

No. 5 Sept. Term, 1919.

In Re:

BRIDGE IN BIGLER TOWNSHIP

Versus

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To the Honorable Singleton Bell, President Judge of the Court of Quarter Session of Clearfield County.

The petition of the undersigned inhabitants of the Township of -- Bigler, in the County of Clearfield, and State of Pennsylvania. Respectfully represents; That the Bridge on the old Philipsburg Pike in the - said Township of Bigler, near the village of Madera, crossing Muddy Run , a chartered stream, is so badly out of repair that a new bridge is necessary; that the bridge is largely used for the accomidations of persons residing along the old Philipsburg Pike and persons residing in the - village of Chesterfield and persons in adjacent Townships; That the Cost of erecting a bridge such as may be required at that point will be greater than it is reasonable that the said Township should bear and the - expence of building and erecting the same would be burde~~s~~some upon the inhabitants and taxtpayets of the said Township.

Your petitioners therefore pray your Honor to appoint proper - persons to view the premises and to take such action in the matter as may be required, and to proceed according to the several Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. And they will ever pray.

J. McPherson

John Hilling

Jacob L. L. Jr.

Steve Hayajik

Mike Dabek

John Hilling

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John Mather

John Bonyak

Mike Bonyak

Andrew Horan

William Coffey Jr. Pa.

Chesterfield W. S.

C. L. Madera

Chesterfield, Madera, Pa.

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John Duke  
John Motter  
John Chick  
Sander Sabal  
John Bondy  
James Bondy  
John Knutson  
Stephen Stark  
Tony Sheddack  
John Palusko  
D.J. Davis  
A.J. Gardner  
B. has H. Gardner  
Pat Polizzi  
C.W. Lawrie  
Ralph Layton  
John Shoff  
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D.R. Redman  
John Vreeland

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672 St. Regis  
Tom Lehman  
C. W. Stoker  
G. B. Curry  
James Bloom  
E. L. C. Bracken  
P. C. Wilcox  
J. M. Connelly  
Tom Greenaway  
Ed Richardson  
Blair Heyreley  
Jerry Heyreley  
Charles Haines  
James H. W. Jr.  
G. W. Richardson  
Henry Whitehead  
Thos. Stodart  
H. B. Kelly  
Geo. S. Capelton  
W. Ward  
John Allen and  
D. Whitehead  
J. R. Whiteside

W E Shoff.  
E E Green  
J P Stodart  
O. L. Connelly  
W H Stiff  
E. D. Shoff  
R. H. Fuller  
John Stevenson  
Thos. Graham  
J. C. Johnson  
W. V. 178 were  
George Connison  
James Gatchell  
D. F. Miller  
B C Poaler  
J. G. Semple  
R. D. Lamborn  
W. P. Connelly,  
James Pardon  
James Soulsby  
C. M. Wallace

Al C Shaff  
Bobby Whiteside  
Bill Alexander  
W.A. Shoff  
Sam Prince  
Charles S. Shoff  
J. P. Cornely  
J.W. Brown  
John V. Moore  
Rich Patten  
John, H. Endaf  
Ralph Luther  
William Harper  
S.R. Moore  
H.W. Gouldby

State of Pennsylvania

County of Clearfield SS

Charles S Shoff

came personally before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and sayeth that the facts set forth in -- the forgoing petition are true and correct .

Sworn and subscribed to

this 16 day of July 1919.

James H Ruffner  
Justice of the Peace.

Charles S Shoff

Surve  
Bridge in  
Registration

Now July 17<sup>th</sup> 1919,  
A. L. Kramer Eng. & Co.,  
Billette & J. A. Michaels  
are appointed engineers  
to make report to Dept  
of. 1919.

By the Council  
Singleton Reg.

By J. W. Ruffo 2.7.5

# 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 17th day of July, A. D. 1919 before Judge of said Court, upon a petition of sundry inhabitants of the township of Bigler in said County, setting forth that The bridge on the old Philipsburg Pike in said Township of Bigler, near the village of Madera, crossing Muddy Run, a chartered stream, is so badly out of repair that a new bridge is necessary; that the bridge is largely used for the accommodation of persons residing along the old Philipsburg Pike and persons residing in the village of Chesterfield and persons in adjacent Townships; that the cost of erecting a bridge such as may be required at that point will be greater than it is reasonable that the said Township should bear and erecting the same would be burdensome upon the inhabitants and tax-payers of said Township.

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, Esq., 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 H. Moore.

