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Petition for Bridge  
in Curwensville Boro;

Versus

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

The petition of the undersigned citizens and residents  
of Curwensville Borough, respectfully represent;

That they labor under great inconvenience for want of  
the building and erection of a bridge across Anderson Creek,  
said bridge being the extension of Walnut Street in said Bor-  
ough of Curwensville.

That the expense of the erection of said bridge is  
greater than the Municipality can bear and a greater burden  
than the inhabitants of the Borough can bear, and it is desired  
that the County of Clearfield pay the total amount of the cost  
of the construction of the same.

Your petitioners therefore pray your Honor to appoint  
proper persons to view the premises and to make recommendations  
in form of report to the Court, and they will ever pray.

NAMES

J. R. Johnson  
E. S. Erhard  
R. H. Hoes  
Anthony Hile  
Wm. F. Lurvey  
B. F. Moore  
T. D. Smail  
John White  
Lloyd Stillman

NAMES

J. F. Smith  
J. O. Booth  
J. P. Richards  
Thos. E. Sheridan  
Peter G. Sander

M. J. M. Shadden  
Harry Fisher  
George D. Stopp.  
William Freeman.  
Francis J. Mallon  
J. E. M. Shadden...  
a. z. wolf  
C. D. Norris  
W. L. Daly  
J. M. Kelly  
Chas. Strauss  
J. G. Haley.  
O. M. Stine  
O. R. Campbell.  
Van. Williams  
Frank Bennett

CLEARFIELD COUNTY: SS:

J. R. Johnson one of the above named petitioners, being duly sworn according to law says the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true.

Sworn & Subscribed before me:

this 31<sup>st</sup> day of Dec. 1923. :

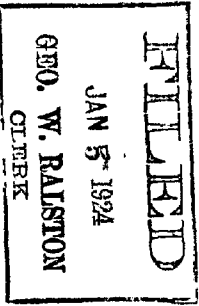
J. R. Johnson

John A. Daley

NOTARY PUBLIC  
CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PA.  
COMMISSION EXPIRES FEB  
1925

Feb 20 1924

January 5, 1924. A. H. Kinnear Esq., C. A. Ballou Esq. and Henry  
Rice are appointed trustees as follows:  
Pay Mrs. Couch  
Ingdon Road  
M



Couch

# 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

5th day of January, A. D. 19 24

before Judge of said Court, upon a petition of sundry inhabitants of the ~~xxx~~

~~xxx~~ Borough of Curwensville in said County, setting forth

that they labor under great inconvenience for

want of the building and erection of a bridge across Anderson Creek,  
said bridge being the extension of Walnut Street in said Borough of  
Curwensville.

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. Billotte, Esq. 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 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 the Chief Burgess and president of the Borough Council of the Borough of Curwensville

and that ~~three~~ three notices thereof were posted ~~at and near the~~ at and near the location of said bridge, giving notice that the view would be held on Thursday,

~~the~~ the ~~24th,~~ 24th, ~~-----~~ ----- day of January ~~-----~~ ----- A. D. 1924, at Two

~~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~~ the ~~25th,~~ 25th, ~~-----~~ ----- day of January ~~-----~~ ----- A. D. 1924, at Nine o'clock A. M.

And that the said viewers met at ~~-----~~ the site or proposed location of said bridge, where ~~the public road leading from~~ Walnut Street in the Borough of

~~Curwensville~~ Curwensville ~~-----~~ ----- on

the 25th day of January A. D. 1924 at nine o'clock A. M. and that there

were present at the view E. S. Earhard Chief Burgess and Ralph Hess President and other members of the Borough Council including a number of the citizens of the said Borough interested in said bridge.

parties interested in favor of said bridge.

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, across Anderson Creek on said street which connects with the Township road leading through Pike Township to the Borough of Grampian on which there is considerable travel besides quite a number of school children who reside in the Borough of Curwensville to and from school and the people residing on said side of the creek to get over to town, The viewers are therefore fully convinced that a bridge at said point is badly needed to supply the place of the old Iron bridge at said point lately broken down and entirely destroyed.

They would therefore recommend That an eyebar flat Arch steel Beam two span bridge be erected across said Creek where Walnut Street in the said Borough of Curwensville crossed said creek to supply the one that lately broke down. That said bridge to be one hundred and twenty <sup>120</sup> feet in length composed of two spans each span to be sixty (60) feet in length with a pier in the centre and to have a roadway eighteen (18) feet in width in the clear ~~and~~ <sup>with</sup> a concrete floor, with one four foot foot walk on the side of the bridge up the stream with a substantial iron hand or

guard rail on the upper side well secured, the floor of the side walk to be of two inch oak or pine plank well fastened down.

