

Sept 5 Sept 1910  
Public Bridge

versus

Lawrence Townships,  
(Montgomery Creek)

# Know all Men by these Presents,




THAT we C. L. V. Rowles, Ed, Cowan  
and G. W. Rowles are held and firmly bound  
unto Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to-----heirs, executors, ad-  
~~ministrators or assigns~~, in the sum of One Hundred  
Dollars, lawful money, for the payment of which  
sum, well and truly to be made, we do bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, ex-  
ecutors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents; and we  
do hereby confess judgment for the above sum, without stay of execution or appeal,  
waiving the right of exemption and appraisement, and the right of inquisition on  
real estate, with five per cent. added as Attorney's commission for collection. Sealed  
with our seals and dated this day of May  
A. D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten

## THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH

THAT WHEREAS a petition was presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County, praying that the said Court appoint viewers for the purpose of locating and viewing a bridge to be constructed across Montgomery Creek in Lawrence Twp. where the road No. 5 May Sessions crosses the said,

NOW THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH that if the said Supervisors of Lawrence Township shall pay or caused to be paid into the Treasury of Clearfield County such amount of money as the said Court may direct to be paid as compensation to the said viewers or surveyors, together with their necessary mileage, as fixed by Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided, then this bond obligation to be void, else to be and remain in full force and virtue.

In presence of

Ed Cowan   
C. L. V. Rowles   
G. W. Rowles 

No 5, Sept 1, 1910,  
(Bridge)

## BOND

TO

New Market 1910  
Bridges  
William C. Smith (C)

In Re. Public Bridge in Lawrence } No. 5 September SS, 1910.  
Township, Montgomery Creek. }

To the Board of County Commissioners.

Attention:

As you will notice, we have concurred in the Report of the Viewers and Grand Jury as to this bridge over Montgomery Creek, in Lawrence Township, having a 40 foot span. You will also notice that the Report of Viewers was to the effect that the bridge should be built by the Supervisors of Lawrence Township and the County of Clearfield bear half of the expense of construction. This part of the Report of Viewers is in the sense of surpluage and of no binding effect. The Grand Jury, as you will notice, recommended the building of said bridge by the County Commissioners under such regulations and restrictions as the County impose. With a 40 foot span bridge we are of the opinion that the entire bridge should be at County expense, or at least nearly so. This is for the reason that the County has, by practice at least, adopted the policy of building no County bridges spans of that length. At this town a bridge over Pine Run, in Chest Township, of only 30 foot span, was passed on favorably by the Viewers and the Grand Jury and approved by the Court, and other bridges have been heretofore built of even less span at practically County expense. It would therefore, be manifestly unfair to discriminate against Lawrence Township in the 40 foot span bridge and compel them to pay over half the expense. My own idea in this respect is, that as the policy of building bridges is largely one for the County Commissioners, with the approval of the Court, we should

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adopt or have an understanding between the Court and County Commissioners that bridges of a certain span in any township shall be considered County bridges; of a less span appropriation bridges, and below a certain span under no event should the County even aid in building. By adopting some such general policy in the near future we will all be enabled to dispose of bridge questions with less friction between County officers and Township officers than heretofore,

Respectfully submitted,

Allison O. Smith

P. J.

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*P.J.*

In the Bridge over Montgomery Creek  
In Lawrence Township

And now December 15<sup>th</sup> 1910 We the Grand  
Jury Concur in the report of the Viewers  
Approve the same and recommend the  
Building of said Bridge by the County  
Commissioners under such regulation  
and restriction as the County impose

M. A. Anderson  
Foreman



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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, A. D. 1910, before Judge of said Court, upon a petition of sundry inhabitants of the township of Lawrence in said County, setting forth that

a public bridge across Montgomery Creek in Lawrence Township, at a point where the road No. 5, May Session 1909, as laid out and as described in opening order directed to the Supervisor, crosses said Montgomery Creek at a point where said line crosses the B. & P. Railroad, and where said road touches lands of G. Charles Hall,

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

J. S. McCreery, T. W. Barrett, and Leander Denning.

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.

