

No. 1 Sept Sessions, 1915

COMMONWEALTH

VERSUS

Bridge across
Little Off. Creek
Ferguson Ship

CHARGE

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Walter Welch,
District Attorney

To The Honorable Singleton Bell, President Judge,
Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County:-

The petition of the undersigned Supervisors of Ferguson Township, as also sundry citizens and taxpayers of said Township, respectfully represents:-

That upon a certain public road in said Township, which is known as the "Ridge Road" leading from the Village of Kerrmoor to Fruit Hill is a bridge across Little Clearfield Creek; that said road has been a public road for upwards of thirty-five years and that said bridge has become unfit and unsafe for travel.

Your petitioners further represent that in their opinion a new bridge across said Creek is an absolute necessity; that said road is a greatly travelled road.

Your petitioners further represent that the Township of Ferguson is financially unable to build said bridge and therefore require County aid, and do most respectfully pray the Court to appoint viewers to view said proposed bridge and make report thereon to the Court.

Name	Name
L. N. Beell	Anderson, S. L. Hester
E. H. Wolcocker	William A. Young
C. D. Young	James L. Hester
A. H. Hester	Leander A. Hester
	Oscl Bell
Elizabeth Hester	
David H. O'Hara	
E. W. Ferguson	

W. L. Schorning :

S. L. Hallen :

Thomas Fox :

Isa McCracken

Ernest Bloomer

W. L. Schorning :

L. B. Straw :

Eliza L. Michaels :

Wm. J. Shaffer :

L. C. Thurston :

O. K. Pearson :

John Gillies :

W. A. McCracken :

J. W. Straw :

B. V. Morris :

Blair Stevens :

R. H. Tabor :

D. H. Nichols :

Ed. Harvish :

Cony. Thompson :

Geo. Shaffer :

G. W. Read

Samuel Palmer
Jacob Dutra
Em Lytle

Franklin

George L. Langle

Albert G. Young

S. H. Williams

Wm Thurston

W. L. Straw

P. L. Hile

J. W. Bloom

State of Pennsylvania :
: SS:
County of Clearfield :

On this *1st* day of *May*

A. D. 1916, personally appeared before me, L. W. Bell, who
being duly sworn according to law says that the facts set forth
in the foregoing petition are true and correct as he verily
believes.

L. W. Bell (Seal)

Sworn and subscribed before me this

day of

A. D., 1916.

Ed M. McCracken

Notary Public for the State of Pennsylvania 20

No 1 Sept 1916

Petition for Inverio to
renew Public Indge
on Beattie's Creek
Public Road last
from Village of Karam
to a farm near Junt
Hill in Steyuan. It.

Nov 11, 1916 Petition
presented & the
A. S. Kram. P. S. M. Kram
G. D. Beattie's name
we ask him to keep
to make him to keep

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By the Court
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JOHN LAW OFFICES,
COLE & HARTSWICK
OPERA HOUSE BUILDING
CLEARFIELD, PA.

Baltimore Office Supply Company, Baltimore, Md.

Return of Viewers.

To the Honorable the Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County
of Clearfield, Pa.

We the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by your Honorable Court by the foregoing order, from and among the County Board of Viewers who have been duly appointed by your Honorable Court, and have filed their oaths of office in the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County, Pa., beg leave to report as follows:

That notice of the time of the view was duly served according to law upon the Commissioners of Clearfield County and on each member of the Board of Supervisors of Ferguson Township, and that Three (3) notices thereof were posted along the public road at and near the location of said bridge, giving notice that the view would be held on Tuesday the Thirteenth day of June A. D. 1916, at one (1)

o'clock P__ M. _____

And that the said viewers met at _____ the site or proposed location of
said bridge, where the public road leading from Kerrmoor _____ in Ferguson _____
Township to the Fruit Hill _____ in Jordan _____ Township on Tuesday
the thirteenth day of June _____ A. D. 1916 at one (1) o'clock P. M. and that there
were present at the view L. J. Hile and Robert McCracken two of the Supervisors
of Ferguson Township and J. G. McGreery, Jacob Dutra and Orange Michaels

parties interested for ~~any other way than~~ said bridge.

And that the said viewers all having been present at the view and after having made said view do agree that there is a necessity for said bridge. to replace the old wooden structure there now, which is in an unsafe and dilapidated condition, and therefore recomand; that a double reinforced concrete bridge; Thirty two (32) feet in length, with a driveway sixteen (16) feet in width, nine (9) feet above low water mark on solid reinforced concrete, or stone abutments laid in cement mortar resting on solid bottom, be erected at said point where the public road leading from Kerrmoor in Ferguson Township to Fruit Hill in Jordan Township crosses little Clearfield Creek near Kerrmoor. as per draft attached as part of our report. And that in the opinion of the viewers the cost or expense of the erection of said bridge including the abutments will be about sixteen hundred (\$1600.00) Dollars; and as said amount owing to the financial condition of the township would be to heavy and burdensome upon the said township alone to bear. They would therefore recomend, that one half of the cost or expense of the erection of said bridge be paid by the County and the remainder by Ferguson Township.

