

No. 1

May Sessions, 1905.

COMMONWEALTH

VERSUS

Public Bridge
Across Susquehanna
River at Curry Run.

Charge

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WILLIAM J. SWOOP,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

IN THE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY.

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

The petition of the undersigned inhabitants of Greenwood
township, county of Clearfield, and state of Pennsylvania,
respectfully represents:

That a bridge is much wanted over the Susquehanna River
at the village of Curry Run, where the main public road leading
from Curry Run to Marron post office by the way of Robert Ross
crosses the Susquehanna River; that the fording is frequently
rendered impassable by reason of the ice and high waters, and
that it is greatly needed for the travel of the public, and
that the expense of erecting said bridge would be burdensome
upon the inhabitants of the said township and more than it is
reasonable that they should bear.

Your petitioners therefore pray the Court to appoint
proper persons qualified according to law to view the place
proposed for said bridge, and inquire whether such bridge is
necessary as aforesaid, and report at next term of Court.

And they will ever pray, etc.

Wm Johnston J. M. Johnston
J. C. Campbell J. H. Campbell
C. A. Thompson C. W. Bates
W. B. Johnston H. J. Johnston
Samuel Allen James McFadden
David Mitchell E. H. Irvin
 Hugh M. Irvin

W E Garry
Clair Ross
Clair Scott
J S Gardner
John Gross
Herman Hess
J M Barnett
Lloyd Johnson
Clair Ross
Frank Ross
James Garry
J H Barnett
James Hall
A S Wright
James Coulter
Geo R Eastel
S J Snyder
J P Braun
James Gearhart
W P Miller
William Gearhart
Tom Snyder
J B Limer
W B Mott
R L Dickel
J. J. Thompson
Baldwin
Frank Dickel

Deen Johnston
N C Bell
J M Donovan
D W Wiley
J G Bell
A H McConnel
Howard Gaultier
C C M Snacken
P A Fredericks
Ephraim
Matias Hollibaum
Perry Williamson
L D Williamson
W. S. Moore
J. T. Macmillan
J. D. T. T. T.
John Friesen
W. A. M. Eustis
John Eustis
Alron Eustis
Alex Pass
Robert Young
Gardell H. Wallace
H. B. Limer
Geo. J. Thompson
J. C. J. Thompson
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<u>A. H. Fisher</u>	<u>Bob Hearn</u>
<u>A. M. Fawcett</u>	<u>G. W. Hess</u>
<u>G. J. Poorman</u>	<u>Perry Arthur</u>
<u>Paul Clark</u>	<u>Era Passmore</u>
<u>P. O. C.</u>	<u>Inv. F. Mitchell</u>
<u>P. J. Wiley</u>	<u>Trampeton Bell</u>
<u>G.W. Bell</u>	<u>M. T. Hare</u>
<u>H. C. Green</u>	<u>J. W. Ross</u>
<u>J. K. Rich</u>	<u>Arthur Bell</u>
<u>John D. Ginn</u>	<u>Thomas Diehl</u>
<u>John J. Hart</u>	<u>Wagstaff Johnson</u>
<u>James Johnson</u>	<u>Alvin Johnson</u>
<u>John Johnson</u>	<u>George Johnson</u>
<u>Geo. L. Morgan</u>	<u>W. G. Newcomer</u>
<u>George Ross</u>	<u>Wesley Dixey</u>
<u>H. D. Melch</u>	<u>J. B. Gould</u>
<u>Harry Ross</u>	<u>Daril Young</u>
<u>Robert Ross</u>	<u>John Sparrow</u>
<u>J. M. Ross</u>	<u>John C. Ross</u>
<u>Stoyt Thorp</u>	<u>Harry Bell</u>
<u>J. Walsh Barron</u>	<u>George K. Bell</u>
<u>E. A. Wiley</u>	<u>W. H. Meckley</u>
	<u>William Land</u>

Clearfield County, SS:

At a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at Clearfield, in and for the County of Clearfield, on the day of February A.D. 1905, before Allison C. Smith, Judge of the said Court, upon the petition of divers inhabitants of the township of Greenwood in said County setting forth that a bridge is much wanted over the Susquehanna River at Curry Run where the main road leading from Curry Run by way of Robert Ross' former post office, crosses the Susquehanna River; that the fording is frequently rendered impassable by reason of the ice and high waters, and that it is greatly needed for the travel of the public, and that the expense of erecting said bridge would be burdensome upon the inhabitants of the said township and more than it is reasonable that they should bear, ~~the~~ the Court on due consideration appoint _____

