

No. 2 Sept Sessions, 1917

**COMMONWEALTH**

**VERSUS**

County Bridge  
Hill Clfd. Creek

**CHARGE**

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Walter Welch,  
District Attorney.

# 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  
27 day of May, A. D. 1917

before Judge of said Court, upon a petition of sundry inhabitants of the township of Pike and Knox in said County, setting forth that a bridge is much needed over Little Clearfield Creek, at the place where the public highway leading from O'Shanter to Turkey Hill crosses the said Creek, the said Creek forming the boundary line between Pike and Knox Township; that heretofore an inter township bridge has been built and used over said Creek at the expense jointly of the two townships; that said bridge has become delapidated and dangerous and it is necessary to erect a new bridge to take the place of existing structure, and petitioners aver that the expense of erecting said bridge would be more heavy and burdensome than it is reasonable that said townships or either township should bear and should receive County aid.

and therefore paying 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  
E. D. Billotte, and J. S. Michaels

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.

John Johnson  
CLERK.

## 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 Knox and Pike ----- Township, and that Four 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 Wednesday ----- the twentieth day of June A. D. 1917, at one thirty o'clock P. M. And that the public hearing as required by the Act of Assembly and the Rules of Court would be held ~~Wednesday~~ ~~Wednesday~~ ~~Wednesday~~ ~~Wednesday~~ in the Court House in Clearfield, Pa., on Thursday the twenty first day of June A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock A. M.

And that the said viewers met at ----- the site or proposed location of said bridge, where the public road leading from O'Shanter in Lawrence Township to Turkey Hill in Knox ----- Township crosses Little Clearfield Creek the boundary line between said townships on wednesday the 20th day of June A.D. 1917 at 1.30 o'clock P. M. and that there were present at the view M. C. OWNES Supervisor, and T. A. Woods, Grant Cathcart, and Parley, S. Stott of Knox Township and O. P. Carr, and Charles Lawhead two of the Supervisors and Harvey, A. Carr, and John, Black of Pike Township -----

parties interested in ----- said bridge.

And that the said viewers all having been present at the view and after having made said view ~~Wednesday~~ ~~Wednesday~~ ~~Wednesday~~ ~~Wednesday~~ ~~Wednesday~~ ~~Wednesday~~ The hearing was held in the Grand Jury Room in the Court House in Clearfield Pa on Thursday the 21st, day of June A. D. 1917 at nine (9) o'clock A. M. and was attended by A. R. Chase Esq Attorney for the petitioners and T. A. Woods, and Parley. S. Stott of Knox Township and A. H. Woodward Esq, Attorney for the Supervisors of Pike Township and O. P. Carr, and Charles Lawhead two of the Supervisors and Harvey, A. Carr and John, Black of Pike Township.

And after said view and hearing above stated, the viewers do agree that there is a necessity for said bridge to replace the old wooden structure there now, which is in a decayed, unsafe and dilapicated condition: They would therefore recommend, that a double reinforced single arch span concrete bridge, forty six (46) feet in length, with a driveway sixteen feet in width; twelve (12) feet above low water mark on solid Concrete or stone abutments if stone to be laid in cement mortar resting on solid gravel or stone bottom be erected at said point where the public road leading from O'Shanter and from O'Lanta in Pike Township

to Turkey Hill in Knox Township crosses Little Clearfield Creek the boundary line between Pike and Knox Townships as per draft attached as part of our report. And that in the opinion of the viewers, that the probable cost or expense of the erection of said bridge as recommended, including the abutments will be about, Three thousand six hundred (\$3600.00) dollars, and that said amount, owing to the financial conditions of said Townships of Pike and Knox would be to heavy and burdensome upon the said townships to bear; they would therefore recommend, that one half or fifty per cent of the expense or cost of the erection of said bridge be paid by the county and the other half or remainder be paid in equal proportion by the aforesaid townships of Pike and Knox.