## 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.

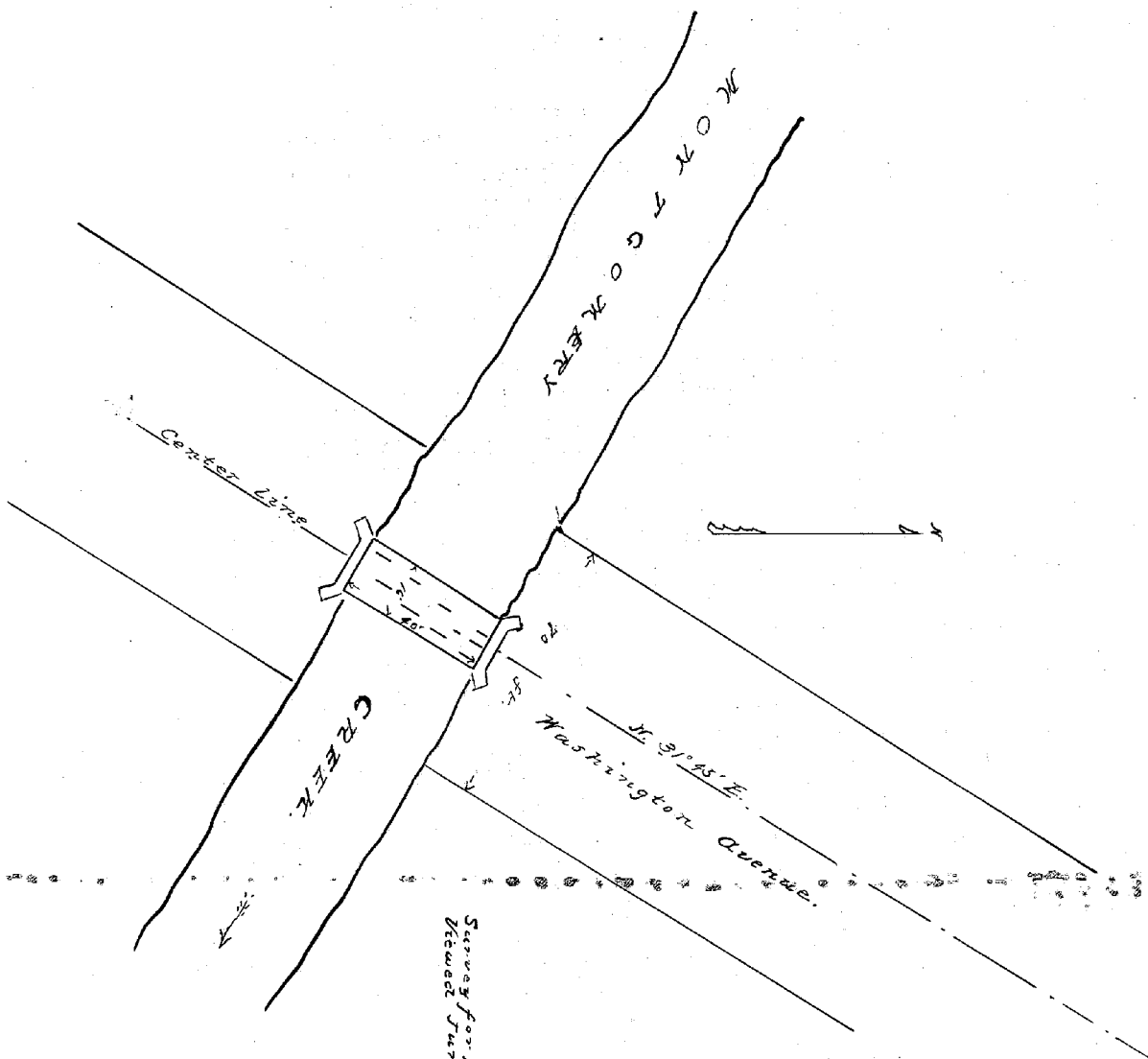
*The following persons, having refused to release the damages to which they respectively may be entitled by reason of the location and building of said bridge in the annexed return described, we, the undersigned viewers, under oath in pursuance of our duty, under the Act of Assembly, do assess their damages and make report thereof as follows:*

*To ..... the sum of .....*

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*To ..... the sum of .....*

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



Survey for proposed Bridge Lawrence.  
 Viewed June 23, 1910. No 5, Sept 5, 1910.  
 J. S. McCreary  
 T. M. Barnett  
 L. Downing

# BRIDGE VIEWERS' NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Viewers, appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, to view *Bridge on* Road leading from *Lewinsville to Clearfield where same crosses Montgomery Creek on new road recently laid out at or near base of Elias Hall*

in *Lawrence* Township, to

in \_\_\_\_\_ Township, in the county aforesaid, will meet at the <sup>place</sup> house of *View*, in *Lawrence*

Township, on *Thursday*, the *23* day of *June* A. D. 190*2*, 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.

*J. H. Barrett*

*J. H. Barrett*

*James D. Barrett*  
Viewers.

*Witness June 10, 1902.*

No 5 Sept 1910

Service of within notice accepted this  
11th day of June 1910

L. W. Shooms  
Clear

for County Commissioners  
Clearfield Pa.

Service of within notice accepted this 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of June 1910

Ed Cowan  
C. L. V. Rowles  
L. W. Rowles

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

We the undersigned Viewers appointed by your  
Honor to view a Bridge as designated in  
attached order: Met in accordance with  
notices posted and served as required by  
law, and having been affirmed, proceeded  
to view and locate same as follows.  
at a center line of Washington Avenue  
in the plot of Hyde City Lawrence Twp. said  
center line having a bearing of N.  $31^{\circ} 45'$   
East, at right angles with said Avenue  
or N.  $48^{\circ} 15'$  W the left bank of Montgomery  
Creek, the East Abutment of proposed bridge,  
at 40 feet from this point located West Abut-  
ment. In our Judge ment this bridge is  
a necessity, and recommend its construction  
of reinforced concrete - 40 ft span, with a 16 ft  
roadway - and 6 ft clearance above low water  
mark. That said bridge be built by the  
Supervisors of Lawrence Township, and the  
County of Clearfield to bear one half  
of the expense of construction. The draft  
accompanying this report and being a part  
thereof showing location of same.