_____, who after being respectively sworn or affirmed to perform their duties impartially and to the best of their judgment so to view the place proposed for said bridge, and if they or any three of them view the same and any two of the actual viewers agree that there is occasion for such bridge and that the erecting of the said bridge would require more expense than it would be reasonable the said township should bear, they are to 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 County of Clearfield.

By the Court,

No. 1 Mayor to be
in the Court of Quarter.
Session.

Application for
Corridy Ridge
Over the Devil's neck
Survey Run in
Crossword Squ.

Our order 6.1.1905 - petition
presented & unanswered by
Mr. Elwin & Zimmerman
Mr. O. Thompson & Hartshorne
and J. C. Barclay & others -
which are sufficient to give
us to mind and pleasure
and make ourself to many
and make ourself to many
etc. - By the Compt.
Alphonse L. Smith

Attest
John S. Thompson
Deputy

Witchell

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

5 day of June, A. D.

189 ..., before Judge of said Court, upon a petition of sundry inhab-

itants of the township of Bell in said

County, setting forth that a public Bridge

is much needed over the Susquehanna River at or near the place where the public road leading from James Sunderland to Burnside Borough crosses said river in Bell Township, and that the expense of erecting said bridge would be too burdensome for the taxpayers of said township to bear.

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

and report to next term of Court

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

C. B. Alexander. Geo. H. Holl and A. G. Bloom

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.

Row B. 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.....

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 or near the place where the Public Road leading from James Sunderland to Burnside Borough crosses the Susquehanna River.

in Bell Township, in the county aforesaid, will meet at said place on Wednesday, the 28th day of June, A. D. 1905, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., to attend to the duty assigned them, of which time and place aforesaid all parties interested will please take notice.

C. B. Alexander

Geo. H. Hall

Allegart Bloom

Viewers.

June 20th., 1905.

service accepted

June 21. 1906

County Comt's

By ~~Attn: Comt's~~

ex:

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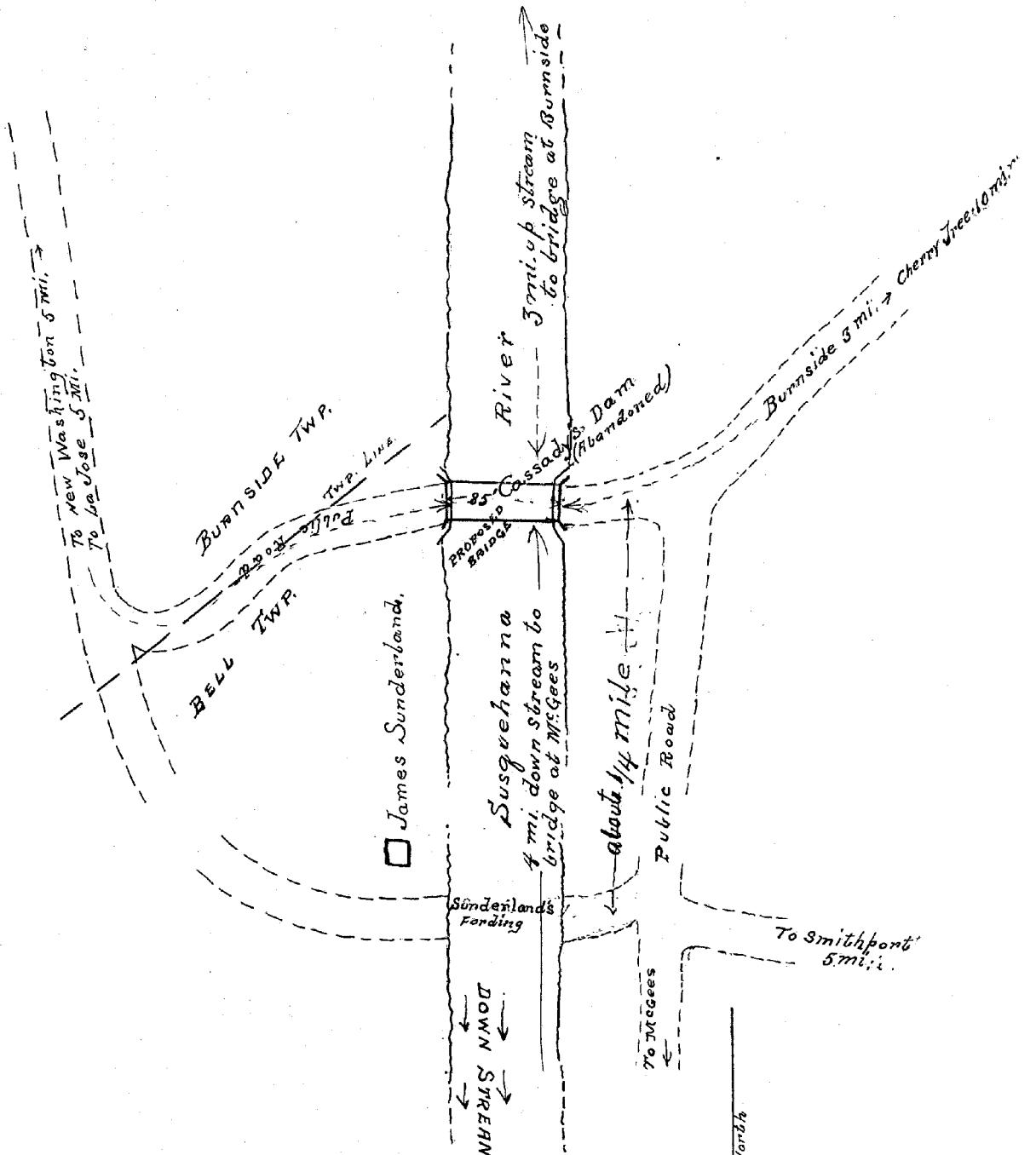
June 20th., 1905.