The abutments there now are in the opinion of the viewers of sufficient strength and of sufficient hights to permit all the the flow of water at all times of said stream to pass through; but in order to widen the bridge to an eighteen (18) foot drive way in the opinion of the viewers is necessary for the amount of travel over said bridge, with a four (4) foot wide foot walk it will be necessary to increase the length of the said abutments some eight (8) feet in length and to construct a pier of same highth and length as the abutments in the middle of the stream. They would therefore recomend that the extension or addition of the abutments and also the pier rest on solid bottom down the same depth as the abutments there now or deeper down if necessary to rest on solid bottom and the addition to the abutments and the pier be composed of stone laid in cement mortar or constructed of Concrete.

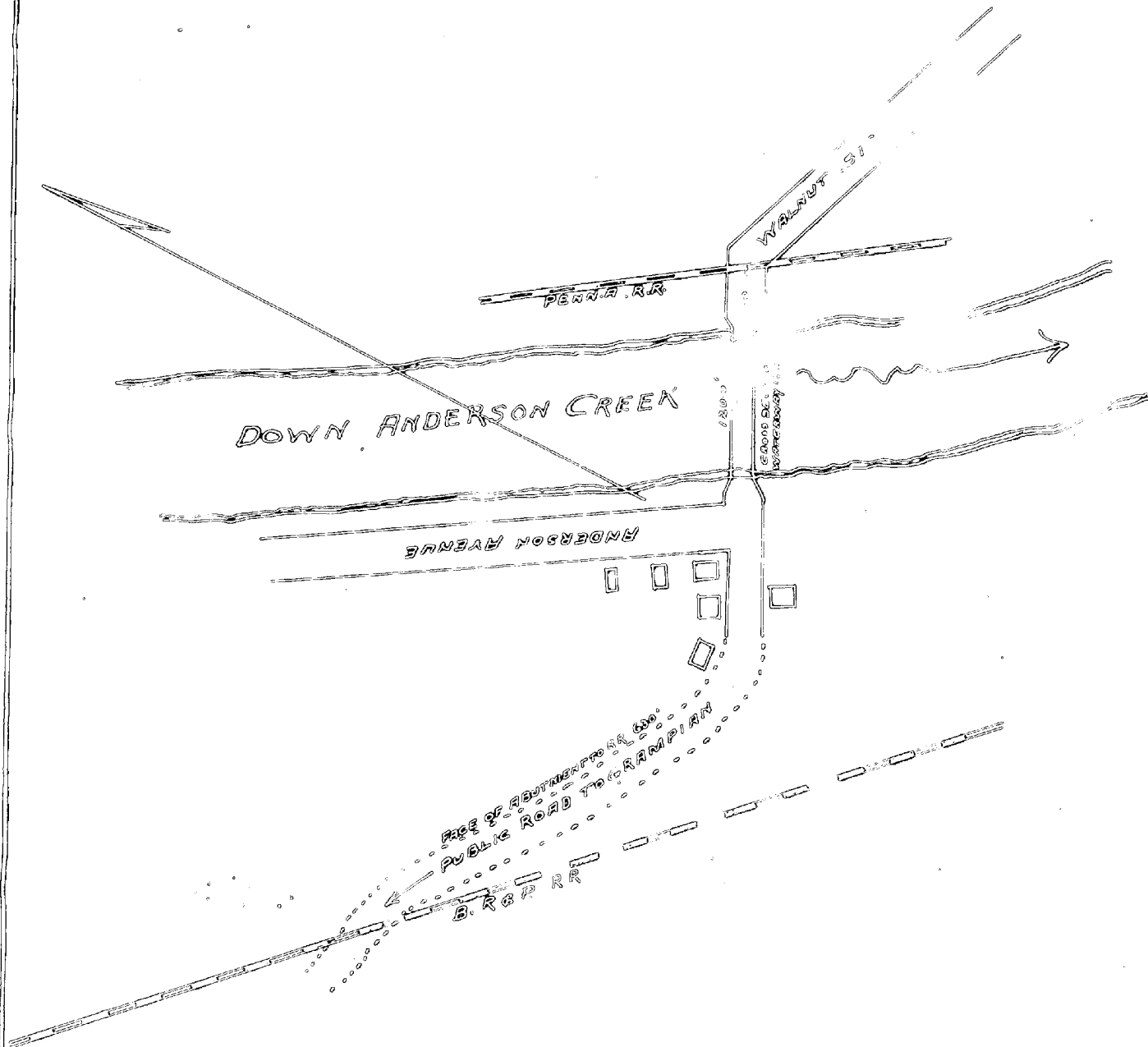
And that in the opinion of the viewers the approximate cost of the construction of said bridge as recommended will be about eighteen thousand (\$18,000.00) dollars which amount, owing to the financial condition of the borough with an assessed valuation of the entire property of the borough for taxation of only \$668.640 with an already bonded indebtedness on the borough alone without the indebtedness of the school almost up to the limit of \$39,750 with a tax leavy for borough purposes alone of 28 mills will be to heavy and burdensome on the burough of Curwensville alone to bear. They therefore recomend that two thirds of the cost of the construction of said bridge be paid by the County and the remaining one third by the Borough of Curwensville.

