

Road

DOCKET No. 5

Number	Term	Year
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Petition for Bridge between

Bradford & Girard Twp.

Versus

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

IN RE APPLICATION FOR A  
BRIDGE BETWEEN BRADFORD  
TOWNSHIP AND GIRARD TOWN-  
SHIP.

No. December Sessions 1921

PETITION FOR LAYING OUT AND  
ESTABLISHING A BRIDGE.

To the Honorable Singleton Bell,  
President Judge of the said Court.

Dear Sir:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represent:

(1) That they are citizens of Pennsylvania and are taxpayers and inhabitants of Bradford and Girard Townships in said County;

(2) That the West Branch of the Susquehanna River is the boundary line between the said Townships of Girard and Bradford;

(3) That in the said Girard Township is the Bald Hill Village, from which Village to the Bald Hill Railroad Station of the New York Central Railroad Company runs a public road or highway;

(4) That there is being presented to your Honorable Court at the same time as this petition, a petition of citizens of the Township of Girard praying that proper persons be appointed to view and lay out a public road or highway in said Township to begin at a point in said Township on the present road from said Bald Hill Village to the Bald Hill Railroad Station of the New York Central Railroad Company, the said point of beginning being located one hundred twenty-five feet northwardly on said present road from the present highway bridge over Bald Hill Run, which bridge is four hundred feet on said present road or highway away from the end of said present road at said Bald Hill Railroad Station; the other terminal of said proposed new road in Girard Township being at a point on the West Branch of the Susquehanna River;

(5) That there is also being presented to your Honorable Court at the same time as this petition, a petition of citizens of the Township of Bradford, praying that proper persons be appointed to view and lay out a public road or highway in said Township to begin at a point in said Township near the residence and barn of Guy Kline, that point being four hundred feet away from said barn, that is southwest of the said barn and on the present highway that runs from the J.E. Livergood Estate residence to the Village of Woodland; the other terminal of said proposed new road in Bradford Township to be at a point on the West Branch of the Susquehanna River;

(6) That the establishment and erection of a bridge across the said West Branch of the Susquehanna River connecting the said proposed road or highway in Girard Township with the said proposed road or highway in Bradford Township is necessary for the convenience of the inhabitants of the said two Townships of Girard and Bradford, and also the inhabitants of Covington Township and Karthaus Township;

(7) That the necessary expense and cost of erecting the said bridge across the said River at the said place is more than either or both of said Townships of Girard and Bradford can bear;

WHEREFORE your petitioners pray your Honorable Court to appoint proper persons to view and ascertain whether a bridge shall be constructed at said point by the County of Clearfield. And your petitioners will ever pray.