WITNESS our hands and seals this the twenty first (21st) day of June A. D. 1917

R. G. Kramer

(SEAL)

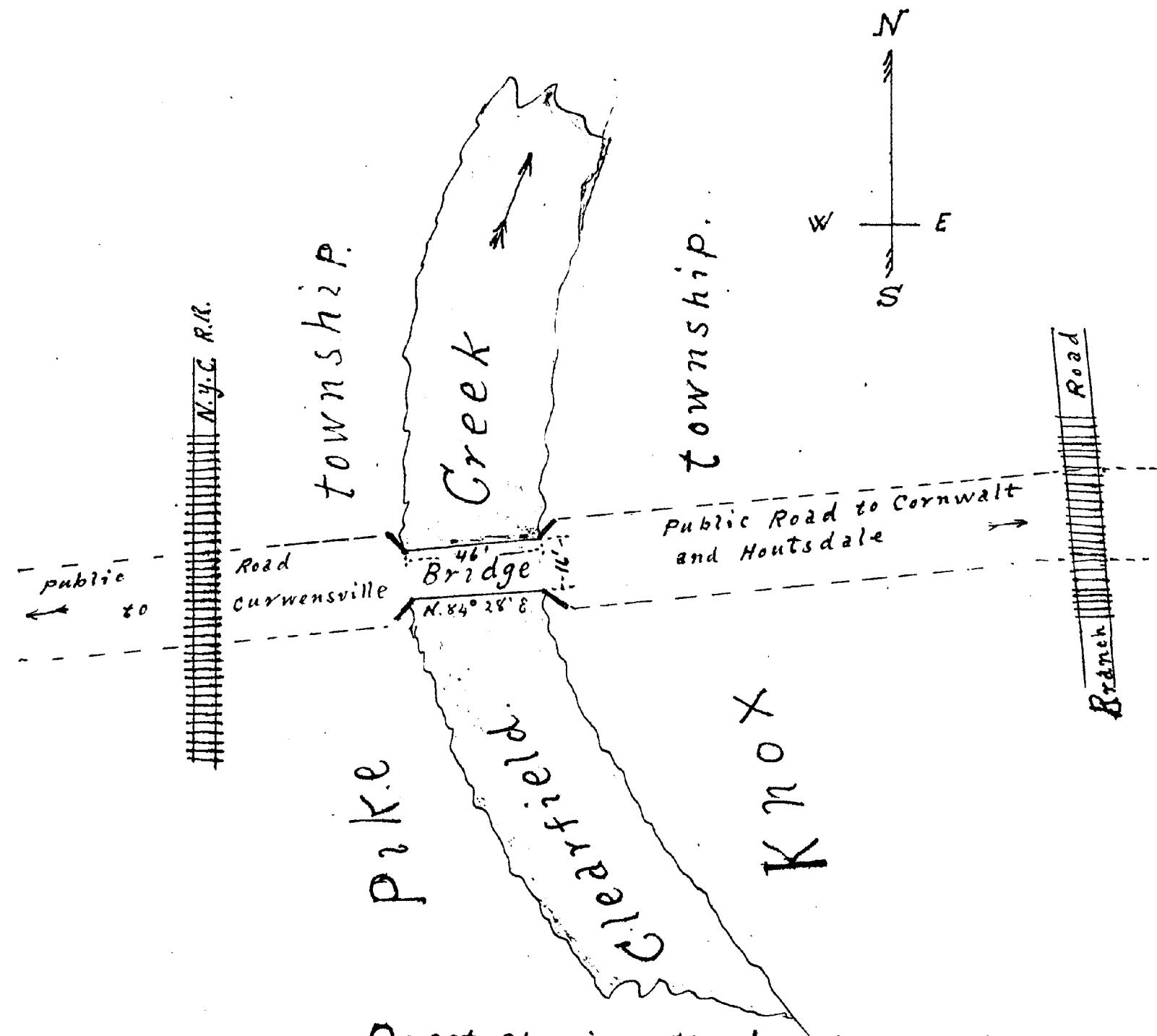
E. D. Billotte

(SEAL)

J. J. Michaels

(SEAL)

VIEWERS.



Draft showing the location of a  
Bridge viewed and laid out over  
Clearfield Creek between Pike township  
and Knox township viewed June 20th, 1917.

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

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 to view and lay out a site for a bridge across Little Clearfield Creek, the boundary line between Knox and Pike Townships; where the public road, leading from O'Shanter in Lawrence Township, to Turkey Hill, crosses said creek in Knox Township, in the County aforesaid; and what if any aid said Townships should receive from the County in the construction of said bridge if necessary, will meet at the proposed location of said bridge in Pike Township on wednesday the twentieth day of June A. D. 1917 at one thirty (1.30) o'clock P. M. to attend to the duty assigned them, of which time and place aforesaid all parties interested will please take notice.

And that the public hearing as required by the Act of Assembly and the Rules of Court to be held by the viewers before the filing of their report in Court to give all parties interested, either in favor of or against said bridge a chance to be heard, by the viewers; will be held in the Court House in Clearfield Pa on thursday the twenty first (21st) day of June A. D. 1917 at nine (9) o'clock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested in said bridge may appear and be heard.

