

1918  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Term, 191\_\_\_\_\_

Versus

De Re Petition  
new Bridge over  
Chick Creek in  
Westover Borough

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

In Re New Bridge over Chest ) NO. MAY SESSIONS, 1918.  
Creek in the Borough of )  
Westover. )

TO THE HONORABLE SINGLETON BELL, PRESIDENT JUDGE:

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

That the bridge over Chest Creek in the Borough  
of Westover, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, is a County  
bridge, being constructed in 1891, and has been used con-  
tinuously for heavy traffic ever since that time; that by  
reason of age, structural defects and decay said bridge is  
not sufficient or proper to accommodate public travel.

On April 4, 1918, we, the County Commissioners,  
together with G. A. Flink, Consulting Engineer, made a  
careful inspection of said bridge, and the report of  
Mr. Flink with relation to its condition is hereto at-  
tached, indicating that the bridge as it stands today  
is unsafe, and steps have been taken to notify the pub-  
lic to that effect by notice being posted at each end of  
the bridge giving warning of its condition in order to  
avoid present danger.

We, therefore, pray that the Court will take  
such action looking to the approval of the plan to re-

construct a new and sufficient re-enforced, concrete bridge over Chest Creek at Westover, Pennsylvania, as is contemplated by Act of February 14, 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. Colborn  
Clerk.

Jesse E. Dale  
H. H. Spencer  
A. Haney  
Commissioners of Clear-  
field County.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, )  
COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD. ) SS:

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 10 day  
of April, 1918.

John H. Moore

Clearfield, Pa., April 4th, 1918.

Board of County Commissioners,

Clearfield County,

Clearfield, Pa.

Gentlemen:

After personally performed surface inspection of the County bridge over Chest Creek at Westover, I herewith respectfully report as follows:

I inspected the structure on the 3rd instant, and found it in unsafe condition. The end-posts are badly corroded at the lower ends, the channels being reduced to less than half their original areas, and the plates to less than that; in one place the cover plate is entirely rusted away about 6 inches from the pin. The shoes are reduced to less than half, and the tie plates on the end posts are entirely rusted away in three places. All the hanger plates, connecting the posts and bottom chords are reduced to one-half or less, in one place it is entirely rusted away. All tension members are in very bad adjustment, throwing unequal strains on the different members of the trusses.

The above mentioned defects are of very serious nature with reference to the lateral stability of the superstructure of the bridge, and may result in a collapse under any heavy load passing over it, due to the excessive swaying, against which the weakened portions are unable to offer the required resistance.

I, therefore, respectfully recommend that signs be posted near each end of the bridge warning the public that they will be passing the structure at their own risk if traveling faster than a walk, or if carrying a total load of one and one-half tons.

The bridge is getting worse daily, and should be replaced at the earliest possible date. The abutments appear to be in good condition, and should be used to support the new superstructure.

Respectfully,

*B. A. Finch*

March 26, 1918.

Mr. Isaac Straw, Westover, Pa.

Mr. Floyd D. Bloom, Westover, Pa.

Dear Sir:

With relation to the Westover bridge would  
state that we have information concerning the importance  
of its being repaired, and will look after the matter at  
an early date.

Yours respectfully,

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

LCN-LL

Per

Clerk.

ISAAC STRAW,

DEALER IN

**Hardware, Paints, Oils, Groceries, Dry Goods,**

**Shoes, Gents' Furnishing Goods.**

Furniture, Etc. Jobber of Flour.

WESTOVER, P.A., March 22, 1918

County Commissioner

Clayfield F.

Dear Sir,  
Enclose you bill for repairing the bridge  
across the Creek. Now it's my judgment that  
you Greenwich folks that the bridge and all in  
your backshae they making bush here  
keeps you round here in it and it in  
parties on good for the party that heavy  
Chasen the wheels and in making Creek  
and the cover over it in no easy work.

Very Truly Yours  
Isaac Straw

Westover, Pa.  
May 15, 1926.

County Commissioners  
Coalfield, Pa.

Gentlemen: The bridge over  
Chester Creek and located in this  
Borough is in bad condition.

The plank is gone bad and I hear  
that a number of the boxes have  
rusted entirely off.

Shall we replace the plank  
needed?

Yours truly  
Floyd F. Bloom  
City of Council.

20th May 1918  
Now May 9<sup>th</sup> 1918, referred to the Grand  
Jury for consideration and action.

By the Clerk  
Franklin Bell

No 3 May 9 <sup>th</sup> 1918	
Petition in Re the Bridge over Clark Creek in the town of Somerville County Commissioners	
FILED APR 10 1918 JOHN G. MCGOWAN PENNSYLVANIA CLEARFIELD. PENNA.	

Now, May 9<sup>th</sup> 1918, the within petition having been referred by the  
Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County to the May Grand Jury  
for consideration and action thereon; and the said Grand Jury, having  
given the said petition full consideration, doth find that the bridge over  
Clark Creek in Somerville Borough is a County bridge, that said bridge  
by reason of defects and decay is unsafe and insufficient to  
accommodate the public travel; and that a new reinforced  
concrete bridge to replace said bridge should be built and con-  
structed by Clearfield County; and the building of said  
bridge is hereby approved and recommended by the Grand  
Jury.

W. P. Mifflin  
Foreman.