Witness our hands and Seals this the thirteenth (13th) day of
June A. D. 1916.

A. L. Krueger (SEAL)
E. D. Billotte (SEAL)
J. S. Michaels (SEAL)

VIEWERS.

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

1st day of May, A. D. 19 16

before Judge of said Court, upon a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town-

ship of Ferguson in said County, setting forth

that upon a certain public road in said

township, which is known as the Ridge Road leading from the Village of

Kerrmoor to Fruit Hill is a bridge across Little Clearfield Creek

that said road has been a public road for upwards of thirty five

years and that said bridge has become unfit and unsafe for travel.

Your petitioners further represent that in their opinion a

new bridge across said creek would be an absolute necessity,

that said road is a greatly travelled road;

Your petitioners further represent that the Township of Ferguson

is financially unable to build said bridge and therefore require

County Aid, and do most respectfully pray the Court to appoint viewers to

view said proposed bridge and make report thereon to the Court.

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

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

A. G. KRAMER J. S. Michaels and F. D. Billette

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 accord-

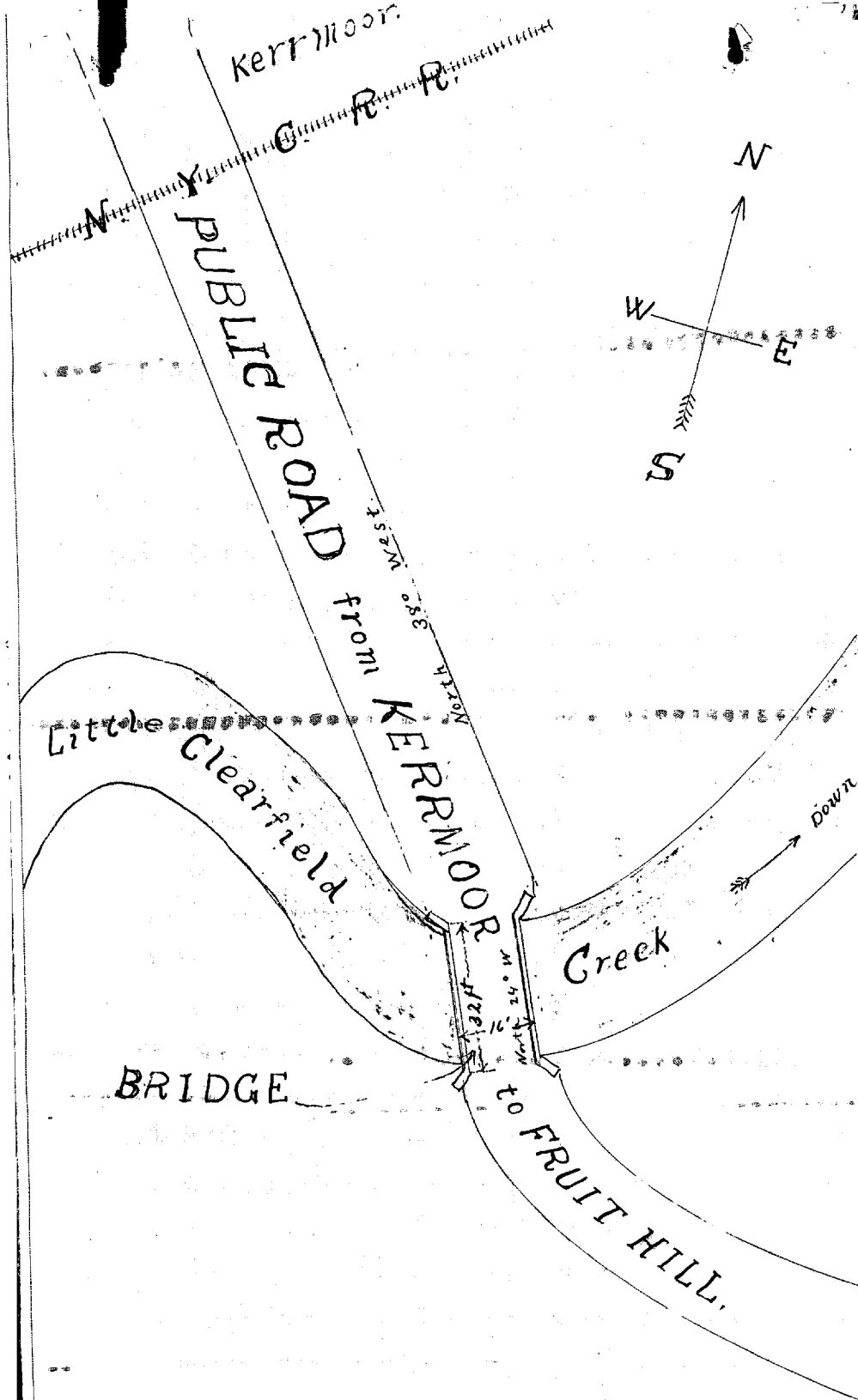
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and a map or plot thereof to be made, which shall accompany said report; the report aforesaid to be made to the next
term of the Court of Quarter Sessions to be held for the said county of Clearfield.