O. E. Beauneigneux

Howard Dixon

Frank Schultz

Walter Stines

Levin Perry

Chas Hetrick

Rolt Hetrick

Carroll Bannergardner

H B Bannergardner

Mike Holgrovsky

W. J. Kirkwood

C. L. Rainer

John Flood

Mrs William Kirkwood

Stella Kirkwood

John H Bell

Miss John Bell

Chas Gurney

F E Gurney Jr

E F Renaud

P B McHenry

Clarence Renaud

Harmon L Smith

Harris J Lieguy

Peter Bolens

Nick Bilsott

Harry Smith

F. J. Martell

Martin Martell

John A Graham

W E Graham

Aaron Murray

Hetrick local Co

Raymond Sherry Leconte Mills

David Shilling

John Bell

Francis Payer

Sylv Stuart

G. B. Bell

A. J. Benington

Edmond Jurey

John A. Mott

Ed Gordon Surveyor Pa

James Shaw

Leconte Mills

Leconte Mills

Fred D Wick

John L. Ceden

Peter Condrick

Ernest Blugney

Mrs. O. E. Beauneigneux

Mrs. Ade H. Murray

J. H. Murray

Isabel G. White

Wm. Black

E. K. Lilly

Paul Michaels

Henry Browne

Emmett Barne

Lillie Barnett

Edward Royer

Mrs Edward Royer

W. J. Wilson

James L. Lieguy

# Citizens of Bradford Twp.

D. R. Houser

Mrs. Mrs. M. Houser

Mrs. Ruth Houser

C. M. Lutzier

Mrs. Virgie Lutzier

W. S. Lutzier

Clair Saffus

Mrs. Ida E. Saffus

Walter Krebs

Thomas Krebs

Matthew Graham

Lawrence Hunter

Walter Graham

Charles Graham

Bald Hill Coal Co

Paul Smith

C.E. Graham

Chas Lawrence

David Davidson

Alie Plurteit

Mrs W. D. Bell

Mrs O. D. Bell

A. A. Murray

Mrs " " Murray

Frank Pelley

H. A. Lewis <sup>Sumner Pa</sup> Ernest E. Welker

G. B. Smith <sup>Leconte Mills</sup> Mrs Ernest Welker

Edward L. Ligg <sup>Leconte Mills</sup> Mrs J. W. Knepp

Laurence Maine <sup>Leconte Mills</sup> Merdin Knepp

Hyde Graham " Mrs Jeff Maine

Joseph Bolento " B. J. Maine

Arthur Merat " G. W. Maine

Elmer Brown Bessie V. Hausor

Bradford F. Krebs <sup>Woodland R. D.</sup> J. B. Williams

Chas. A. Chilcote " Mr Frank English

Hattie Krebs " Maude Harrier

Guy Kline " Newton Green

Boyd Graham " C. O. English

Mary Graham J. F. English

W. A. Maine R. E. Dale

Rebecca A. Maine Maude Hill

Mrs James Miller C. E. Mercer

James Miller Agatha Juncer

Jane Knepp J. M. Coane

Ethel Graffius Maude Evans

Ann and Graffius F. B. Kephart

Ann and Graffius D. B. Williams

Hugh R. Lige

Rebecca R. Smith, Leconte Mills, Pa

Alta L. Smith

John Stuma

Bowman Graham

Chas E. Storer

John Walker

Lucan Tripagny

James Flood

Anthony Mc Govern

Ernest B. Jany

Bradford F. Krebs

Now this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1921,  
*A. G. Kramer*, *E. D. Bellett* and  
*Harry Reese* are appointed to view and ascertain  
 whether said bridge shall be laid out and constructed, and to  
 report at the December Term of Court.

By the Court  
*Sirgleten Bell*

No. 3 December Sessions 1921

IN RE APPLICATION FOR A BRIDGE  
 BETWEEN BRADFORD AND GIRARD  
 TOWNSHIPS

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*James T. O'Laughlin*  
*Edward T. Kelley*  
 ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW  
 CLINTON, PENNSYLVANIA

<i>Bradford</i>	<i>Bradford</i>
<i>Vida Maines</i>	<i>Martina Williams</i>
<i>H. L. Snaffus</i>	<i>Maudie Shurey</i>
<i>Millie Snaffus</i>	<i>G. L. Williams</i>
<i>John C. Kephart</i>	<i>Wayne H. Shurey</i>
<i>W. H. Kephart</i>	<i>Albert Brown</i>
<i>Mrs. Sarah Kephart</i>	<i>J. E. Shurey</i>
<i>J. L. Bumgarner</i>	<i>Mr. M. M. Dowell</i>
<i>Lena Maines</i>	<i>Paul Barrier</i>
<i>Clara Kernschil</i>	<i>B. B. Harrier</i>
<i>Mrs. Lena Maines</i>	<i>Maud Harrier</i>
<i>J. W. Best</i>	<i>Justice Kephart</i>
<i>M. J. Knapp</i>	<i>Reading &amp; Clfd Coal Co</i>
<i>W. F. Kephart</i>	<i>Vinden engines</i>
<i>James Snaffus</i>	<i>M. Palmer</i>
	<i>J. L. Woodling</i>
	<i>Superintendent</i>

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

IN RE APPLICATION FOR A  
BRIDGE BETWEEN BRADFORD  
TOWNSHIP AND GIRARD TOWN-  
SHIP

} No. December Sessions 1921

To George W. Ralston, Esq.,  
Prothonotary of the said Court.

