

Road DOCKET No. 5

Number	Term	Year
3	Dec	1921

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 TOWNSHIP. } 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. Beauregine	Hebrick, local 60	Raymond Shry Leconte, Mills
Howard Dixon	Girard Shelling	John Bell
Frank Dickey	John Bell	Francis Royer
Walter Stiner	Lyell Stewart	George B.ell
Lewis Perry	John Bell	J. J. Benington
Chas. Hebrick	Edward J. Way	Ed. London Surveyor
Wolf Hebrick	John Bell	James Shaw
Carroll Bannard	John Bell	Leontes Leontes
H. B. Beauregine	John Bell	Pa
Mike Houghography	John Bell	"
John Kirkwood	John Bell	"
C. L. Ranch	John Bell	"
John Food	George Leontes	"
Mrs. William Kirkwood	Fred B. Cook	"
Stella Kirkwood	John L. Ceder	"
John H. Bell	Peter Condict	"
Mrs. John Bell	Ernest Slugney	"
Chas. J. Way	Mrs. O. E. Beauregine	"
J. E. Burke Jr.	Mrs. Adele Murray	"
E. F. Renaud	J. P. Murray	"
P. B. M. Henry	Isabel G. White	"
Clarence Renaud	Wm. Black	"
Hammer L. Smith	E. R. Lill	"
Garris J. Liegry	Paul Michaela	"
Peter Roberts	Henry Bourne	"
Nick Silcott	Emmett Bourne	"
Harry Smith	Lillian Barnet	"
H. J. Martell	Edward Royer	"
Mathew Martell	Mrs. Edward Royer	"
John A. Graham	W. H. Wilson	"
W. E. Graham	James L. Liegry	"
Aaron Murray		"

# Citizens of Bradford Twp.

D. R. Houser

Mrs. M. M. Houser

Mrs. Ruth Houser

C. M. Lavigier

Mrs. Virgie Lavigier

H. S. Lavigier

Clair Gaffius

Mirinda E. Gaffius

Walter Krebs

Thomas Krebs

Matthew Graham

Lawrence Hunter

Walter Graham

Charles Graham

Bald Hill Coal Co.	Wright D. Sieley
Paul Smith	Rebecca P. Smith, Leconte mill, Pa.
C.E. Graham	" Alta L. Smith, " " "
Chas Lawrence	" John. Anna, " "
David Davidson	" Bowman Davidson, " "
Elie Hunter	" Charles E. Stiles, " "
Mr. W. D. Bell	" John. Walker, " "
Miss W. D. Bell	" Lucien Triponney, " "
A. A. Murray	" James Blood, " "
Mrs. A. Murray	" Anthony Mc Govern, " "
Frank Babbey	" Ernest B. Jarry, Bradford Twp.
H. Leyes Surveyor Pa	Ernest E. Walker
J. B. Smith Leconte mill	Mrs. Ernest Walker
Edward Dugay Leconte mill	Mrs. John Knepp
Lawrence Maine Leconte mill	Martin Knepp
Elie Graham	Mrs. Jeff. Maine
Joseph Bolists	" B. T. Maine
Arthur Merat	" G. W. Maine
Elmer Brown	Bessie V. Gausier
Bradford F. Krebs Woodland	R. D. J. B. Williams
Chas. A. Shilote	Mr. Frank English
Hattie Krebs	Maudie Harriet
Guy Shine	Newton Green
Boyd Graham	C. O. English
Mary Graham	J. F. English
Da Maine	R. E. Dale
Rebecca A. Maine	Maudie Hill
Mrs. James Miller	C. E. Mense
James Miller	Agatha French
Jane Knepp	J. M. Dodge
Elie Goffin	Maud Evans
Arnold French	J. B. Rephant
	D. B. Williams

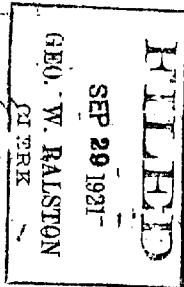
Now this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1921,

A. G. Kramer by . . . . ., E. D. Bellotte . . . 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.  
Singleton Bell  
(D).