Respectfully submitted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1920.

J. M. Green  
J. W. Barratt.  
L. K. Cunningham } Viewers

NOTE—Viewers will carefully note the number of days employed, and set 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 the same amount of damages for the advantages as well as the disadvantages of the bridge, they will report to that effect.

AMOUNT.

<i>J. M. Gentry</i>	Days 2	Miles 2.00
<i>D. W. Barnett</i>	Days 1	Miles 4.00
<i>L. Deering</i>	Days 1	Miles 3.00
	Days	Miles
	Days	Miles

No. 5 Sept. 1910.

Public Bridge.

in

Lawrence Township.  
(Montgomery County).

ORDER TO VIEW.

September Sessions 1910 confirmed N. B. and it is further hereby ordered and directed that the necessity of the bridge be placed before the December Grand Jury for action as regards if law.

By the Court.  
*Alison J. Smith*  
Filed 189

Fees \$1.25, paid by

*Wm. J. Smith*

*B. V. A.* Attorney.

December Sessions 1910, we hereby concur in the Report of the Viewers and of the Grand Jury as to the necessity of the within bridge for public use, and also concur in the Report of the Viewers that the same be built of reinforced concrete for the reasons heretofore set forth in recommendations to the County Commissioners. County to pay legal costs.

By the Court  
*Alison J. Smith* *pg*

# BRIDGE VIEWERS' NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Viewers, appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, to view *Bridge* Road leading from *Lumaworth to Clearfield where same crosses Montgomery Creek on road recently laid out by Dr near line of St. Charles Hall*

in *Lawrence* Township, to

in *Lawrence* Township, in the county aforesaid, will meet at the house of *Place View*, in *Lawrence* Township, on *Thursday*, the *23* day of *June* A. D. 190*8*, 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.

*Wm. C. Truitt*  
*Wm. Barrett*

*Leander Downing*  
Viewers.

*Term ends June 10, 1908.*



25 Sept 1910  
Vandage man  
Notes

TO THE HONORABLE ALLISON O. SMITH, PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE COURT  
OF QUARTER SESSIONS.

We, the undersigned, citizens and tax payers of Lawrence Township, respectfully petition the Honorable Court to appoint viewers for purpose of viewing and locating a public bridge across Montgomery Creek in said Township of Lawrence, at a point where the road No. 5 May Sessions, 1909 as laid out, and as described in opening order directed to the Supervisors, crosses said Montgomery Creek, at a point where said line crosses the B. R. & P. Railroad, and where said road touches lands of G. Charles Hall.

Your petitioners further certify that owing to the change in location which necessitated the issuance of the opening order No. 5 May Sessions, 1909, the erection of a public bridge at the above point is <sup>an</sup> absolutely necessity.

Your petitioners further present that the said road as will be opened will be a part of the main thoroughfare between Clearfield and Curwensville, and that it is in their judgment most important that the character of the bridge erected over said stream shall be substantially and suitable for heavy travel. That the cost of the erection of such bridge would be in their judgment too burdensome on the said Township of Lawrence and they pray that such an order may be made as to aid from the County of Clearfield as is consistent with the Acts of Assembly in such case made and provided.

They therefore pray that the Court may appoint viewers to view and lay out and make report thereon to the Court.

And they will ever pray etc,

C. S. A. Rowles  
Scott Aswell  
Thomas & Thomas  
Dorsey Hickok  
Henry Hickok  
S. S. Rowles  
J. C. Wood  
Bony Lee  
Burton Smith  
Chas. Barker  
Ephraim Denton  
John Weir  
Gust Erickson  
Jas Dixon  
Allen Brown  
Anders Lindgren  
Enoch Grace  
E. Evans  
Jno. S. Wolfe  
D. G. Young  
C. F. Davis  
F. M. Smith  
Calvin Baiman  
R. A. Morris  
Rosa Morris  
J. S. Morris  
J. H. Rowles

A. T. Rowles  
R. O. Swatworth  
A. M. Hanson  
Wm. Swatworth  
Jas. Kaman  
John Palmer  
J. C. Cover Thompson  
Jas. Schriener  
John Palmer Jr  
Rubin Johnson  
Wm. Morgan  
A. H. Olberg  
E. S. Gill  
A. C. Campbell  
W. T. Wildam  
C. W. Rowles  
W. E. Miller  
Alex Mitchell  
Elmer D. Miller  
J. H. Smith  
P. S. Rowles  
G. H. Rowles

✓  
No. 5, Sept. 20, 1910.  
C.C.O. Road (Bridges)

\$100

Petition Volunteers of  
Lawrence Sp. for app.  
purchasing of Lawrence &  
their future bridge on  
proposed public road in  
land at No. 5. May 20, 1910

Nov. May 20, 1910 petition  
purchasing road & Lawrence  
& Lawrence & Lawrence. S. W. 10, 10, 10  
and Lawrence & Lawrence  
are approved Lawrence to  
make report back Lawrence

Wm. C. Smith  
[Signature]

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