

No. 6¹/₂ May Term 191 7 A. D.

Bridge

Over

VS.

Clearfield Green
Lawrence Twp

MEMORANDA

Prothonotary Office

Clearfield County, Pa.

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TO JESSE E. DALE, H. H. SPENCER AND AUSTIN HANEY, COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY:

The undersigned respectfully represent that they
are residents of Clearfield County, and have frequent oc-
casion to use the Leonard Bridge across Clearfield Creek
near the County Home in Lawrence Township, Clearfield
County, Pennsylvania.

They further represent that the said bridge is
not located in a position to accommodate public travel
without attendant danger on account of the extreme curva-
ture of the road leading to the approach at each end of
the structure, and is insufficient for the large volume
of travel using it, because of age, disrepair and struct-
ural defects and decay.

They also represent that it is to the interest
of the public that the said bridge be replaced by a new
one to be relocated so as to avoid the present curves in
the road.

Petitioners further averring that said Leonard
Bridge is a county bridge, respectfully ask that the
County Commissioners exercise the authority in them vested
by the Act of February 14th, 1907, P. L. 3, and replace
the existing bridge aforesaid by a new and sufficient one.

And they will ever pray.

Jesse Smith
Ed Brown
C. L. Bowder
Curry Bell
Shapard Hovey
A. Boyd Thayer
N. M. Woodward
D. C. Rader
Daniel Keimer

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George Thurston
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 W. H. Mease
 C. E. Hoover
 H. C. Goss
 E. J. Baird
 H. O. Banker
 M. H. Bras
 O. W. Buchanan
 C. H. ^{W. H.} ~~W. H.~~
 Harry M. Barton
 R. A. Williams
 John C. Liegey
 J. C. ~~H. C.~~ ^{H. C.}
 H. B. Lee
 Paul Dugan
 W. F. Chambers
 Chas. D. ~~W. H.~~
 S. A. Mignat
 H. H. ~~W. H.~~
 G. F. Wallace
 James Redding
 J. B. Wilson
 C. E. ~~W. H.~~
 H. H. McKie
 A. B. Wallace
 J. B. Waite
 Wade S. Stewart

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R. O. Shaw
John W. Barnatt
Wm. P. Sheeder
E. L. Shaffer
E. H. Jones

Orrell B. B.

A. S. Bigler

Y. B. B.

A. Moore

W. B. B. Oden

A. B. B.

M. S. Mathews

Samuel Forwell

M. S. B. B.

Chas. Hall

W. B. B.

Chas. J. Kirby

W. E. Tobias

E. H. B.

Edwin S. M. B.

A. T. Bridge

Wm. F. Powell

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Wm. B. B.

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

In Re New Bridge over Clearfield) NO. SESSIONS, 1917.
Creek, at Leonard in Lawrence Town-)
ship, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.)

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"TO THE HONORABLE SINGLETON BELL, PRESIDENT JUDGE:

Petition of the undersigned County Commissioners of
Clearfield County respectfully represents:

That the bridge over Clearfield Creek at Leonard in
Lawrence Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, is a county
bridge, and has been used as such for a number of years; that
by reason of age, structural defects and decay, also the present
location of the bridge being a menace to public travel on ac-
count of the curvature of the road, and the proximity of two rail-
roads over which crossing is necessary; that said bridge is not
sufficient or proper to accommodate public travel; that the sub-
scribers hereto have been petitioned by a large number of citi-
zens to relocate and replace the existing bridge by a new and
sufficient one, relocated so as to avoid present curves in the
road as will appear by the original petition to them addressed,
hereto attached marked Exhibit "A", and made a part hereof.

Petitioners believe that the public travel across
said bridge is of such volume that it would be to the ad-
vantage and interest of the citizens generally that a new
structure be erected at a point that will avoid the present
danger in so far as the physical conditions at that point
will permit, rather than that the county funds be expended
to make repairs, any repairs practicable being very ex-
pensive in themselves, and not permanent in character.