No. 3 December Sessions 1921

IN RE APPLICATION FOR A BRIDGE  
BETWEEN BRADFORD AND GIRARD  
TOWNSHIPS



Bradford -	Bradford -
Vida Mains -	Martha Williams -
H. L. Graffis -	Maud Shirey -
Millie Graffis -	G. C. Williams -
John C. Kephart -	Wayne H. Shirey -
W. H. Kephart -	Albert Greene -
Mrs. Sarah Kephart -	John Shirey -
J. L. Bumgarner -	John M. McDonald -
Leon Mains -	Paul Harris -
Clara Kershaw -	R. B. Harris -
Miss Leon Mains -	Maud Harris -
J. W. Best -	Justice Kephart -
M. J. Knapp -	Reading & Old Coal Co -
W. F. Kephart -	Warden arranged -
James Graffis, J. W. Palmer, T. S. Woodling	Supervisors Bradford

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

IN RE APPLICATION FOR A  
BRIDGE BETWEEN BRADFORD  
TOWNSHIP AND GIRARD TOW-  
NSHIP

} 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'Laughlin  
John M. Derry  
Edward J. Muller  
Attorneys for Petitioners.

September 27<sup>th</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.

*W. C. Dugler*

Degler

Bigler Sivers for Bald Hill Bridge

W. D. Walker W. Eichard  
Ed. Lury  
C. A. Becker  
C. W. Maines  
John. L. Pearce  
L. S. Williams  
J. D. Knapp  
D. H. Rinchart  
H. R. Williams  
J. A. Waple  
H. H. Dibro  
W. Adams  
C. Clark Williams  
Samuel V. Stevens  
C. J. Ostie  
Edwin Gill  
H. B. Nearhood

Geo. W. Wilson  
H. L. Wilson  
G. J. Bowles  
Aram Pearce  
H. J. Peters  
W. D. Rinchart  
J. B. Hammel  
Wesley Lansberry  
Chas. B. Lantz

Bigler Liners

Joseph Peters

Patrick Maple

Ernest Williams

John Grity

W. W. Mullinder

Loyd Stevens

Jah n' Bussbagg

S. P. Bloom

James Barley

No. 3 December Sessions 921

IN RE APPLICATION FOR A

BRIDGE BETWEEN BRADFORD  
TOWNSHIP AND GIRARD TOWNSHIP

Supplemental Petition

29 1921

W. W. RAYGROVE

Attest, W. W. RAYGROVE

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 ~~penal~~ 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 option 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.

*Jasper Gallagher*  
*John R. Donnelly*  
*Edward J. Kelley*

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

.....  
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.

No. 3 December Sessions 1921

IN RE PETITION FOR BRIDGE  
BETWEEN BRADFORD AND GIRARD  
TOWNSHIPS

Petition to set aside action of  
Grand Jury

June 21, 1922  
John P. Resell  
John P. Resell  
John P. Resell

WALTER J. O'LAUGHLIN  
LOUIS R. J. HENRY  
EDWARD T. KELLEY  
ATTORNEY FOR LAW  
CLEARFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA

# 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 township 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 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. 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 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,

Geo W Ralston

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 nine (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~~ 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 Justin Kephart.

parties interested in the said bridge.

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 F Caldwell, G B Smith J M Palmer, E R Leiby, James O Leonard, Rebecca Smith, W F Luzier, H B Bungardner. 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 Billiotte, R S Graham, Walter Stever, James Flood, Elmer Jury, J H Bell, A J Bington, Anthony Luke, Thomas Luke, Joseph Luke Jr, Elzie Shirey, Byron Bungardner, Merlin C Knepp, Q E Beausaignea, 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, Ernest Jury, John Walker, Dundee Luzier, Joseph Baraclaugh.