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 Bigler 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 Fifth (5) day of August A. D. 1919, at nine (9) o'clock A. M. And that the public hearing as required by the Act of Assembly and the Rules of Court would be held in the Arbitration Room, in the Court House in Clearfield, Pa., on Wednesday the sixth (6) day of August A. D. 1919, at nine (9) o'clock A. M.

adjourned. ~~MM~~ hearing and after said view and hearing the viewers do unanimously agree that there is a necessity for a new bridge as prayed for at the point specified to replace the old wooden structure there now which is in a dilapidated and unsafe condition dangerous to cross; they therefore recommend that a re-inforced concrete bridge of one span, forty (40) feet in length with a sixteen feet wide road way; with concrete abutments resting on solid bottom. said bridge to be eight (8) feet above low water mark; be erected near the present structure as shown on the draft attached as part of our report; at a cost of about four thousand (\$4000.00) dollars: And as said amount, owing to the financial condition of the Township will be to heavy to be borne by Bigler Township alone; they recommend that one half of the expence of the erection thereof be paid by the county and the remainder by Bigler Township.

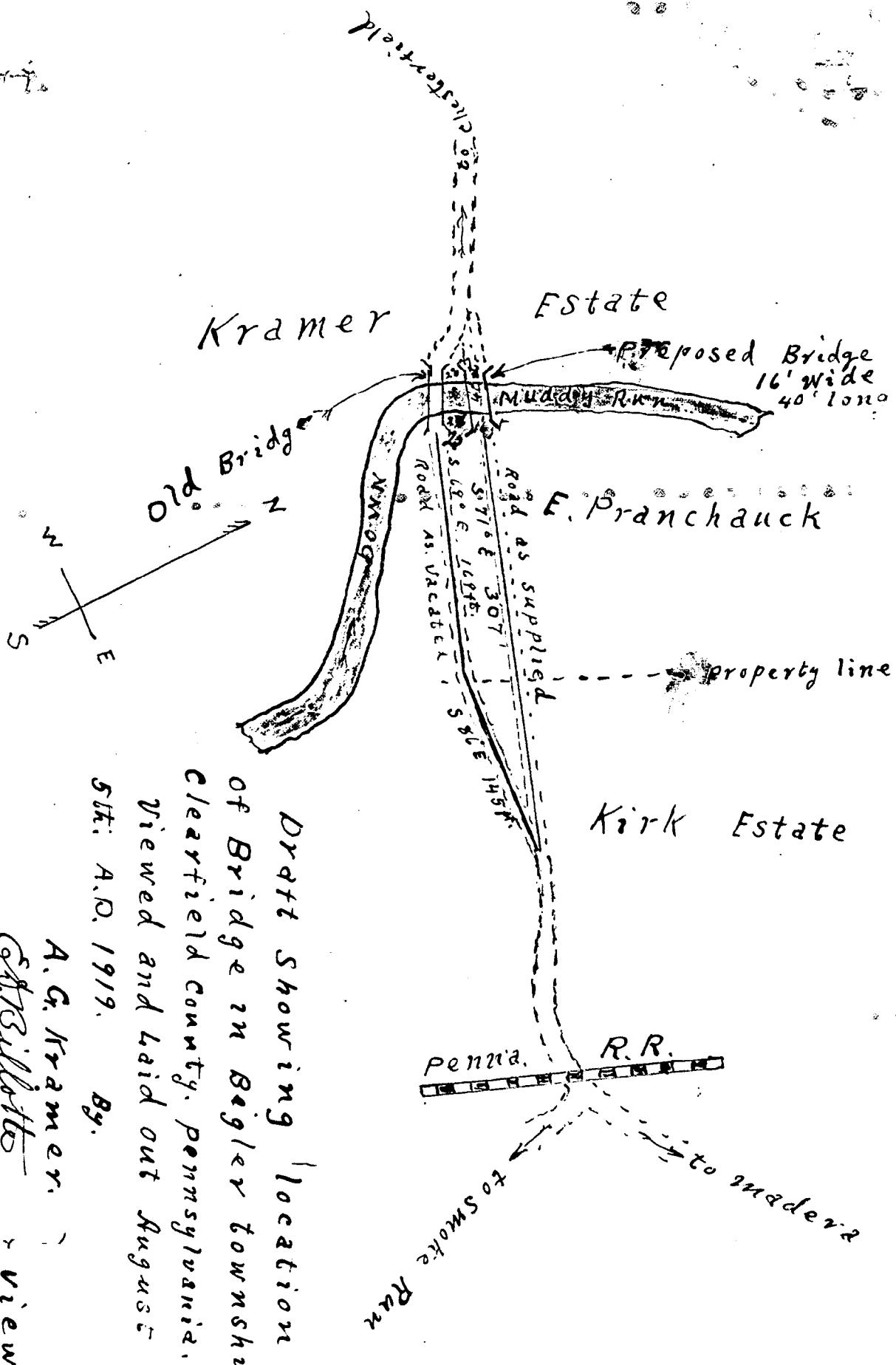
And that owing to a crook or short bend in the stream at the location of the present bridge, and a curve in the road approaching said bridge the viewers are convinced that it will improve the condition to change the location of the bridge down the stream, they therefore change the location of the bridge down the stream about twenty five feet from the location of the present bridge; which requires a change in the location of the road; and therefore lay out the following road, to wit: Beginning at the south east bank of said run, about twenty five (25) feet down the stream, from the location of the township road, thence running south seventy one (71) degrees, east three hundred and seven (307) feet to where the same connects with the township road, and vacate, that part of the present road supplied by said new road herewith laid out from the east bank of Muddy Run, to where the said new road intersects with the said township road as shown on the draft which is made a part of the report of the viewers.