Sir:

File supplemental list of petitioners herein to  
the above mentioned term and number.

*James P. O'Langhin*  
*Thomas M. Jones*  
*Edward J. Healey*  
Attorneys for Petitioners.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1921

To the County Commissioners of Clearfield County:

We the undersigned residents of  
Bradford Township respectfully ask that you use your best endeavors to establish a bridge across the Susquehanna River at a point near the mouth of Bald Hill  
Creek.

*Bigler*



Bigler

Bigler Sivers for Bald Hill Bridge

W D Nacker W. B. Echarol

E. J. Lury

C. A. Baker

E. W. Mains

John. L. Pearce

L. S. Williams

A. Q. Knapp

L. H. Rinkhart

H. R. Williams

J. A. Waple

W. H. Huber

W. A. Adams

C. Lark Williams

Samuel N. Stevens

C. B. Foster

Edwin Gill

H. B. Nearhood

Geo. W. Wilson

H. L. Wilson

E. J. Rowles

A. Ram Pearce

H. J. Peters

W. D. Rinkhart

J. B. Hummel

Wesley Lamsberry

Chas. E. Lamsberry

# Bigler Liners

Joseph Peters

Patrick Waple

Ernest Williams

John Gentry

W. H. Millender

Lloyd Stevens

John R. Ramage

S. P. Bloom

James Curley

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BRIDGE BETWEEN BRADFORD  
TOWNSHIP AND GIRARD TOWNSHIP

*See Appendix A*

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CLERK

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

IN RE PETITION FOR BRIDGE  
BETWEEN BRADFORD AND GIRARD  
TOWNSHIPS

} No. 3 December Sessions 1921

The petition of James P. O'Laughlin, a member of the Bar of said Court, and attorney of record in this case, respectfully represents:

(1) That on September 29th 1921 there was filed to the above term and number a petition of divers taxpayers and residents of Bradford and Girard Townships asking the appointment of viewers to determine the necessity for the erection and construction of a bridge over the West Branch of the Susquehanna River near Bald Hill and between the Townships of Girard and Bradford;

(2) That on September 29th 1921 A.G. Kramer, Esq., E.D. Billotte and Harry Reese were appointed by your Honorable Court to view and ascertain whether said bridge should be laid out and constructed, and to report at the December Sessions, 1921;

(3) That on October 6th 1921 the order to view was issued to said A.G. Kramer, Esq.;

(4) That on November 9th 1921 the said viewers filed their report stating that said bridge was a necessity and recommending its erection and construction;

(5) That on December 8th 1921 a hearing was had before the Grand Jury of December Sessions 1921 where evidence was given for and against the laying out and construction of the said bridge;

(6) That on December 9th 1921 to December Sessions 1921, No. 177, the Grand Jury filed its report for the Session;

(7) That in said report there is no mention made of action of the said Grand Jury upon the petition for the said bridge; that there is nothing in the records purporting to show action by the Grand Jury except a pen~~en~~al memorandum with the name of the Secretary and Foreman of said Grand Jury, attached, a copy of which is as follows:

" Dec. 8, 1921

"The Grand Jury

On the vote of the proposed  
bridge in Bradford and Girard Township, a  
divided oppion majority against said proposal

H.W. Scott Sect

J.W. Bailey Foreman"

(8) That because of the absence of any mention in the report of the Grand Jury as to its action on the said petition and because the said memorandum is very informal, and irregular,

Your petitioner asks,

(1) That the informal memorandum of the said Secretary and Foreman of the said Grand Jury be set aside, and

(2) That the said report of the viewers be referred to the Grand Jury of February Sessions 1922, for consideration and action.

*Jas. J. Langham*  
*John H. Dineen*  
*Edward J. Kelley*

Sworn and subscribed to  
before me this       day of  
January 1922.  
Witness my hand and official seal.

