

No. 2 Dec Sessions, 1908

~~COMMONWEALTH~~

~~VERSUS~~

Public Bridge over  
Searfield Creek near  
New Millport in  
Knox<sup>Co</sup> Pike Twp.

Charge

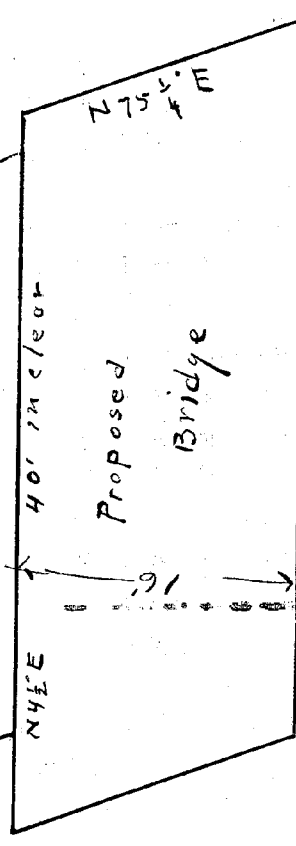
JAMES H. KELLEY,  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

N.Y.C. & H.R.R.

Township Road

To Olanta

Down Clearfield Creek



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To Ansonville and New Millport

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, A. D. 1908.

~~xxx~~, before Judge of said Court, upon a petition of sundry inhabitants of the township of Knox and Pike in said County, setting forth that a bridge across Clearfield

Creek near the town of O'Lanta in Pike Township, where the public highway leading from O'Lanta to Ansonville and New Millport crosses the same, is in a delapidated and dangerous condition, both the stone work and the superstructure; that the petitioners believe that there should be an iron bridge across the creek at this point it being one of the main thoroughfares from Clearfield, Glen Richey, O'Shanter and O'lanta to New Millport, Ansonville, Irvona and Coalport. That it will require a span of not less than 40 feet and that the erection of a public bridge and abutment will require more expense than the townships of Knox and Pike are able to bear and that the said bridge should be built by Clearfield County

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

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

Harry Byers, Leander Denning and John A. Dale

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 D 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 .....*

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*Witness our hands this ..... day of ..... A. D. 189.....*

To The Honorable Allison O. Smith President Judge  
of The Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield Coun-  
ty, We the undersigned, viewers appointed by the  
within order of Court to view the bridge therein  
mentioned respectfully report, that we gave  
notice of the said view and met agreeable thereto  
all being present and having been severally sworn  
or affirmed we viewed the place where said bridge  
is proposed and find that during the last sum-  
mer the abutment under said bridge has  
been rebuilt in a substantial manner, but the  
abutment on the Knox Township side is in need  
of rebuilding and that the bridge should have a longer  
span to prevent under washing the abutments;  
we therefore are of opinion that the Towns respective  
should build the abutments (The Pike town abutment  
being sufficient) and that the County of Clearfield  
should place the Iron bridge on abutments when  
completed. We recommend that the span be made forty  
feet long in the clear and height of ten feet above low  
water to top of planks being height of present bridge to be  
made with angle as shown on accompanying  
plan. Witness whereof we have hereinto set  
our hands this 27th day of November A D 1908

Harry Byers

John A. Dale  
L. H. Manning

NOTE—Viewers will carefully note the number of days employed, and set the amount out at the foot of their return. If the number of days employed is less than that 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.

Harry Byers	Days 2	\$11.80
	Miles 18	
Lander-Burmy	Days 1	\$4.80
	Miles 18	
John A. Oale	Days 1	\$3.70
	Miles 18	
	Days	
	Miles	
	Days	
	Miles	

No. 2 Dec. Sess. 1899/1908

Public Bridge

in

Pike and Spruce Surpass

ORDER TO VIEW.  
December Sessions 1908 within  
report of viewers presented and  
read and the same is directed  
to be filed and lie over until  
February Sessions 1909 at which  
time the same is to be referred  
to the Grand Jury of the County.

William V. Smith  
Filed 189

Fees \$1.25, paid by Attys.

B. & H.  
Attorneys.

Clearfield Pa. 2/11/09  
We, The Grand Jury of Clearfield County  
approve of this report, as herein reported,

O. M. Ross Foreman

Public Bridge in Pike and ) No. 2 December Sessions, 1908.  
Knox Townships. )

Now, February Sessions, 1909, the within Report of Viewers, together with the approval or concurrence of the Grand Jury as appears herein, is hereby referred to the County Commissioners of Clearfield County for further action.