BY THE COURT.

John Stenhouse

CLERK.



Survey for New Bridge
 across Little Clearfield Creek at Kerrmoor.
 Viewed June 13th. A.D. 1916.
 Scale 32 ft. to 1 1/2 in.

A.G. Kramer.
 E.D. Billotte.
 J.S. Michaels. } viewers.

TO:- William Young, L. J. Hile and Anderson Shaffer

Supervisors of Ferguson Township Clearfield County Pa.,

You are hereby notified, that the undersigned Viewers appointed by the Court of Quarter Session of Clearfield County Pa; upon the petition of the Supervisors and sundry citizens of Ferguson Township in said County setting forth the necessity of a public bridge across little Clearfield Creek where the public road known as the Ridge Road leading from the village of Kerrmoor in Ferguson Township; to Fruit Hill in Jordan Township in the County aforesaid crosses said Creek, and ascertain the necessity of said bridge and if found necessary the probable cost or expense of the erection thereof and whether the cost or expense of the erection thereof if found necessary will be too heavy and burdensome upon the said Township of Ferguson to bear and if so what proportion of the cost or expense of the erection thereof should be borne by the County and what proportion by Ferguson Township.

You are therefore hereby notified, that the said viewers will meet for the discharge of their duties, at the proposed location of the said bridge where said road known as the ridge road crosses Little Clearfield Creek in Ferguson Township Clearfield County Pa, on Tuesday the 13th day of June 1916 at one (1) o'clock P. M. when and where you may attend if you see proper.

A. G. Kramer

E. D. Billotte

J. S. Michaels

VIEWERS.

Now May 31 1916 served this notice on William Young, L. J. Hile and Anderson Shaffer the above named Supervisors of Ferguson township personally by handing each of them a copy of same.

William Young

TO:- Jessie E Dale, H. H. Spencer and Austin Haney;
County Commissioners of Clearfield County Pa.

You are hereby notified, that the undersigned viewers appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County Pa upon the petition of the Supervisors and sundry citizens of Ferguson Township in said County, setting forth the necessity of a public bridge across little Clearfield Creek, where the public road known as the ridge Road, leading from the village of Kerrmoor in Ferguson Township; to Fruit Hill in Jordan Township in the County aforesaid crosses said Creek, and ascertain the necessity of said bridge and if found necessary the probable cost or expense of the erection thereof, and whether the cost or expense of the erection thereof if found necessary will be too heavy and burdensome upon the said Township of Ferguson to bear and if so what proportion of the cost or expense of the erection thereof should be borne by the County and what proportion by Ferguson Township.

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A. G. Kramer
E. W. Billotte
J. S. Michells
Viewers.

Now May 18/ 1916 service of the above notice accepted for
the County Commissioners of Clearfield County Pa.

L. L. Morris
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 ensembling 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. 191



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:

No Damages awarded none claimed,
To _____ the sum of _____

To _____ the sum of _____

To _____ the sum of _____

Witness our hands this 13th day of June A. D. 1916.

A. G. Kramer

E. B. Billore

J. A. Michaels

Viewers

Now Oct 11th 1916 the recommendation of the
Grand Jury is approved and concurred in
By the Court
M. J. L. B. C.

No. 1 SEPTEMBER 1916

BRIDGE

in

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP

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 damages taking into consideration the advantages as well as the disadvantages of the bridge, they will report to that effect.

	Days	Miles	Amount
A. G. W. H. R. H. R. H.	2	10.00	
Miles	4.2	\$12.00	
C. D. B. L. L. L. L.	3	15.00	
Miles	4.2	\$12.00	
E. D. B. L. L. L. L.	3	15.00	
Miles	4.2	\$12.00	
J. S. M. I. C. H. A. E. L.	3	15.00	
Miles	4.2	\$12.00	

Now Sept. 6th 1916
Viewer Report is
approved
J. J. C. L. L. L. L.
J. J. C. L. L. L. L.

ORDER TO VIEW BRIDGE.

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Fees \$1.25, paid by J. J. C. L. L. L. L.

C. D. B. L. L. L. L.
Attorney.