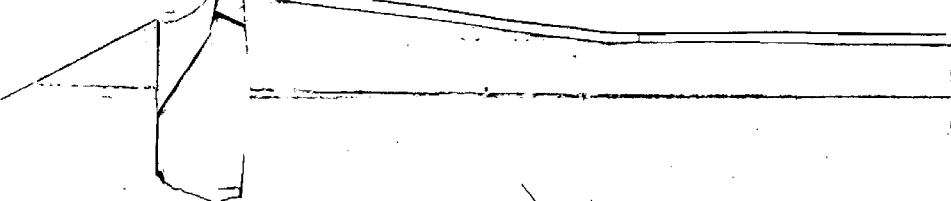
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D E C R E E :

And now .....1922 it is ordered and decreed that the action of the Grand Jury of December Sessions 1921 upon the petition for a bridge between Girard and Bradford Townships is hereby set aside and it is further ordered and decreed that the report of the viewers appointed in pursuance of said petition be referred to the Grand Jury of February Sessions 1922.

By the Court,

.....  
P.J.



Jan 20, 1922  
 State of New York and on  
 the record  
 J. H. Woodward  
 County Clerk

Jan 20, 1922, Rule granted on County of Clearfield and  
 on adjoining townships to extend same with finding of fact  
 from records not to be taken up. Ret. 1st Monday of Feb 1922.  
 My Mr. Woodward  
 J. H. Woodward

No. 3 December Sessions 1921

IN RE PETITION FOR BRIDGE  
 BETWEEN BRADFORD AND GIRARD  
 TOWNSHIPS

Petition to set aside action of  
 Grand Jury

Julius J. J. 10/15/22  
 J. H. Woodward  
 Clerk

BARRETT L. CLAUGHLIN,  
 LOUIS R. J. FENICKE  
 EDWARD T. KELLEY  
 ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
 CLEARFIELD, PA., SYLVANIA

## 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

29th day of September, A. D. 1921

before Judge of said Court, upon a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town-  
ship of Bradford & Girard in said County, setting forth  
that the establishment and erection of a bridge

across the said West Branch of the Susquehanna River connecting the said  
proposed road or highway in Girard Twp. with the said proposed road or  
highway in Bradford Twp. is necessary for the convenience of the inhabitants  
of the said Girard, Bradford and Covington, and Karthaus Township

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, Esq., E. D. Billote 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,

Geo W Paletine

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 Girard and Bradford Township, 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 Wednesday, ----- the twenty sixth day of October ----- A. D. 1921, at one (1), 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 Arbitration Room, in the Court House in Clearfield, Pa., on Friday ----- the twenty eighth day of October ----- A. D. 1921, at nine (9), o'clock P. M.

And that the said viewers met at Bald Hill Run near the mouth of the site or proposed location of said bridge, where the public road leading from village of Bald Hill in Girard, ----- Township to the village of Woodland in Bradford Township on Wednesday the 26th day of October ----- A. D. 1921 at one o'clock P. M. and that there were present at the view Dr H H Lewis one of the Supervisors of Girard Township F, L Woodling one of the Supervisors of Bradford Township, and Guy Kline G R Houser, Floyd Green, P A Maines, W H Kephart, D D Mains, J F Krebs, W U Shirey, Paul Harrier, W S Luzier, W M Luzier. Joseph Highan and Jus- tin Kephart. -----

parties interested in the ----- said bridge.

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And that the hearing was held in the Arbitration Room in the Court House in Clearfield Pa; on Friday the 28th day of October A. D. 1921 when the following appearances were noted: F L Woodling, S R Caldwell, G B Smith J M Palmer, E R Leiby, James O Leonard, Rebecca Smith, W F Luzier, H B Bumgardner. Rev Thomas F McGovern W H Kephart, Bernard Collins, A C Jury, H F Smith, D R Houser, Guy Kline, James Graffus, Frank Kolivosky, Mike Kolivosky, Howard Dixon, Nicholas Billotte, R S Graham, Walter Stever, James Flood, Elmer Jury, J H Bell, A J Binston, Anthony Luke, Thomas Luke, Joseph Luke Jr, Elzie Shirey, Byron Bungardner, Merlin C Knepp, Q E Beausabigne, B W Collins, Francis Shillen, Alto Smith, Mrs Janot Hunter, Charles Lawrence, James Hunter, Paul Smith, Walter Bell, Raymond Shirey, G B Watson, Frances Royer, Richard Humell, Frank Schultz, Lewis Jury, Peter B Antes, Earnest Jury, John Walker, Dundee Luzier, Joseph Baraclauch.