We approve of the said Report of Viewers and concurrence of Grand Jury in so far as the public necessity of the said bridge is concerned. We do not concur in the recommendation that the superstructure be made of iron. If, as stated in the Report of Viewers, there is one good substantial abutment recently rebuilt, we would respectfully suggest to the County Commissioners that the Engineer should be consulted as to the construction of an iron-beam concrete bridge on said abutment, similar to bridges which have been within the last few years constructed at Newburg and across Hooey Run in Bloom Township. We emphatically protest against the construction of any more iron bridges, to be in future maintained by the districts. The history of such bridges in the past in this County is such that it proves conclusively that they are not painted or maintained and that the plank thereon are in constant need of replacing, so that the maintenance cost is of itself a conclusive argument against building any more of that class of bridges. We would prefer a complete concrete re-inforced iron monolithic structure, but if, as a matter of economy, the one abutment as stated can be used, we think that the iron-beam surrounded by concrete, such as was constructed at Newburg under the supervision of Mr. E. W. Hess, Engineer, and plans of which are probably in the possession of the County Commissioners, could be substituted.

Our joinder and concurrence, therefore, in this report is made contingent upon the substitution of some more permanent form of bridge structure rather than an iron superstructure named by the Viewers.

Very respectfully submitted,

*By the Court -  
Allison O. Smith*

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

The petition of the undersigned citizens of Knox and Pike townships, respectfully represent;

That a bridge across Clearfield Creek near the town of Olanta in Pike township, where the public high-way, leading from Olanta to Ansonville and New Millport crosses the same, is in a delapidated and dangerous condition, both the stone work and the superstructure; that we believe there should be an iron bridge across said creek ~~and~~ at this point, it being one of the main-thoroughfares from Clearfield, Glen Richey, O'Shanter and Olanta to New Millport, Ansonville, Irwona and Coalport; that it will require a span of not less than 48 feet, and that the erection of a public bridge and abutment will require more expense to the said township of Knox and Pike is able to bear and that said bridge should be built by Clearfield County.

We therefore pray your Honorable Court to appoint viewers to view the same and make report as to whether Clearfield County should build all or only a portion of the same,

And they will ever pray,

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

We, the undersigned Supervisors of Pike & Knox Township, hereby accept service of notice of the foregoing report to be made on ~~Saturday~~ <sup>Friday</sup> the ~~14~~ <sup>15</sup> day of ~~Sept~~ <sup>Sept</sup>, 1908, and hereby join in the foregoing petition and request the appointment of viewers as within prayed for.

Vern Bell

R.B. Macdonaldson Pike

J.W. Farran

Supervisors.

V.G. Park	
E.S. Erhard	
Samuel Dotzler	
J. J. Mott	
Gus Bloom	
Frank Arnold	
John S. Bloom	
Ed. Slippy	
Gus Arnold	
Henry J. Slippy	
A. J. Bloom	
M. H. Faxon	Pike Larp
Ch. S. Bloom	" "
J. R. Dunlap	" "
Alfred Bloom	" "
Robert Rowles	" "
Wm. Cathcart	" "
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Ruben Morris	" "
M. E. Owens	" "
Goat. Cathcart	" "
Wm. Bloom	Pike
Philip I. Bloom	"

V. G. Parly

E. S. Erhard

Samuel Tobias

James H. Haddock

Elias B. Lewis

Frank Arnold

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W. W. Bloom

Philip L. Bloom

Pine Lutz

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J. M. Cwithrow Pike Township  
D. S. Bennett  
S. J. M.

and

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

We, the undersigned Supervisors of Pike & Knox  
Townships, hereby accept service of notice of the foregoing  
report to be made on ~~Saturday~~ <sup>Inday</sup> the ~~4th~~ day of ~~Sept~~, 1908, and  
hereby join in the foregoing petition and request the appoint-  
ment of viewers as within prayed for.

Vern Bell

R B Henderson on Pike

J H Farran

Supervisors.

In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County.

In re public bridge across Clearfield Creek near the town of Olanta on public road leading from Olanta to New Millport and Ansonville.

To the Commissioners of Clearfield County;

You are hereby notified that an application will be presented to the said Court on Saturday the ~~14~~ day of ~~Sept~~, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. for the appointment of viewers to view and make report as to the necessity of an iron bridge at the above point.

Clearfield Co. Commissioners  
J. P. Hamilton  
R.S.

No. 2 Dec. 22, 1908

Public Bridge over  
Clearfield Creek near New  
Millport in Knox<sup>Co</sup>  
Pike Township

Nov. 14, 1908. Petition  
presented, read & considered  
and, then, J. D. Ball  
& Charles D. Ball  
were appointed viewers to  
view & locate said bridge  
& make report thereon to the  
Court at next session.

Wm. C. Smith

Wm. C. Smith  
J.