Big Muddy Run at  
the place where the public highway leading from Utahville  
to Janesville, crosses the said Run, the said Big Muddy Run  
being the dividing line between Beccaria and Gulich Townships;  
the said bridge now erected having become old and worthless  
and dangerous;

That the expense of erecting said bridge would be  
too heavy and burdensome on the inhabitants of the said  
Township to bear.

Your Petitioners therefore pray the Court to  
appoint proper persons to view the premises and to take such  
order on the subject as is required, as directed by the Act  
of Assembly in such case made and provided. And they will  
ever pray.

Citizens of the Township of Beccaria  
J. L. (R) a. st. } S. C. Davis.  
J. L. (R) a. st. } L. B. L. i.  
H. B. Long } Edward H. Davis  
Seaher S. Hall } G. E. (G) a. Davis  
S. C. S. Hall } L. W. (W) a. Davis  
R. P. Root } L. H. (H) a. Davis

L. W. Miller  
John...  
T. F. G. Miller  
D. N. Miller  
E. C. Smith  
G. B. Thorneycroft  
L. W. Parker  
R. J. Parker  
J. E. R. Parker  
Edgar Pickrell  
A. C. Gleason  
Francis Pickrell  
Alfred Penny  
A. T. Davis  
F. G. Thorneycroft  
Edward Davis  
Daniel Wall  
Conrad

John Parker Jr.  
D. Parker Jr.  
D. Parker Jr.  
C. Blair Jr.  
Charles...  
John Thorneycroft  
John Thorneycroft  
Stephen...  
Geo W. Wall

Citizens of the Town of Grulich

W. E. Allenman	J. N. Gano
Ernest Chevalier	Edward Conrad
E. G. Swan	Elijah Conrad
J. B. Colby	John Sisler
Smith Salpiner	Joseph Gantner
W. H. Nequin	John Allenman
Geo W. Paul	W. T. Gano
Wm. Mathews	Howard Dix
J. B. Henderson	C. M. Gano
Joseph Gano	Charles Eakin
Harvey Beyer	W. E. Dix
Ronald Leonard	John T. Bowman
W. C. Doug	S. A. Miller
David Gano	Thomas Taylor
Emery Beyer	S. H. Dix
W. E. Gano	R. L. Spencer
W. H. Gano	James Miller
Massimo Bini	J. F. Gano
W. G. Gano	J. G. Gano
H. K. Henderson	H. H. Gano
McRush	J. H. Gano
C. Gano	E. W. David
Wm J. Gano	John Copenhagen

J. M. Robeson  
A. S. Barry  
Blake Noling.  
Daniel Hale  
Conrad Mack  
John Walt

No. 5 May Term, 1904.

PETITION OF CITIZENS OF BECCA-  
RIA AND GULICH TOWNSHIPS FOR  
COUNTY BRIDGE.

Mar. 5-1904  
Geo. Anderson, G. C.  
Kingsbury and H. C. Johnson  
we append enclosed  
memorandum concerning  
Bridge and report  
to may engoy  
to the court

Wilson Ormiston

APR 6 1904

John Johnson

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

6 day of April, A. D.

1904, before Judge of said Court, upon a petition of sundry inhabitants of the townships of Beccaria & Gulich in said

County, setting forth that a bridge is much wanted over Big Muddy Run at the place where the public highway leading from Mahville to Janesville crosses the said Run, the said Big Muddy Run being the dividing line between Beccaria and Gulich Townships, the said bridge now erected having become old and worthless and dangerous. That the expense of erecting said bridge would be too heavy and burdensome on the inhabitants of the said Township to bear.

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

~~and the report to be kept till next term~~

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

C. B. Alexander, J. C. Haggerty, and W. C. Longford

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.

*Grant 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.....

Seal

Seal

Seal

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 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 place where  
public road from Utalville to  
Janesville crosses Big Muddy Run  
the dividing line between Beccaria  
and Gulich Towns.

in **Township, in the county**  
**aforesaid, will meet at said place on**  
Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> **day of**  
April, A. D. 1904, at 3 o'clock  
**P M.**, to attend to the duty assigned them,  
of which time and place aforesaid all parties  
interested will please take notice.