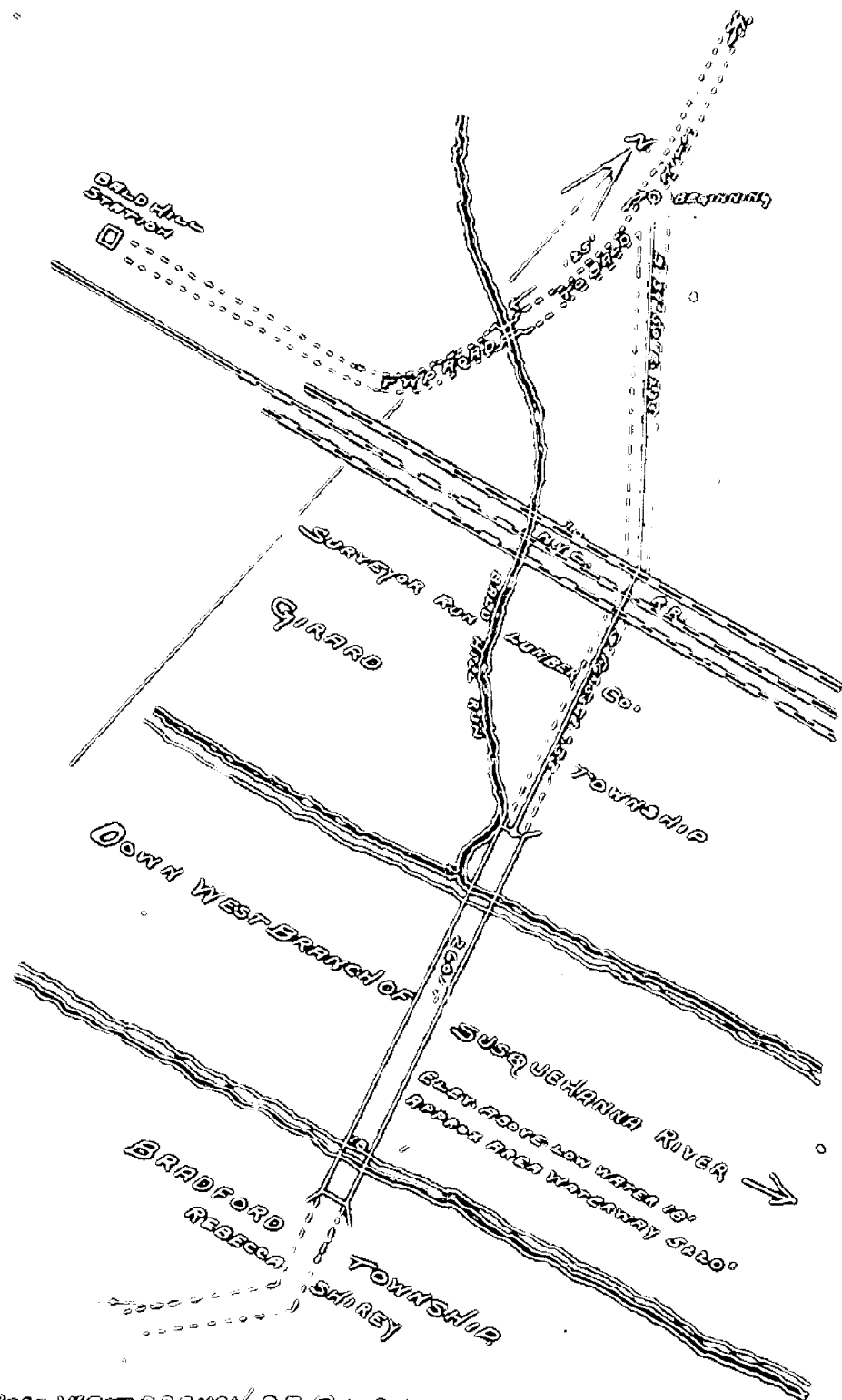
And that the said viewers all having been present at the view and after having made said view, do agree that there is a necessity for said bridge.