No one being damaged by the erection of said bridge therefore no damages are assessed.

WITNESS our hands and seals this the 30th day of January A. D. 1924.

A. G. Kramer (SEAL)  
E. D. Billotte (SEAL)  
H. A. Rees (SEAL)





BRIDGE IN CURWENSVILLE BORO  
CLEARFIELD COUNTY PA  
VIEWED JAN. 27 - 1924 BY  
H.C. KRAMER ESQ.  
E.D. BILLOTTE  
H.A. REESE

TO. JESSE. E. DALE, T. R. WEIMER AND BLAKE. W. McCRACKEN.  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OF CLEARFIELD, COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

You are hereby notified that the undersigned viewers appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County Pennsylvania to view a site for a County Bridge across Anderson Creek on the extension across said Creek in the Borough of Curwensville; which said Street connects with the public road leading to the Borough of Gramplan at a point in Pike Township to the Borough of Curwensville in the County aforesaid, will meet at the proposed location of said bridge in the Borough of Curwensville on Thursday the 24th day of January A. D. 1924 at two (2) 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 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 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 Friday the 25th day of January A. D. 1924 at nine (9) o'clock A. M. when and where all parties interested either in favor of or against said bridge if found necessary <sup>to</sup> be erected as a County bridge at the expense of the County or not. may appear and be heard.

*A. J. Kramer,*  
*E. D. Billotts,*  
*H. A. Keese*

VIEWERS.

Now Jan'y / 6 1924 service accepted for the County Commissioners of Clearfield County Pa. and time waived.

*L. C. Norris*  
Clerk.

TO: Dr. E. S. Earhard CHIEF BURGESS AND Ralph. Hess  
PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND JOHN. A. DALE SECRETARY  
OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CURWENSVILLE, CLEARFIELD  
COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA.

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interested either in favor of or against said bridge if found nec-  
essary to be erected as a county bridge may appear and be heard.

A. G. Kramer  
E. W. Billette  
H. A. Reese

VIEWERS.

Now Jan'y 16th 1924 service accepted for E. S. Earhard Chief Burgess  
Ralph Hess President of the Borough Council and John A Dale  
Secretary, and time waived.

Arnold & Meier  
Atys for Commune  
Boro

## *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 \_\_\_\_\_



## *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:

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

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

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

Witness our hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 191 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*And that Attorney P. J. 1924 in the Grand Jury  
 supported for the County, spent for and paid for  
 Attorney's fees in the matter of the Grand Jury in the  
 year 1924, the amount of \$2,484.88 (2,484.88) do  
 hereby recommend that the County be reimbursed  
 the amount of the cost of the Grand Jury, and  
 estimate to the cost of the Grand Jury (75%) the cost of 2  
 estimates, namely, for present (75%) the cost of 2  
 the same - the total amount of the estimate by the  
 County, recommended by the Grand Jury, the amount  
 cost to the County and estimated by the Grand Jury, the  
 Grand Jury is to be reimbursed by the same. It is  
 and it is to cost, after the same is considered, it is  
 further recommended that the County be reimbursed  
 Attorney P. J. 1924*

No. 2 February 19 24  
 Order to view Bridge for  
 Public use in  
 BOROUGH OF CURWENSVILLE

ORDER TO VIEW  
 BRIDGE.

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Filed  
 FEB 9 1924  
 GEO. W. RALSTON  
 Fees \$1.25, paid by

Arnold & Platt  
 Attorney.

FILED  
 JAN 31 1924  
 GEO. W. RALSTON  
 CLERK

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.