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Petition of W. M. Stevenson for

Appt of Viewers to Assess damages

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

In Re : Petition of W. M. Stevenson  
Construction of State Highway : for the appointment of Viewers  
Route 313. :

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

The petition of W. M. Stevenson respectfully represents:  
1st; That he is the owner of a certain piece of land  
situate in the township of Morris, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania,  
along the highway leading from Philipsburg to Kylertown.

2nd; That the State Highway Commissioner of the State  
of Pennsylvania, has undertaken the construction of an improved  
State Highway known as Route No. 313, through said premises, a  
change of width and of existing lines and location being occa-  
sioned thereby.

3rd; That your petitioner has sustained damages by rea-  
son of said road construction, and he has been unable to agree  
with the County Commissioners of Clearfield County as to the  
damage sustained by him.

Your petitioner, therefore, prays the Court to appoint  
Viewers to ascertain and assess his damages, as provided by the  
Act of April 6, 1921, amending Section 16 of the Act of May 31,  
1911, P.L.468; said amendatory act being No. 62 of the Statutes  
of 1921, and as approved by other pertinent Acts of Assembly.

Wm. Stevenson

Clearfield County, SS:

Personally appeared before me the subscriber, W. M. Stevenson, who being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Sworn & Subscribed before me :  
this 24 day of April 1922. : Wm Stevenson

Wm Stevenson  
Notary Public

In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County, Pa.

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In Re

Construction of state highway, Route No. 313

PETITION OF W.M. STEVENS  
For Appointment of Viewers

May 14 1921, A. L. Edwards  
Chairman of the W.M. Stevens  
Commission to file  
as a boundary line.

For the Com  
S. S. Johnson, Esq.

JOHN C. ARNOLD  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
CLEARFIELD, PA.

Clearfield County, ss:

At a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Clearfield, held at Clearfield, Pa., in and for said County, on the 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred twenty-two

W. M. Stevenson

Judge of the same Court: Upon the petition of ~~Wm. M. Stevenson~~  
~~Highwayman~~ of the Township of Morris

in said County, setting forth that he is the owner of a certain piece of land situate in said Twp. along the highway leading from Philipsburg to Kylertown. That the State Highway Commissioner has undertaken the construction of an improved state highway known as Route No. 313, through said premises a change of width and of existing lines and location being occasioned thereby. That your petitioner has been unable to agree with the County Commissioners as to the damage sustained by him

and therefore, praying the Court to appoint proper persons to view and lay out the road between the points mentioned, whereupon the Court upon due consideration had of the premises, do order and appoint from and among the County Board of Viewers A. L. Edwards, Harry Reese and J. W. Spangle

who have been duly appointed by the Court and filed their oaths of office and are duly qualified to perform the duties of their appointment with impartiality, and according to the best of their judgement, are to view the ground proposed for the said road, and if they view the same, and a majority of the actual viewers agree that there is occasion for such road they shall proceed to lay out the same, as agreeable to the desire of the petitioner as may be, having respect to the best ground for a road and the shortest distance, in such a manner as to do the least injury to private property; and shall make report thereof, stating particularly whether they judge the same necessary for a public or private road, together with a plot or draft thereof, and the courses and distances and references to the improvements through which the same may pass; (and wherever practicable, the viewers shall lay out the said road at an elevation not exceeding five degrees, except at the crossing of ravines and streams, when by moderate filling and bridging the declination of the road may be preserved within that limit,) to the next Court of Quarter Sessions to be held for the said County.

And if the viewers aforesaid shall decide in favor of locating a public road, they shall obtain from the persons through whose lands the said road shall pass, releases from any damages that may arise to them on opening the same; but if the owner or owners of such land refuse to release their claim to damages, the said viewers shall assess the same, taking into view the advantages as well as disadvantages arising from said location, and make report of such assessments; which report they shall in like manner transmit to the next Court of Quarter Sessions, with the draft or plot aforesaid. In which said reports they shall state that they have been sworn or affirmed according to law, and that due and legal notice was given of the time when, and place where, they should meet, to view and lay out said road, and the time and place of hearing

By order of the Court.