The viewers all being present at the view and the hearing; and after the view and hearing: Respectfully report; That they are unanimously of the opinion, that a bridge across the West Branch of the Susquehanna River at the point in the petition set out from the end of the public road recently laid out to the river bank at the mouth of Bald Hill Run in Girard Township Clearfield County Pa: Which said road connects with with the public road leading from the village of Bald Hills to the Railroad Station of the New York Central Railroad. To the opposite of the river from the mouth of Bald Hill run in Bradfore Township in the County and State aforesaid at the end of a public road recently laid <sup>out</sup> which connects with the public road leading to the State road at Woodland in said Township; which said bridge in the opinion of the viewers is therefore necessary for the accomodation of the travling public.

They therefore recomend: That a three span Reinforced Concrete Bridge, two hundred and sixty one (261) feet in length; each span be eighty seven (87), feet in length, be erected across the West Branch of the Susquehanna River (as shown by the draft hereto attached) as part of our report.

Said bridge to be eighteen (18), feet above low water mark, and to have a driveway, sixteen (16) feet in width, and be supported by two abutments and two piers; said abutments and piers to be build of concrete or stone if stone to be laid in cement mortar. Said abutments and piers to rest on solid stone or gravel bottom.

And that in the opinion of the viewers the approximate cost of said bridge as recommended, including the abutments and piers and the filling of the approaches will be about thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars, which amount, owing to the financial condition of the said Townships of Girard and Bradfore will be to heavy and burdensome on said Townships to bear. They therefore recomend that said bridge be build and maintained by the county.



BRIDGE ACROSS WEST BRANCH OF SUSQUEHANNA RIVER  
 NEAR BALD HILL STATION  
 CLEARFIELD COUNTY PA  
 VIEWED AND LAYOUT OCT 25 1921 BY H.G. KRAMER ESQ.  
 E.D. BILLOTTE  
 H.A. REESE

TO; T. R. WEIMER, Jesse. E. Dale and M. L. Farrell.  
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 County bridge across the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, where the public road to be laid out leading from where the public road leading from the village of Bald Hills to the New York Central Railroad Station connects with said road to the mouth of Bald Hill s Run on the bank of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River in Girard Township, to connect with a public road to be laid out the Bradfore Township side of the said River at a public road to be laid out from the Guy Kline Place to the bank of the river opposite the mouth of the Bald Hill Run on the south side of the Susquehanna River. in the County aforesaid, will meet at the proposed location of said bridge near the mouth of Bald Hill Run in Girard Township on Wednesday the 26th day of October A. D. 1921 at one 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 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, in order to give all parties interested, either in favor of or against the said bridge a chance to be heard, will be held in the Arbitration Room in the Court House in Clearfield Pa; on Friday the 18th day of October A. D. 1921 at nine (9) o'clock A. M. when and where all parties concerned in said bridge either for or against the same may appear and be heard.

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

VIEWERS.

Now October 15 1921 service accepted for the County Commissioners of Clearfield County.

L. O. 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 assessed*

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

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

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

Witness our hands this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Dec A. D. 1921

H. A. Kramer  
W. A. Reese  
E. B. Billotte

No. 3 Dec SS 19 21

Petition for Bridge

in

Bradford & Girard Townships

ORDER TO VIEW  
BRIDGE.

Filed 19

Fees \$1.25, paid by

O'Laughlin, Fenerty &

Kelley

Attorneys

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

Days 4... \$ 30.00

Miles 24... \$ 120

Days 3... \$ 31.20

Miles 24... \$ 120

Days 2... \$ 20.00

Miles 24... \$ 120

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GEO. W. RALSTON  
CLERK

Dec 8 1921

The Grand Jury

on the vote on the proposed  
bridge in Bradford Co Grand Township  
a divided opinion majority against -  
said proposal.

Wm. Scott. Secy -

J. W. Bailey Foreman

Road

— Dec. I. 1921.

Bridge