Service accepted.

J. B. Finney Supervisor of Bellarp

J. H. Woodburn .. " "

A. G. Goss .. " "



SKETCH MAP

Showing Location for Proposed Bridge

Bell Twp. C/fd. Co. Pa.

View of June 28th, 1905.

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 affirmed, we viewed the ground at sight proposed for said bridge and the roads leading thereto also received the testimony of citizens interested.

We found that the nearest bridge crossing the river down stream from this point is at McGees four miles below, and up stream the nearest bridge is at Burnside three miles distant. The fording now at this point is inconvenient and frequently during the winter season and when the river is flooded it is impassible. A bridge located at this point would be a great convenience and saving of time and distance to citizens of this neighborhood and others who travel east and west across the river. We would therefore respectfully recommend that an iron bridge of 85 feet span and placed on suitable abutments, about ten feet above low water mark, be built at Cassady's old dam where a wooden bridge owned by the County once stood.

As we believe the expense of building this bridge and abutments is greater than is reasonable and just that the Township should bear, we would further respectfully recommend that the county bear the cost of building the superstructure and abutments and that the Township of Bell bear the expense of filling the approaches.

We would further suggest that a few changes might be made in the old public road on the east side of the river, should this bridge be granted, thereby making a better approach.

A map showing the location of this proposed bridge is herewith attached and made a part of this report.

Witness our hands this 30th. day of June A.D. 1905.

R. B. Alexander
VIEWERS.
A. F. Hall will sign
A. F. Hall
A. F. Hall
A. F. Hall

Clearfield, 21. 1905

You recollect the 8th we the Grand Jury having heard the testimony produced, & having carefully considered the application recommended. That the County of Clearfield build the bridge upon the terms & conditions, reported by the viewers.

J. B. Morris
Foreman

December Sessions 1905 the written Report of Viewers and concurrence therewith by the Grand Jury, presented, read and considered, and thereupon present approval of same is withheld for the reason: First. That the finances of the County are not in such shape that all of the expenses for public bridges could be met at this time, as we have ascertained by consultation with the Commissioners. Second. Careful inquiry into the situation at this point has led us to believe that there is no regular public road or thoroughfare of general public use leading from the southern or eastern end of the projected bridge. Third. That there is no general public to be served by said bridge and no such general public demand in that vicinity as would authorize such an expenditure of public money in view of the present financial condition of County funds.

