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Bridges
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Curwensville across
Susquehanna River

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To the Honorable

above due March 1888

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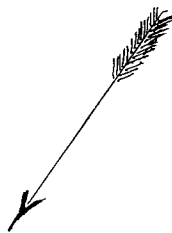
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To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace
now holding a Court of General Sessions at ^{January} Jan. Term 1872,

The undersigned, John L. Little, John Withersow, and Henry Swan,
viewers appointed by your Honors, in accordance with the Order of Court
hereto annexed. Respectfully Report:

That after having given due timely, and legal notice
of the time and place of meeting of the viewers, by advertisements posted in
public places for more than Five Days before making the view, and being duly
sworn or affirmed according to law to perform the duties of our appointment
with impartiality and fidelity, proceeded to view the site proposed for said
Bridge, and found that the abutments of an old bridge had been partially
rebuilt, and raised so as to be fully Eighteen Feet above low water mark, making
a permanent and substantial foundation for an Iron Bridge, the structure
for which is upon the ground, and in course of erection, that the space
between the abutments is One hundred and twenty one (121) feet, the bridge is
to be a single span, thus avoiding the erection of a central pier, which was
under the former bridge, and which caused heavy losses by rafts stowing on
account of the nearness of a Mill dam erected in the river immediately above
the bridge site, which losses in certain stages of the water was unavoidable
and we deem the said Bridge necessary, and that it will be too expensive
for the Boro of Brunswickville and Pike Township to bear, for the reason that
the inhabitants of the Townships of Knox, Ferguson, Jordan, Baccaria, Sheet,
Bell, Burnside, and Kuelich, and Boro of New Washington are interested
in its erection; and the early completion of the Rail way to Brunswickville
which will be the point of distribution for Passengers and Freight for all the
said Townships, will cause said bridge to be an imperative necessity.
Your viewers would further state that the bridge which formerly occupied the
proposed site, was erected under a charter granted by the Legislature of Penna
which charter has been surrendered to the Commissioners of Clearfield County

The people of the Town of Curranville and township of Pike have subscribed between Four and Five Thousand Dollars towards the erection of the proposed Bridge in expectation that substantial aid would be given by the County to make it a Free Bridge. We would further state, that danger from fire is another reason why aid should be extended for the erection and completion of said Bridge, as buildings of combustible materials are erected at each end of it, which would insure its destruction, should they be destroyed by fire, if built of wood, whilst an Iron Bridge would escape.

All which is respectfully submitted.
A Plan of said site is hereto attached

Wm. L. Pytler
The Mayor
John Witherow

Clearfield County 33: -

At a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Clearfield, held at Clearfield, in and for said County, on the 26th day of September A.D. 1873. before the Judges of the said Court, upon the petition of Sundry inhabitants of the townships of Pike and of the Borough of Cummerville, in said County, setting forth, — that there is a public road or highway — leading ~~across~~ from the Borough of Cummerville across the West Branch of the Susquehanna river at the Susquehanna House, ~~into~~ ^{into} Pike township — at which place the said river is the Boundary line between the said borough and township, — and that it is necessary to erect a bridge across the said river at that place and that the erection of the same requires more expense than it is reasonable the said township and borough should bear; And praying the Court to order a view and appoint viewers to view the site of said bridge (being the site or place where the old bridge stood) and report to the said Court whether the erection of said bridge is necessary and would be too expensive for said township and borough to bear, and such other facts as it may be proper to inform the Court relating to the same, &c.

Whereupon, the Court upon due consideration had of the premises, do order and appoint John L. Leutle, Henry Swan and John Witherow who after being respectively sworn or affirmed to perform the duties of their appointment with impartiality and fidelity, are to view the site and ground proposed for said bridge and report to the said Court whether the erection of said bridge is necessary, and whether it would be too expensive for said township and

brought to bear, and any other facts relating to the same
which in the opinion of said viewers should be by them
reported to the court together with a plot or draft
thereof &c

A. L. Tate
15 Clerk

In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield Co. Pa.

Application having been made to said Court at September Term A.D. 1873 setting forth that there is a public road or highway leading from the Borough of Cummansville across the West Branch of the Susquehanna river at the Susquehanna House into Pike township, at which place the said river is the boundary line between the said borough and township, — And that it is necessary to erect a bridge across the river at that place, and that the erection of the same requires more expense than it is reasonable the said township and borough should bear; —

And thereupon ~~the~~ said John L. Cuttle, H. Swan & John Withersow having been duly appointed viewers to view the site of said bridge and report to the Court; — thereupon the said viewers having performed their duties according to law, do report that they deem the said bridge necessary and that it is too expensive for the said borough of Cummansville and Pike township to bear.

Now the said Court of Quarter Sessions and the Commissioners of said County, acting under the provisions of the Act of Assembly entitled, "An act in reference to Bridges in Clearfield County, approved April 16th A.D. 1870, having had a careful estimate made in reference to the erection of said Bridge to fix and ascertain the sum necessary to be appropriated by the County to be paid out of its Treasury, towards the erection of Bridge aforesaid at the sum of Six thousand ————— dollars.

It appearing to the Court and Commissioners that said Bridge is necessary and too expensive for said Boro. of Cummansville & township of Pike to bear, upon the concurrence and approval of the Grand Jury of said County to whom the same is submitted for approval, it is directed that the same be entered in record as a County Bridge, and entitled to receive the above appropriation in the manner provided by law. — Witness the seal of said Court and the Seal of said County this 14th day of January A.D. 1874. —

Attest

L. B. Goodlander
clerk

J. J. Courteret
J. D. Thompson

} Commrs.

Now Oct. 1st 1874 the Court of Quarter Sessions
of Clearfield County Pa. concur in the foregoing
Statement or decision of the Commissioners of
Clearfield County Pa. fixing and ascertaining
the sum ~~the~~ necessary to be appropriated
by the County, out of its Treasury, towards the erec-
tion of the bridge said bridge leading from the
Borough of Cummerville across the West
Branch of the Susquehanna river at the Susque-
hanna House into Pike Township, at six thousand
dollars and direct the same to come to be ^{submitted} ~~presented~~
to the Grand Jury at this term (Known as the September
Term 1874) for their approval or disapproval.

By the Court

Approved Oct- 15 AD 1874
Wm Luther
Foreman

Now Jan. 13th 1874 the Court of Quarter Sessions, and
the Commissioners, of Clearfield County, Pa. hereby find
and ascertain the sum necessary to be appropriated by
the County, out of its Treasury, towards the Erection
of said Bridge to be

and the said Court and Commissioners further say
that it appears to them from the evidence before
them that the bridge referred to in the annexed order
of view and report of viewers is necessary, and
would be too expensive for the Borough of Cummens-
ville and township of Pike to bear, and that the
said Bridge be upon the approval and concurrence
of the Grand Jury in the facts and matters herein set-
forth, Entered on record as a County bridge, & entitled
to receive ^{the} above appropriation in accordance with Law.

Dec. 17. Sept. 88. 1873.

Order to View & Report
Bridge site across the
Loughmanua River
at Cummerville

Disapproved.

Henry Balth Foreman

Report filed 12 May 74

Approval of the Sept
1874 G. Jury filed 15 Oct 1874

Michaels, Co. Clearfield