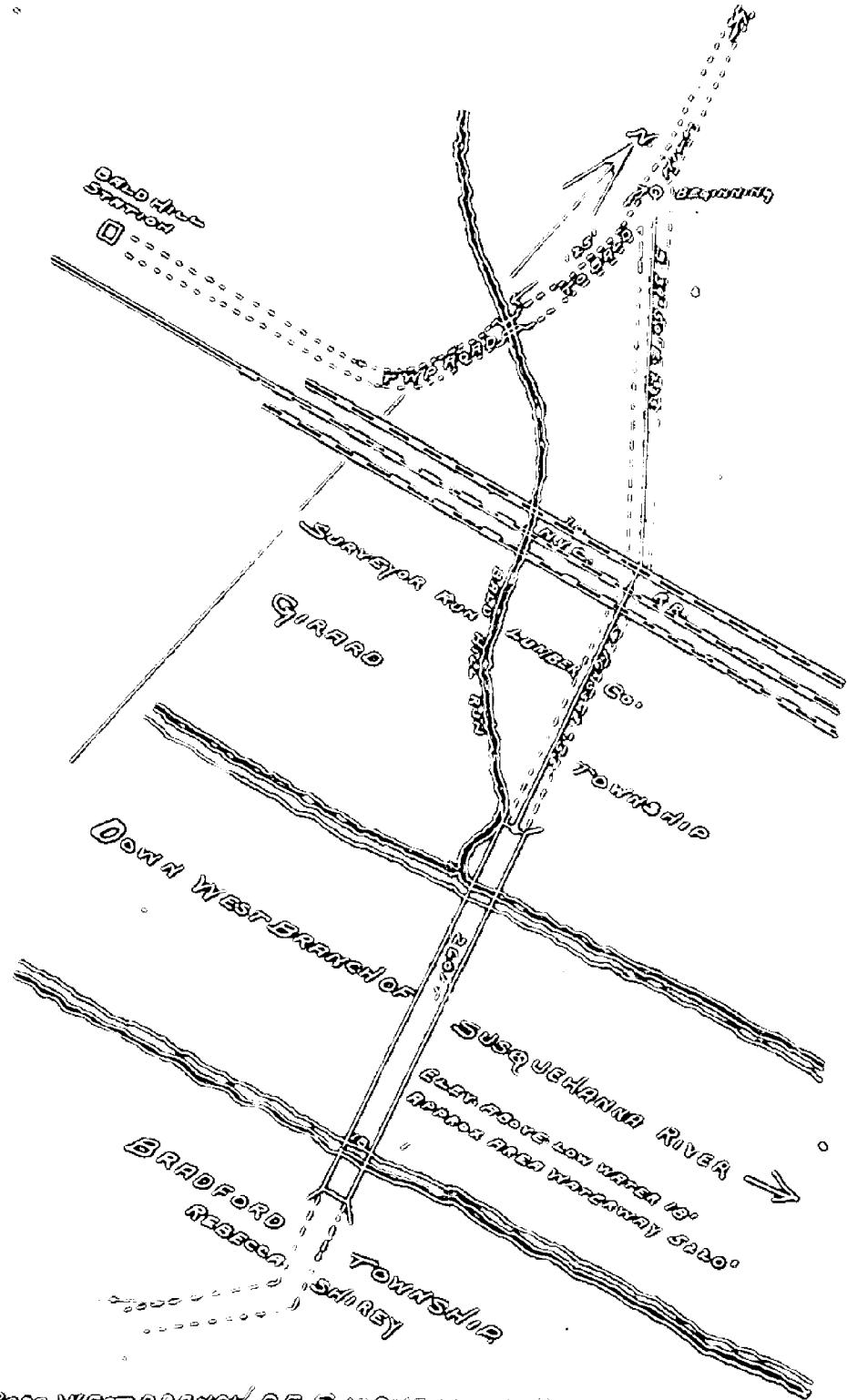
And that the said viewers all having been present at the view and after having made said view, do agree that there is a necessity for said bridge.

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 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 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 morter. 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 recomended, 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.



B.R.D. 1921 ACROSS WEST BRANCH OF SUSQUEHANNA RIVER  
NEAR BALD HILL STATION

CLEARFIELD COUNTY PA

VIEWED AND LAYED OUT OCT 25 1921 BY H.G. KRAMER Esq.  
E.D. BILLOFFE  
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 Bradford 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 Reesl  
E H Billotte

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 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

SEAL

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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 damages assessed*

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

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

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

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

A. G. Kramer  
N. A. Reese  
E. B. Billott

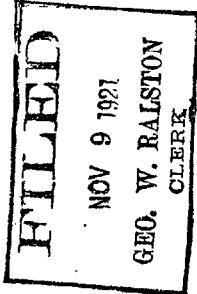
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Note. — Viewers will carefully note the number of days employed, and set the amount out at the foot of their return.  
Reviewers cannot interfere with damages assessed by the original viewers, except so far as the location may be changed by the reviewers.  
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. L. Kromer</u>	Days <u>4</u> \$ <u>30.00</u>
	Miles <u>2 1/2</u> \$ <u>1.20</u>
<u>H. F. Reed</u>	Days <u>3</u> \$ <u>3.00</u>
	Miles <u>1 1/2</u> \$ <u>.60</u>
<u>E. S. Billiotte</u>	Days <u>2</u> \$ <u>1.00</u>
	Miles <u>2 1/2</u> \$ <u>1.20</u>
	Days <u>1 1/2</u> \$ <u>.60</u>
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ORDER TO VIEW  
BRIDGE.

Filed 19  
Fees \$1.25, paid by         
O'Laughlin, Fenerty &  
Kelley Attorneys



Done 8 1921

The Linard Lucy  
on the vote on the proposed  
bridge in Bradford & Linard Township  
a divided opinion majority against  
said proposal.

W. H. Duff said -

J. H. Bailey foreman 0

Road

Dec. 1. 1921.

Bridge