Geo W. Ralston, Clerk.

# RETURN OF VIEWERS

To the Honorable the Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Clearfield:

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, be leave to report as follows:

That notice of the time of view and of the hearing day was duly served according to law upon the Commissioners of Clearfield County and the Board of Supervisors of the Township of

\_\_\_\_\_ and that \_\_\_\_\_ notices thereof were posted along the route of the proposed road, that the said view would be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 192<sup>2</sup>, and the hearing to be held in the Arbitration Room, at the Court House, in Clearfield, Pa., on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 192<sup>2</sup>, at 11 o'clock A. M. That \_\_\_\_\_ viewers appointed by the said order viewed the ground proposed for the above mentioned road, and that there were present at the view A. L. Edwards, Harry Ruse, J. W. Spangle, viewers, Wm. M. Stevenson.

parties in interest. That the hearing was held in the Arbitration Room, in the Court House, at Clearfield, Pa., on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 192<sup>2</sup>, when the following appearances were noted: A. L. Edwards, Harry Ruse, J. W. Spangle, viewers. Jno. C. Arnold Atty for claimant, W. M. Stevenson, Wm. Sled. County Commissioners, F. A. Dale & W. M. Lewis & A. N. Woodward Esq. for County Commissioners.

After the view and hearing above mentioned, the undersigned, the majority of the said viewers, do agree that there is \_\_\_\_\_ occasion for a road as desired by the petitioner, and that the same is \_\_\_\_\_ necessary for a \_\_\_\_\_ road: And having had respect to the shortest distance and the best ground for such road we have laid out in such manner as shall do the least injury to private property, and as far as practicable agreeably to the desire of the petitioner, and do return for \_\_\_\_\_ use the following described road, to wit Beginning After hearing the testimony of witnesses which was as follows.

1 Damage

This ground, 15 x 248 just taken

6 elmside trees

Witnesses testified depreciation of property was \$2000.  
Claimant claims house will have to be moved back from  
road & had estimates of contractors on hand to show what  
it would cost to move same. Estimates being \$1843.35 &  
\$1824.95 respectively.

Viewers award damage as follows →

and that a plan or draft of said road showing courses and distances and the properties affected is hereto attached and made a part hereof, said road being at an elevation not exceeding five degrees, excepting \_\_\_\_\_

when it was not practical to preserve it within that limit.

The undersigned further report that they endeavored to procure from all the owners of the land over which the said road passes releases in writing of all claims to damages that may arise from opening the same, and that they procured such releases from \_\_\_\_\_

the following persons having refused to release the damages to which they respectfully may be entitled by reason of the location and opening of the said road, we, the undersigned viewers, after having considered the advantages to be derived to them, do assess them damages and make report thereof as follows: W. M. Stevenson \$ 250<sup>00</sup> XY

and we herewith return releases obtained and copy of the notices.

WITNESS our hands and seals this 9th day of October  
A. D. 1922:

A. L. Edwards. Seal  
H. A. Reese Seal  
James W. Spangle Seal  
Seal

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NOTE.—In case of a private road, the release must be executed in favor of the petitioner for said road.

Also, viewers will carefully note the number of days employed and set the amount out at the foot of their return.

Reviewers cannot interfere with the 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 road, they will report to that effect.

## ORDER

To view and assess damages to  
x~~and~~ for W.M. Stevenson      in the  
township of Morris     ,  
Clearfield County Penna.

— Sessions, 19 —, read and confirmed Ni. Si. Road to be opened 33 feet wide, except where there is side hill cutting or embankment and bridgins, there to be 16 feet wide.

Filed 19  
Fees \$1.25 paid by  
**John C. Arnold, Atty.**

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## RELEASE OF DAMAGES

Know all Men by these Presents, that we, the undersigned, owners of lands through which the road located by the viewers, under the annexed order, passes for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to us respectively paid by \_\_\_\_\_

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 respectfully by reason of the location and opening of the said road, 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 and opening of the road aforesaid.*

*Witness our hands and seals this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_*

— Seal. — Seal. — Seal. — Seal.