By the Court Clerk D. Smith P.A.

No. 6. Sept. 1905 -
Cochlear Bridge

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

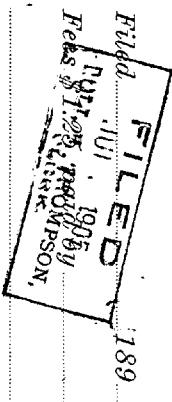
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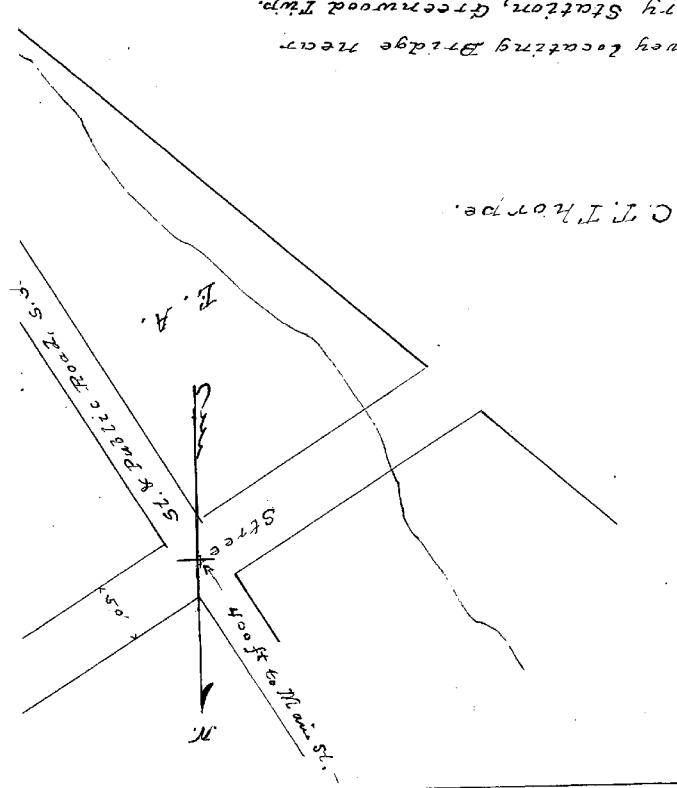
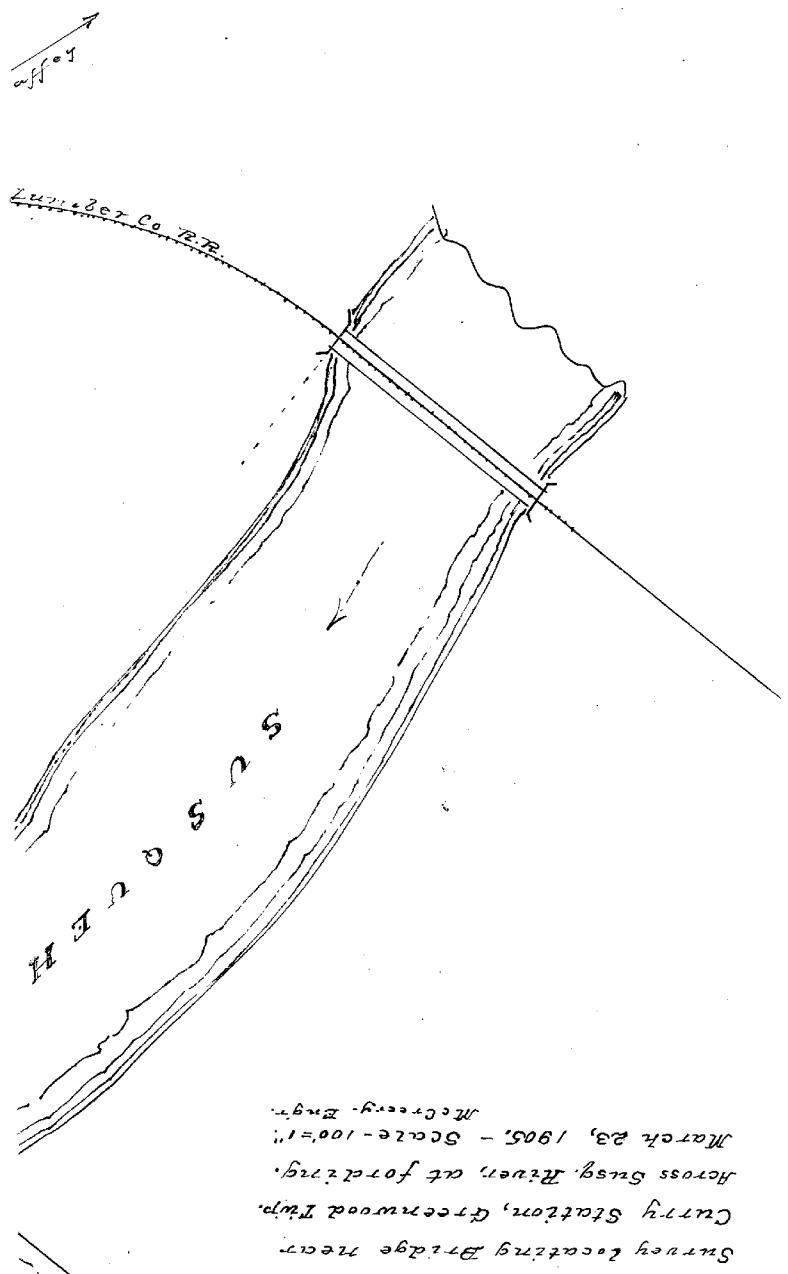
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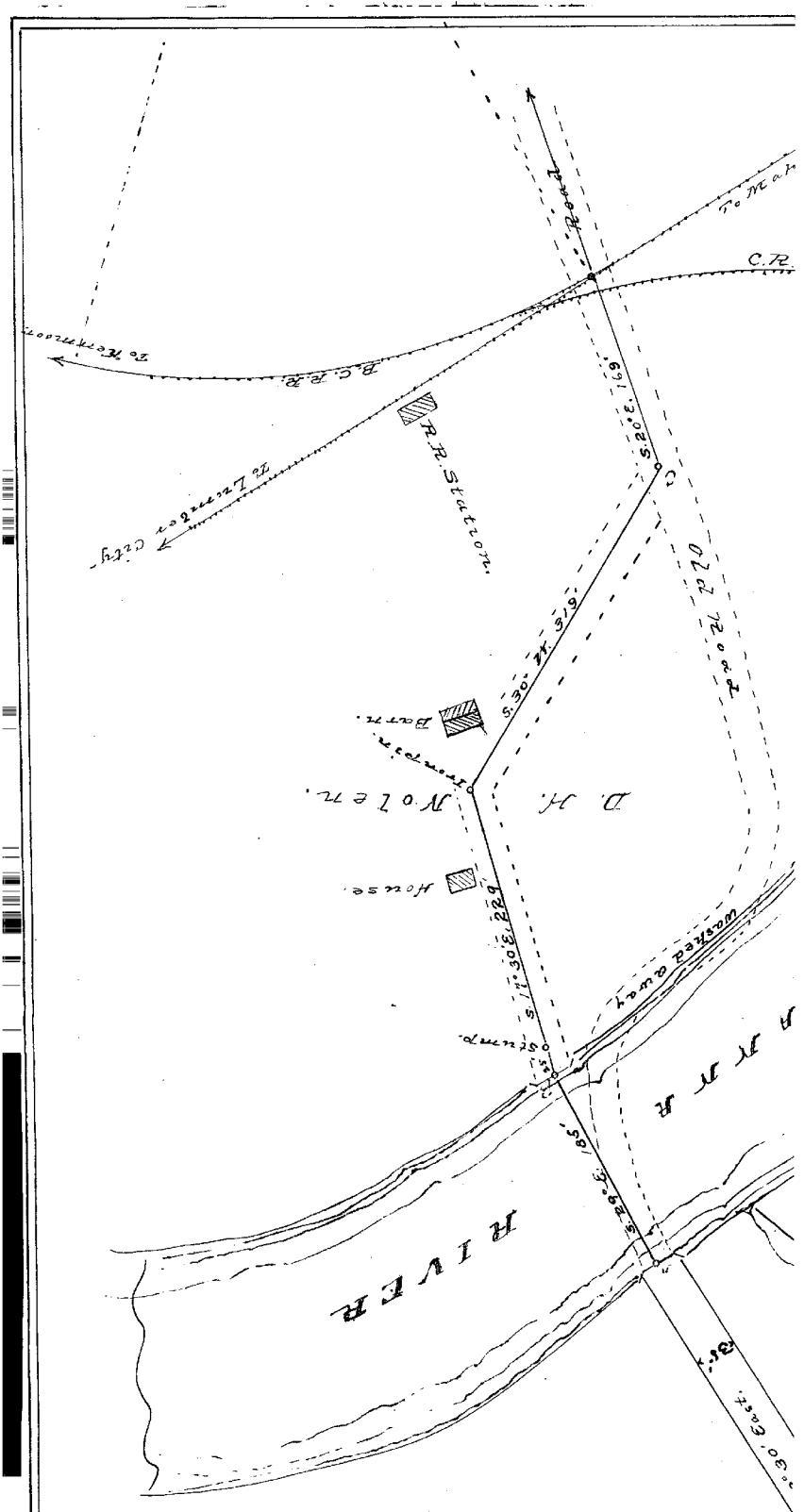
Geo. M. Hall } Days 1
Miles 45 # 16.50