They, therefore, pray that the Court will take such action looking to the approval of the plan to construct a new and sufficient bridge over Clearfield Creek, near Leonard Station, in Lawrence Township, as is contemplated by the Act of February 14th, 1907, P. L. 3, to the end that authority be given your petitioners to replace the present bridge with a new one of modern design.

Attest,
L. C. Harris Clerk

State of Pennsylvania,)
County of Clearfield.) SS:

Jesse E. Dale
H. H. Spencer
A. Haney
Commissioners of Clearfield County.

Jesse E. Dale, H. H. Spencer and A. Haney,
being duly sworn according to law, depose and say that the facts averred in the foregoing petition are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 18 day
of January, 1917.

Jesse E. Dale
H. H. Spencer
A. Haney

John W. Moore
Notary

January 17, 1917.

Board of County Commissioners,
Clearfield County,
Clearfield, Pa.

Gentlemen:

After having inspected the present county bridge at Leonard Station, and investigated and surveyed the bridge site, I herewith respectfully report as follows:

The present bridge composed of two (2) through truss spans 106 feet and 142 feet length each, is in such condition as to require extensive repairs in the form of an entirely new floor, and replacing and readjustment of certain members in order to make same suitable for up to date highway traffic such as is passing at this point. The abutments are cracked owing to poor foundation for wing-walls. The stone backwalls are too low, and must be raised in order to accommodate the new floor if placed. The end portals are loose; the entire structure needs thorough cleaning and painting, and new roller nests at the expansion ends.

A thorough investigation and survey of the entire bridge site discloses the possibility of replacing the present structure with an ornamental up to date concrete bridge at reasonable cost, this bridge to be so located as to eliminate the present dangerous turns in the road at both ends of the bridge, and also greatly lessen the present prohibitive grades.

This structure would be located on a line running Northwesterly from a point on the State Highway known as Station 2069+09 in a direct straight line to a point on the central line of the State Highway where same crosses the East rail of the New York Central main tracks, an approximate distance of 920 feet. The length of the proposed structure itself would be approximately 430 feet. This entire improvement could be so arranged as to become part of a scheme embodying the elimination of the present dangerous grade crossings over the New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroad tracks, thus resulting in a practically straight road, with very little grade, and absolutely no dangerous condition such as now exists."

The cost of this improvement can be definitely ascertained only after complete detail drawings have been prepared, but it is safe to say that the expense of the bridge will approximate Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) Dollars.

Respectfully,

G. A. Flunk
Engineer

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 LAWRENCE ~~Township~~ ^{19 Clearfield Sup of the State Highway Department of Clearfield Co Pa} and that three 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 thirtieth day of January A. D. 1917, at 1.30 o'clock P. M. And that the public hearing as required by the Act of Assembly and the Rules of Court would be held in the ~~Administration Building~~ Court House in Clearfield, Pa., on Wednesday the thirty first day of January A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock A. M.

And that the said viewers met at West end of the site or proposed location of said bridge, where the public road leading from Clearfield in Lawrence Township to the Woodland in Bradford Township on Tuesday the 30th day of January A. D. 1917 at 1.30 o'clock P. M. and that there were present at the view D. C. Lafeyre Superintendent of State Highway Department of Clearfield county Pa and Jesse E Dale, H. H. Spencer and Austin Hane ~~the County Commissioners of Clearfield County Pa.~~ And that the Public hearing was held on Wednesday the 31. day of January at nine (9) oclock A. M. in the Grand Jury Room in the Court House and ~~was attended by H. E Hartwick Esq of Council for the County Commissioners and the Supervisors of Lawrence Township and the Board of County Commissioners and L. C. Norris their clerk all parties as county officials~~ parties interested in said bridge.