And on the west side of the run extending out south west about fifty (50) feet from the west bank of the creek to where the same, running on a straight line or comparative so from the west end of the location of the proposed new bridge to where the same connects with the present township road:

And vacate that part of the present public road supplied by the said new road as laid out on the west side of said stream.

witness our hands and seals this the 6th day of August A. D. 1919.

A. G. Grasser (SEAL)  
E. N. Billotte (SEAL)  
J. S. Michaels (SEAL)  
VIEWERS.



Drawn showing location  
of Bridge in Kramer Township,  
Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.  
Viewed and laid out August

5th A.D. 1919. By.

A. G. Kramer.  
G. S. Billotto  
T. S. Michaels.  
viewers.

To: John, Vrable, Charles, S. Shoff, and James. W. Ruffner.  
The Supervisors of Bigler Township, 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 sundry citizens and inhabitants of Bigler Township in the County of Clearfield and State of Pennsylvania, to view a site for, and report upon the necessity of a bridge across Muddy Run, where the public road, leading from the village of Madera in Bigler Township to the village of Chesterfield in Beccaria Township, across said run, and as to whether said bridge should be erected if found necessary at the expense of the County, or at the joint expense of the County and Township or at the expence of the township of Bigler alone, and what the probable expense of the erection thereof will be.

You are therefore hereby notified, that the said viewers will meet for the discharge of the duties of their appointment at the location or proposed location of the said bridge, where the public road leading from the village of Madera, in Bigler Township, to the village of Chesterfield in Beccaria township crosses Muddy Run in said township of Bigler; on tuesday August 5th A. D. 1919 at nine oclock A. M. when and 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, in order to give all parties interested, either in favor of or against said bridge a chance to be heard by the viewers before the filing of their report in Court will be held in the Arbitration Room in the Court House in Clearfield Pa on wednesday August the 6th A. D. 1919 at nine thirty (9.30) o'clock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested in said bridge may appear and be heard.

*A G Kramer*  
*ED Billotte*  
*J D Michaels*

VIEWERS.

Now July, 23 1919 served this notice of John Varable Charles S Shoff and James W Ruffner the supervisors of Bigler Township on each of them personally by handing each of them a true and correct copy of same.

*Charles S. Shoff* *James W. Ruffner*

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; upon the petition of sundry citizens and inhabitants of Bigler Township in the County of Clearfield and State of Pennsylvania, to view a site for and report upon the necessity of a bridge across Muddy Run where the public road leading from the village of Madera in Bigler Township to the village of Chesterfield in Beccaria Township crosses said run, and as to whether said bridge should be erected if found necessary at the expense of the County, or at the joint expense of the County and Township or at the expense of the Township of Bigler alone, and what the probable expense of the erection thereof, will be.

You are therefore hereby notified, that the said viewers will meet for the discharge of the duties of their appointment at the location or proposed location of the said bridge, where the public road leading from the village of Madera, in Bigler Township to the village of Chesterfield in Beccaria township crosses muddy run in said township of Bigler; on Tuesday August 5th A. D. 1919 at nine (9) o'clock A. M. when and where 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 in order to give all parties interested either in favor of or against said bridge a chance to be heard by the viewers before the filing of their report in Court will be held in Court House in the Arbitration Room in Clearfield Pa on Wednesday August the 6th 1919 at nine thirty (9.30) o'clock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested in said bridge may appear and be heard.

*A. L. Hansen*  
*B. J. Gillett*  
*J. D. Miller*

VIEWERS.

Now July 24 1919 service of this notice accepted for the County Commissioners of Clearfield County Pa.

*L. C. Morris*  
*Clear*

## 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

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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: *No one being damaged*  
*there are no damages assessed*  
To \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Witness our hands this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1919

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

**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 disadvantages as well as the disadvantages of the bridge, they will report to that effect.

No. S Sept 28 1919  
Bridge in  
Bigler Township

## ORDER TO VIEW

BRIDGE. Approved Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1899  
as per report of  
Joint Long Line. And  
bids to be received 8<sup>th</sup> December 1899  
John H. Moore, Chairman

Filed 19 Jan 19 19

Fees \$1.25, paid by \_\_\_\_\_

James A. Huffner, Esq.

Now Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1919 referred to Grand Jury

By the Cork  
Magician Beech

Dec 25 1919 Recommended to the County  
Commissioners to build a new Concrete  
Bridge at Maderka, in Bigler Township  
to take the place of a wooden Bridge  
across Muddy Run and County  
Commissioners to pay fifty percent  
of the Costs of Bridge.

See Grand Jury Report  
for December 25, 1919

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