Highbridge } Days 1
Miles 50 # 16.50
Days Miles



Weller,
Attorney.





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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

6th day of February, A. D.

1905, before Judge of said Court, upon a petition of sundry inhabitants of the township of Greenwood in said

County, setting forth that a bridge is much wanted over the Susquehanna River at the village of Curry Run, where the main public road leading from Curry Run to Marion Post Office by the way of Robert Ross Crosses the Susquehanna River, that the fording is frequently rendered impossible by reason of the ice and high water and that it is greatly needed for the travel of the public and the expense of erecting said bridge would be burdensome upon the inhabitants of said township, and more than it could bear

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

J. S. McCreery, W. J. Stofster and J. C. Barday

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

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.

Roll B. Thompson
CLERK.

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Witness our hands and seals this 23 day of March
A. D. 1890.

L. H. Mullen 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. 1890.

Curry Run March 23
1905

We the undersigned viewers appointed by
Court having this day met and having
been sworn according to law, proceeded
to view the location for proposed bridge,
and unanimously report that a bridge
is much needed at this point and rec-
ommend the building of same by the
County as petitioned for. The survey for
same being as follows, Beginning at point
A, being intersection of street or road with bank of
Susquehanna River at fording, thence across River S. 29° E.
One hundred and eighty-five feet between abutments, (This
measurement being taken at flood stage is approximate,) to
B, thence S. $17^{\circ} 30'$ E. 25 feet Rd oak stump (center), thence same
bearing 229 feet to iron pin center of private road long
used by public, the old road being washed away.
Still along private road S. 30° West, 319 feet to center
of old road (C) thence along same S. 20° East 169 ft.
to fish rail of main line of N.Y.C.R.R. at frog of
junction. The accompanying draft more fully
showing location. No damage claimed,

J. M. Tracy)

W. P. Harpster Viewers

John C. Barclay)

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No. 1 May 1900
Public Bridge
in
Greenwood Luf
across Susquehanna
River

ORDER TO VIEW.
Mar. 5, 1908 action invented
at Edwards Island before the
Ground Jury by the County
Attala County

May 5 1905 we took board
of my friend the bridge in the
winter when necessary
and that it is too expensive
for him to do. I am willing
to build.

D. J. G. *Signatur* *1900*

FILED *Attorney.*
MAR 27 1905
Roll B. Thompson,
CLERK.

May Session 1905 within report favoring bridge in
Greycwood Township at Curry Run, together with approval
by Grand Jury, duly considered and present approval of
same withheld for the reason:

First. That there are now two County bridges across the Susquehanna River each within one ~~year~~ mile of the site prayed for, and it would seem as though considering the many demands for County river bridges and the sparse population to be served by these three bridges that another is unnecessary.

Second. There is now an unused railroad bridge at this point which is used by the public at least for walking thereon. If said railroad bridge should be wholly abandoned in the near future, it would seem good public policy for the County to negotiate for its purchase instead of building a new County bridge at this point. *By the O*

By the Court

Alvin A. Smith pg