A G Kramer  
E D Billotte  
J S Michaels.

VIEWERS.

Now June 6 1917 service of this notice accepted for the County Commissioners of Clearfield County Pa.

L C Morris

Clerk.

TO:- Charles. W. Lawhead, O. P. Carr and Walter Long,  
Supervisors, of Pike Township, Clearfield County Pa.

You are hereby notified, that the undersigned viewers, appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County Pa, to view and lay out a site for a bridge across Little Clearfield Creek, the boundry line between Knox and Pike Townships; where the public road, leading from O'Shanter in Lawrence Township, to Turkey Hill, crosses said creek in Knox Township, in the County aforesaid, and what if any aid said Townships should receive from the County in the construction of said bridge if necessary: will meet at the proposed location of the said bridge in Pike Township on Wednesday the twentieth (20th) day of June A. D. 1917 at one thirty (1.30) o'clock P. M. to attend to the duty assigned them, of which time and place aforesaid all parties interested will please take notice.

And that the public hearing as required by the Act of Assembly and the Rules of Court to be held by the viewers before the filing of their report in court to give all parties interested, either in favor of or against said bridge a chance to be heard, by the viewers; will be held in the Court House in Clearfield Pa, on Thursday the twenty first (21st) of June A. D. 1917 at nine (9) oclock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested in said bridge may appear and be heard.

A G Kramer  
E D Billott  
J S Michaels

VIEWERS.

Now June 6 1917 served this notice on Charles, W. Lawhead, O. P. Carr and Walter Long the Supervisors of Pike Township personally by handing each of them a true and correct copy of same.

Walter Long

TO:- M. C. Ownes. Thomas. Farran and Alex. Bloom. Supervisors of Knox Township, Clearfield County Pa.

You are hereby notified, that the undersigned viewers, appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County Pa, to view and lay out a site for a bridge across little Clearfield Creek, the boundary line between Knox and Pike Townships; where the public road, leading from O'Shanter in Lawrence Township, to Turkey Hill, crosses said creek in Knox Township, in the County aforesaid, and what if any aid said Townships should receive from the County in the construction of said bridge if necessary: will meet at the proposed location of the said bridge in Pike Township on Wednesday the twentieth (20th) day of June A. D. 1917 at one thirty (1.30) o'clock P. M. to attend to the duty assigned them, of which time and place aforesaid all parties interested will please take notice.

And that the public hearing as required by the Act of Assembly and the Rules of Court to be held by the viewers before the filing of their report in Court to give all parties interested, either in favor of or against said bridge a chance to be heard, by the viewers; will be held in the Court House in Clearfield Pa, on Thursday the twenty first (21st) of June A. D. 1917 at nine o'clock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested in said bridge may appear and be heard.

A G Kramer  
E D Billotte  
J S Michaels

VIEWERS.

Now June 8 1917 served this notice on M. C. Owens. Thomas. Farran and Alex. Bloom the Supervisors of Knox Township personally by handing each of them a true and correct copy of same.

M C Owens

## 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. 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 one injured therefore no damages assessed*

To \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

Witness our hands this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June A. D. 191

A. G. Kramer  
E. B. Billotte  
J. S. Michaels

No. 5 SEPTEMBER 19 17  
BRIDGE OVER CLEARFIELD CREEK  
in  
PIKE AND KNOX TOWNSHIPS

None. — Viewers will carefully note the number of days employed, and set the amount out of foot of their return.  
Viewers 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.

AMOUNT  
A. H. Brandy Days 3 Miles 31  
E. H. Billings Days 3 Miles 11.50  
J. H. Michael Days 2 Miles 9.50  
Days 2 Miles 9.50

ORDER TO VIEW

BRIDGE.

For 1917 offered to  
the Surveyors (see report)

UNION H. MUNN R. P.  
Filed 19  
Fees \$1.25, paid by any 17.

A. H. Chase Attorney.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we

*T. H. Woods*  
and *Lewis H. Hood*

of the Township of

*Pike*

County of

Clearfield and State of Pennsylvania are held and firmly bound unto the commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the use of the parties entitled thereto in the sum of One Hundred (100.00) Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to the said Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for use as aforesaid, or its certain attorneys or assigns ; to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and each of us firmly by these presents.

SEALED with our seals and dated the 25 day of May, A. D. 1917.