J. C. Hegerty

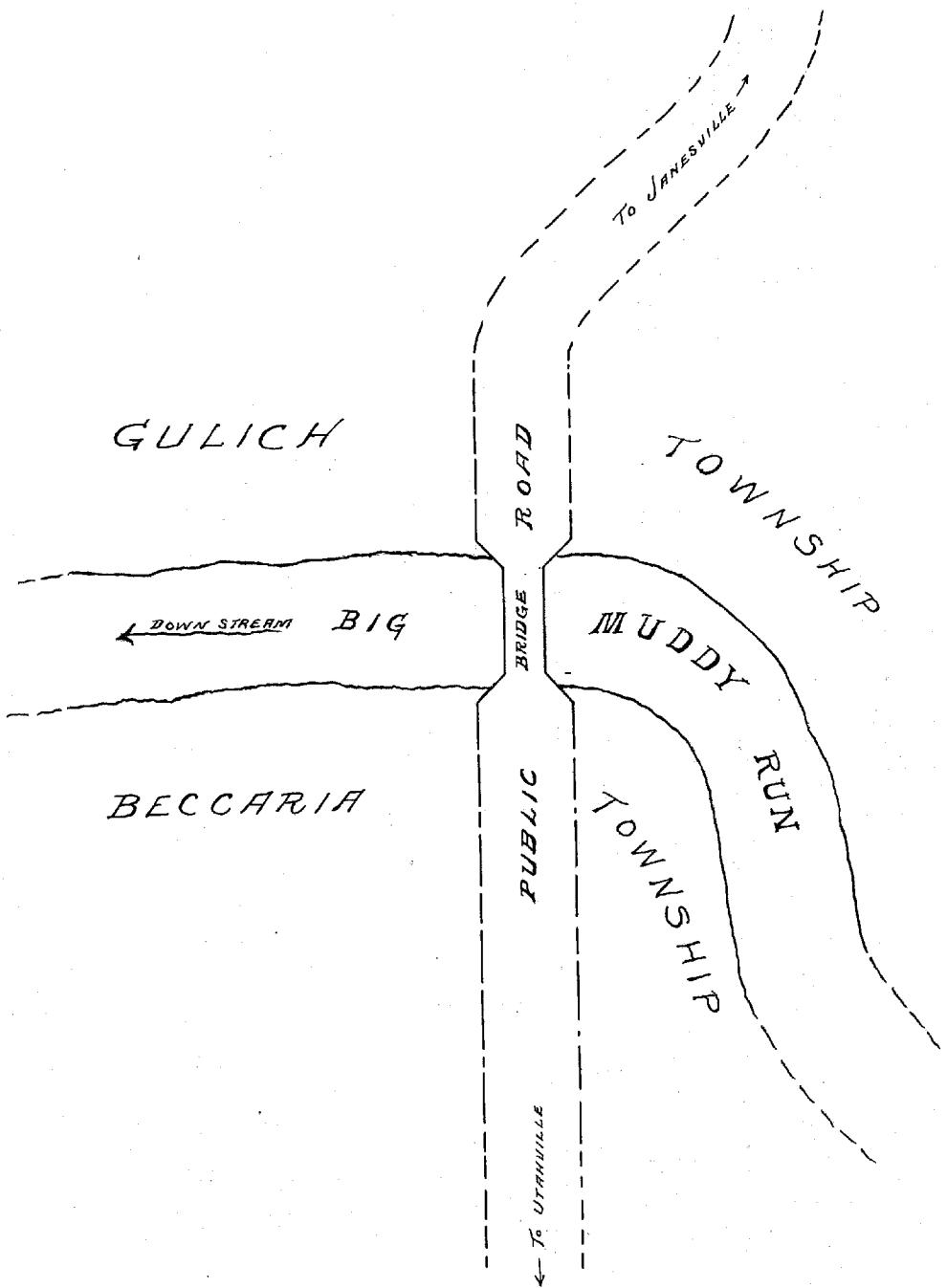
W. C. Langford

C. B. Alexander

Viewers.

April 12, 1904.

Service accepted  
Apr 12, 1904  
A. Holloman  
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TO THE HONORABLE ALLISON O. SMITH, PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE  
COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA.

We the undersigned Viewers appointed by 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 having been severally sworn or affirmed, we viewed the ground at sight proposed for said bridge and roads leading thereto and have found that the wooden bridge now in use at this point is very much decayed and broken down. We believe it is now unfit for travel and dangerous. In our opinion a new bridge is needed at this point where Big Muddy Run intersects the public road from Janesville to Utahville, as within named, and that the construction thereof would cost more than is reasonable that the townships of Beccaria and Gulich should bear: We therefore recommend that an iron bridge be placed at this point on properly constructed abutments. Said bridge to have a span of thirty-two (32) feet in the clear, and to be constructed at such a height as to allow a clearance space of six and one-half (6 1/2) feet above low water and further said bridge to have a roadway of fourteen (14) feet.

We further recommend that in the construction of this bridge the within mentioned county of Clearfield supply the iron work or superstructure and the erection thereof, and that the within mentioned townships of Beccaria and Gulich construct the necessary abutments and prepare the approaches.

A plot or draft showing the location of this bridge is herewith attached.

WITNESS our hands this 20th day of April A.D. 1904.

VIEWERS.

*C. B. Alexander*  
*J. O'Hegarty*  
*W. B. Langford*

NOTE.—Viewers will carefully note the number of days employed, and set out 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.

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Days 22  
Miles 38  
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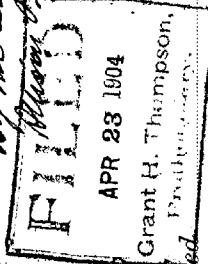
in  
Beccaria Gulick  
Twp.

Days 1  
Miles 3  
\$2.00

Days 5  
Miles 10  
\$5.00

ORDER TO VIEW.

May 4th 1904 apprved  
and referred to Grand  
Jury  
By the County  
Att'ty.



Fees \$1.25, paid by

Wilson & Edwards  
Attorney.

Now May 6 1904 we the Grand jury after due  
consideration of the report of viewers and hearing the  
testimonies do find that the bridge necessary and  
the building of the same to burdensome for the  
township of Beccaria and Gulick to bear we therefore  
recommend that the county build the super structure  
and the township build the abutments

G.W. Bell  
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