and hearing
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. as prayed for, to replace the present iron bridge there now, for the following reasons:-
First; because the present iron bridge there now is not located at the right place and is too light and not of sufficient strength for the amount of the heavy travel over same:- Second; That the roadway over said bridge is too narrow to accomodate the amount of travel over said bridge:-
Third; because, the location of said bridge renders the approaches, on account of the short curves in the road at each end of said bridge unsafe and dangerous, especially to automobile travel:- And Fourth; because said bridge is considerable out of repair and would cost considerable to put the same in proper repair. They would therefore recomend, that a new double re-inforced four span; arch highway concrete bridge four hundred feet in length; each span to be one hundred feet in length; be build across said Clearfield Creek as shown on the plan or draft attached on the public State highway, leading from Clearfield to Woodland; with two abut-

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

18 day of January, A. D. 1917

before Judge of said Court, upon a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town-
ship of Lawrence in said County, setting forth

that the County Bridge across Clearfield Creek

where the State road leading from Clearfield to Woodland crosses
said creek is improperly located; making the approachers and entry i
to said bridge dangerous owing to a short curve at each end
of said bridge where the road enters the same and that owing to said
curve at the west end more dangerous on account of the Railroad
crossings near the west end of said bridge by obstructing the view to
said Railroad Crossings; That a change in the location of
said bridge so as to avoid the curves at the entry of each end of
said bridge would in the opinion of your petitioners
would greatly improve the safety of the travel over said road.
Your petitioners therefore pray your honorable court, to
appoint proper persons to view the premises and take such activities

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

E. D. Billotte, and Harry Reese

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-
ingly:

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.

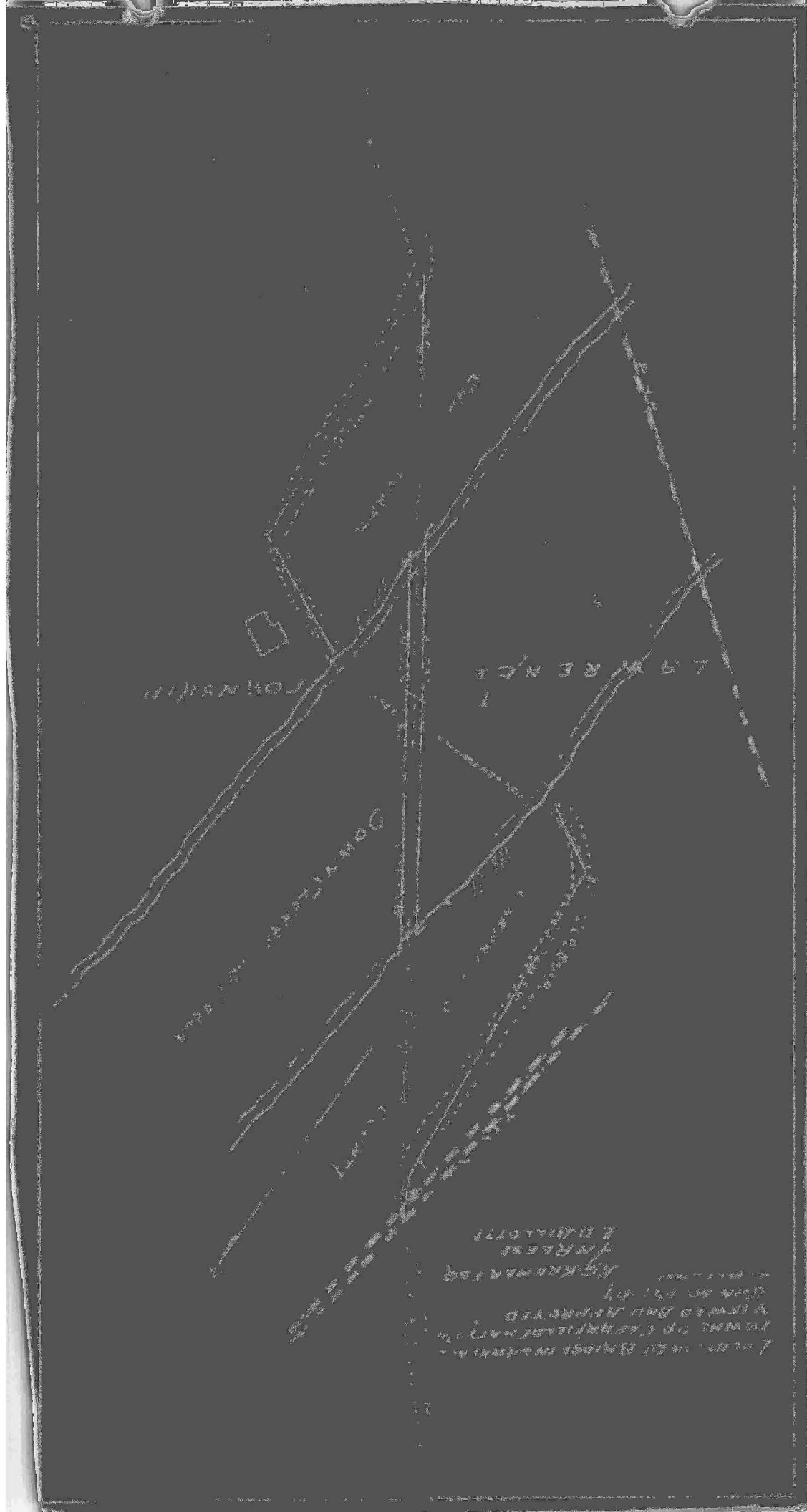
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ments and three piers, constructed of either concrete or stone if stone, well bedded in cement mortar: and that the foundations of said abutments and piers to rest on solid either gravel or ~~stone~~ bottom at least as deep down as the bottom of the said creek. It is further recommended that the roadway of said proposed bridge to be eighteen (18) feet in width in the clear; and in order to leave sufficient opening or space for the free passage of the water at all stages as required by the state water commission, and to reduce the grade from the ends of the bridge over the new roads laid out to the intersection of the state highway at a reasonable grade and easy of access, that the elevation of said bridge be twenty four (24) feet from low water mark to the bottom of the bridge; and that the estimated, probable or approximated cost of the erection of said bridge as recommended, including the cost of the abutments and piers for same and the filling in of the approaches, will in the opinion of the viewers amount to about thirty two thousand (\$32000.00) dollars, (which is exclusive of the cost of the construction of the new roads at the ends of the said bridge which has to be born by the Township of Lawrence,)