WHEREAS a petition has been presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County at September Sessions 1917 by citizens of Knox and Pike Townships for the appointment of viewers to view a bridge over Little Clearfield Creek, at the place where the public highway leading from O'Shanter to Turkey Hill crosses said Creek, said Creek being the boundary line between Knox and Pike Townships, asking the Court to appoint viewers to examine the bridge and if they find it advisable, to erect a new bridge to take the place of said structure, and asking that the County give aid in this matter, according to prayer of petitioners this day filed and submitted herewith.

NOW THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that if the above named obligors, their heirs, executors or administrators or any of them shall in the event that the said Court shall order the said costs of said proceedings to be paid by the petitioners, that the said obligors herein named shall pay the same or so much thereof as they may be legally directed to pay, then this obligation to be null and void. Otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

WITNESS our hands and seals.

*Louis H. Hood* (SEAL)  
*T. H. Woods* (SEAL)

(SEAL)

IN THE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

In Re Petition for County Bridge over : No. Sessions, 1917.  
Little Clearfield Creek.

To the Honorable Singleton Bell, President Judge:-

The petition of the undersigned, inhabitants of the townships of Pike and Knox, in the said County, respectfully shows that a bridge is much needed over Little Clearfield Creek, at the place where the public highway leading from O'Shanter to Turkey Hill crosses the said Creek, the said Creek forming the boundary line between Pike and Knox Townships; that heretofore an inter-township bridge has been built and used over said Creek at the expense jointly of the two townships; that said bridge has become dilapidated and dangerous and it is necessary to erect a new bridge to take the place of the existing structure.

Petitioners aver that the expense of erecting said bridge would be more heavy and burdensome than it is reasonable that said townships or either of them should bear, and should receive County aid.

Your petitioners therefore pray the Court to appoint proper persons to view the premises in the manner provided by law, and to make such order on the subject as is required <sup>and</sup> directed by the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

And they will ever pray.

Knox Township Signers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Residence.

Geo Rosses  
Ed Walker  
Gene Barnett  
Clark Barnett

Kenay  
Knot  
Olanta  
Kenay

Name	Residence.
Olen Dunlap	Knox
John R. Dunlap	Knox
Charles Styers	Knox
L. G. Dunlap	Knox
Robert F. Stott	Knox
W. L. and B. Bauman	Knox
R. Hiebok	Knox
Walter Stott	Knox
Samuel Butlebach	Knox
R. H. Bloom	Knox
Parley Stott	Knox
A. M. Bowles	Knox
W. H. McDonald	Knox
Geo. Barrett	Knox
J. T. Meekley	Knox
Wade Bowles	Ala. R.D.
<del>Wade Bowles</del>	<del>Knox</del>
M. D. Burns	Knox (Super)
Hosea Bloom	Knox
W. L. Bloom	Ala. R.D.
Andrew Lasson	Ala. R.D.

3.

Name.

Residence.

PIKE TOWNSHIP SIGNERS.

Name	Residence.
H. A. Cathcart	Olanta Pa
J. B. Dunlap	Olanta Pa
T. A. Woods	Olanta Pa
S. Snyder	Olanta Pa
H. J. Kline	Chambers Rd
Robert Rowles	Olanta Pike
Wm. Gensler	Olanta Pa
Leutis Bloom	Olanta Pa
Walter Long	Olanta Pa
William Snider	Pike
H. B. Gensler	Dept. Worsham Collieries
J. O. Read	Pike
D. A. M. G. Way	Pike
Elmer Winslow	Pike
Cal Rowles	Olanta
J. W. Mcellan	Cummins
Frank. Freeman	Olanta
D. R. Nelson	Olanta
John C. Baumann	Pike
J. L. Hunt	Pike
C. A. Blosom	Olanta

Name

a. j. mckee

Residence.

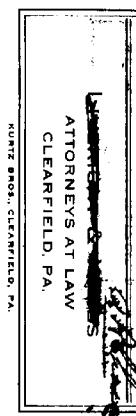
Olonia Pike township

In the Court of Quarter  
Sessions of Clearfield County,  
Pennsylvania.

In Re Petition for  
County Bridge over Little  
Clearfield Creek.

Petition for Viewers.

Now May 2d<sup>nd</sup> 1917  
Albion Murphy & E. D. Hall  
& S. Michaels are  
appointed viewers to  
inspect & report on  
My/lti Creek  
Mighton & Co.  
J. P.



KUNTZ BROS. CLEARFIELD, PA.