The viewers would further report, that in order to secure a more suitable location for the proposed bridge, that they have changed the location for the proposed new bridge, by moving the end on the west side of the creek down the stream one hundred and seventy five (175) feet from the west end of the present bridge and the end on the east side of the creek one hundred (100) feet up the stream from the location of the east end of the present bridge, so as to avoid the dangerous curves in the road near the approaches to the present bridge and lessen the grade, which is quite steep down onto the present bridge, which in the opinion of the viewers will be quite an improvement and a great benefit to the travel over said bridge.

They would further report, that said change in the location of the bridge also requires a change in the location of the road or state highway leading to said bridge, so as to intersect said state highway with the ends of the said bridge; They have therefore viewed and laid out as a public road as follows, to wit; Commencing at a point at the bend in the public state road or high-

way, four hundred and twenty four (424) feet south east by the courses of the said state highway from the east end of the present iron bridge on the east side of the creek at the bend of the said state highway; Thence running north thirty four (34) degrees, thirty eight (38) minutes, west two hundred and forty seven (247) feet ^{over unimproved land of Charles & Hurty} to the east end of the said proposed new bridge; and on the west side of the creek, from the west end of the proposed new bridge north thirty four (34) degrees, thirty eight (38) minutes, west two hundred and fifty three (253) feet ^{over unimproved land of the County home farm} to the intersection of the said state highway where the New York Central Railroad crosses the said state highway. And vacate that part of the said state highway supplied by the said new road laid out; from a point in the said state highway on the east side of the creek, from the bend in the said highway where the said new road laid out intersects with the said state highway; the following courses and distances, to wit; North five (5) degrees, fifty (50) minutes, west, two hundred and ninety eight (298) feet, thence north sixty seven (67) degrees, west, one hundred and twenty six (126) feet to the east end of the present bridge; And from the west end of the present bridge, north sixty two (62) degrees, forty four (44) minutes, west seventy five (75) feet; thence north, five (5) degrees twenty six (26) minutes, west three hundred and thirty eight (338) feet; thence north, twenty five (25) degrees, west forty five (45) feet, to the centre of the New York Central Railroad ^{track} where said Railroad crosses the said state highway; said point being the intersection of the said new road laid out with the said state highway; which said portion of the said state highway having been supplied by the said new roads laid out to connect with the ends of the proposed bridge has therefore become useless and burdensome, we therefore recommend that the same be vacated, as fully shown by the draft attached as part of our report.



7. The map in the middle of the page
shows the proposed route
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TO:- JESSE. 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 a site for a bridge across Clearfield Creek, to change the location of the present bridge, where the public State road, leading from Clearfield to Woodland crosses said Creek, in Lawrence Township to avoid the curves and make the entry at the ends of said bridge straighter and less dangerous, and especially at the west end, on account of the Railroad crossing close by, and to change the course of the road and the approaches to suit the location of the said bridge, in Lawrence Township in the County aforesaid; will meet at the west end of said bridge in Lawrence Township, on Tuesday the 30th day of January A, D. 1917 at one thirty (1.30) oclock P. M. to attend to the duty of their appointment, at which time and place you may attend if you see proper.

And that the public hearing as required by the Act of Assembly and the Rules of Court to be held by the viewers to give all parties interested in the change of the location of said bridge or the change of the road and approaches leading to said bridge a chance to be heard by the viewers before the filing of their report will be held in the Court House in Clearfield Pa, on wednesday the 31, day of January A, D, 1917 at nine (9) oclock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested in the change of the location of said bridge or road may attend and be heard.

A. G. Kramer
H. A. Reese
E. D. Billotte

VIEWERS.

Now January the 20th, 1917 service of this notice accepted for
the County Commissioners of Clearfield Pa.

L. C. Norris, Clerk

Clerk.

TO:- D. O. Lefevre, Superintendent of the State Highway
Department 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 a site for a bridge across Clearfield Creek, to change the
location of the present bridge, where the public State road lead-
ing from Clearfield to Woodland crosses said Creek, in Lawrence
Township to avoid the curves and make the entry at the ends of
said bridge straighter and less dangerous, and especially at the
west end, on account of the Railroad crossing close by, and to
change the course of the road and the approaches to suit the loca-
tion of the said bridge, in Lawrence Township in the County afore-
said; Will meet at the west end of said bridge in Lawrence Town-
ship, on Tuesday the 30th day of January A D 1917 at one thirty
(1.30) oclock P. M. to attend to the duty of their appointment, at
which time and place you may attend if you see proper.

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all parties interested in the change of the location of said brid-
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of the location of said bridge or road may attend and be heard.

A. G. Kramer
A. A. Reess
E. D. Billotte
VIEWERS.

Now January 20th 1917 served on me personally by copy at the
office of the State Highway Department in Clearfield Pa

St. Lawrence Reine
Supt of the State Highway Depart-
ment of Clearfield County Pa.

TO:- Edward, Cowen, Elmer Graham and J. A. Aughenbaugh
Supervisors of Lawrence 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 a site for a bridge across Clearfield Creek, to change the location of the present bridge, where the public State road, leading from Clearfield to Woodland crosses said Creek in Lawrence Township to avoid the curves and make the entry at the ends of said bridge straighter and less dangerous, and especially at the west end, on account of the Railroad Crossing close by, and to change the course of the road and the approaches to suit the location of the said bridge in Lawrence Township in the County aforesaid; will meet at the west end of said bridge in Lawrence Township on Tuesday the 30th day of January A, D, 1917 at (1.30) or half past one oclock P. M. to attend to the duty of their appointment at which time and place you may attend if you see proper.

And that the public hearing as required by the Act of Assembly and the Rules of Court to be held by the viewers to give all parties interested in the change of the location of said bridge, or the change of the road and approaches leading to said bridge a change to be heard by the viewers before the filing of their report, will be held in the Court House in Clearfield Pa on Wednesday the 31st, day of January 1917 at nine oclock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested in the change of the location of said bridge or road may attend and be heard.

A. G. Kramer

H. A. Reese

E. D. Billotte

VIEWERS.

And now January 20th 1917 served this notice of Edward Cowen Elmer Graham and J A Aughenbaugh the Supervisors of Lawrence Township personally by handing each of them a copy of same.

J. H. Moore Const.
Certs 4. 4th of Rd by County

Witness our hands this 31st. day of January A. D. 1917.

A. G. Kramer
H. A. Reese
E. Brillotte

Release of Damages.

VIEWERS.

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, passés 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 _____

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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 Charles Kurtz the sum of one (\$1.00) dollar
To Clearfield County the sum of one (\$1.00) dollar
To Poor District the sum of _____

Witness our hands this 31st day of January A. D. 191 7.

A. G. Kramer
H. A. Reese
E. Brillotte

No. 3 Feb 1917
Bridge

in

Lawrence Township near Leonard

Bridge.

ORDER TO VIEW
BRIDGE.

Filed _____ 19____

Fees \$1.25, paid by _____

Attorney.

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.

		AMOUNT
<u>A. G. Krane</u>	Days 4..	\$ 20.00
	Miles 4..	20
		\$ 20.00
	Days	
	Miles	
<u>A. A. Kepp</u>	Days 3..	\$ 15.00
	Miles 6..	4.00
		\$ 19.00
	Days	
	Miles	
<u>E. D. Billette</u>	Days 3..	\$ 15.00
	Miles 8.00	4.00
		\$ 19.00

Now 7 February AD 1917 approved and decreed to
be submitted to the Grand Jury for their consideration

By the Court
Engelbert Bull
C.

Now 8 February approved by the
Grand Jury
J. M. E. Profus
M. A. Smith
Clerk
Foreman

To the Honorable Singleton Bell President Judge of the
Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County Pa.

The petition of the undersigned County Commissioners
of Clearfield County and other inhabitant tax payers and citizen
s of said county, Respectfully Represents:- That the County Brid-
ge across Clearfield Creek where the state road leading from Clea-
rfield to Woodland crosses said creek is improperly located; mak-
the approachers and entry to said bridge dangerous owing to a sho-
rt curve at each end of said bridge where the road enters the same
and that owing to said curve at the west end more dangerous on
account of the Railroad crossings near the west end of said bridge
by obstructing the view to said Railroad Crossings; That a change
in the location of said bridge so as to avoid the curves at the
entry of each end of said bridge would in the opinion of your
petitioners ~~will~~ greatly improve the safety of the travel over
said road.

Your petitioners therefore pray your honorable Court,
to appoint proper persons to view the premises and take such acti-
on and make such recommendations or order on the subject as is re-
quired for the improvement and safety of the travel over said bri-
dge.

And they will ever pray.

Joseph Pickering
Geo. S. Thompson
H. E. Hummelbaugh
John M. Chase
W. J. Leavy
H. W. Whiteman
A. W. Myler
W. A. McGuire
John N. Baratt
R. M. Harvey
~~W. D. Smith~~
J. W. Raessner

John Shinnick
R. L. Ferguson
Walter Welch
D. D. Guppy
J. H. Kelley
H. D. Powell
J. J. Freyer
W. A. Ogden
G. D. Spontel
W. D. Smith
A. B. Chase
O. P. Tobias
Ira Taylor

Signatures of County Commissioners to
attached petition.

Attest:

L. C. Morris
Clerk.

Jesse C. Dale
H. H. Spencer

NO. SESSIONS, 1917.

Petition from County Commissioners of Clearfield County, and other persons, to vacate and supply parts of public road in Lawrence Township necessary to make change in the location of Leonard bridge.

Now are \$5 1916

A. G. Krammer, E. D.

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By the Court

August 3rd

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JAN 11, COMMISSIONERS

CL. CLEARFIELD COUNTY

CLEARFIELD.

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WM. G. JOHNSON & CO., PITTSBURGH, PA.