

No. 3 Jan. Term, 1875.

Change Sp. lines

^{vs.}
Between

Jordan & Fergusson

Contents,

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of
Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County.

The petition of the undersigned, inhabitants of
the Townships of Ferguson and Jordan in said
County, respectfully represents,

That the line
between the Townships of Ferguson and Jordan
in said County as now established, is so loca-
-ted in a zigzag or irregular course as to
make said Townships very irregular in
shape, and the lines hard to find. That the
lines as located make it very inconvenient
for the Citizens living in the Southern part
of Ferguson Township, there being no Schools
within any reasonable distance from where
they live. That the convenience of the in-
-habitants of both of said Townships would
be greatly promoted, by altering the line
between said Townships as follows. Viz:
To begin at a point on the line between said
Townships, being the common corner of the
George Slough; Daniel Frank; Adam Reigh-
-art, and John Graff surveys - thence to
run through Ferguson Township, by the
line between the said Adam Reighart and John
Graff tracts, till it strikes the Eastern or North
Eastern line of said tracts and also runs
into or with the Jordan Township line -

Also to begin at the common corner of the
Thomas Musser; Thomas Grant; Abraham

Scott, and the Samuel Scott Survey - thence
 to run through Ferguson Township, on the line between
 the said Abraham & Samuel Scott surveys,
 until it strikes a point from which, a line
 running parallel with the track lines, in a
 South Easterly direction, will cross the line
 between lands of H^{rs} Thurston and Eastern
 Lewis, about seventy rods North East of said
 Thurston's improvements - Thence from said
 point along said line running parallel
 with the track lines in a South Easterly di-
 rection, until it strikes the Jordan Town-
 ship line -

The Petitioners, therefore, pray the Court
 to alter the lines of the said Townships of
 Ferguson and Jordan as aforesaid, so as
 to suit the convenience of the inhabitants
 thereof -

And they will ever pray &c -

James	James
John	John
Peter Summers	W ^m G. Williams
Nyhusier Curry	James W. Johnston
William Curry Jr	J. W. Wither
Wm. H. Hinton	Wm. H. Mitchell
Sharon Witheright	Conrad Barrett
James A. Roney	Joseph B. Brown
Abraham Bloom	B. H. Swann
Joseph Patterson	Peter Hinton
James W. Hinton	John H. Hinton
Frank Barrett	John Smith
mark	

Clearfield County SS:

Hiram Barrett one of the
above named Petitioners being duly affirmed
according to law, says that the facts set
forth in the foregoing petition are true and
correct to the best of his knowledge and
belief.

Affirmed & subscribed

this 4th day of January
A.D. 1885, before me.

his
Hiram Barrett
mark

Cyrus Kierulff
Notary Public

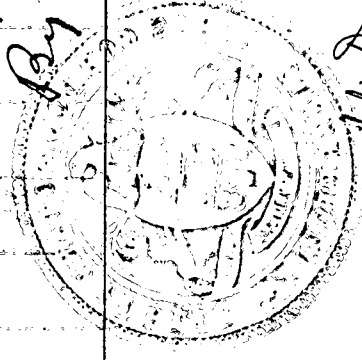
No. 3. Jan 1 875

Petition of inhabitants
of Ferguson and Dor-
lan Townships for a
change of Township lines
as within described
between said two Town-
ships.

Filed 22 January 1875

Now Jan'y 22nd A.D. 1875
the within petition read
and considered, and the
following persons, to wit: S. F.
McLennan, Aug. Whitcomb, and
Anthony Hill,
are appointed Commissioners
ers. to view and consider the
propriety of changing the
township lines as within prayed for.

By the Court
J. W. D.
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For change of Township
lines for all townships.

See Proceedings Aug. 29/73

Change for School purposes
as within.

See Proceedings pg 237

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Rule to take Depositions.

CLEARFIELD COUNTY, SS:

Petition of *Shaw et al.*
vs
Change line of
Garrison & Jordan

In the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County, Pa.,

No. _____ TERM, 187

And now, to wit, the 13th day of September, in the year of our Lord

one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six

the Defendants enter a rule to take the Depositions of ancient, infirm and going witnesses, to be read in evidence on the arguments of this case.

Ex parte rule of defendant on 10 days' notice.

Eli Bloom
Prothonotary.

To Murray Gordon Esq.

You will please take notice, that in pursuance of the foregoing rule, Depositions will be taken before William Radabaugh Notary Public

in and for the county of Clearfield, at his office, in the Borough of Clearfield in the county of Clearfield, and State of Pennsylvania, on the 25th day of September, A. D. 1876, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A M., and 6 o'clock, P M., when and where you may attend and cross-examine.

Clearfield, Pa., Sept 13th, 1876

Wm M Cullough

Nov 5th 13" 1896
within notice money
on no day copy -
Murray Bay Harbor
Cottage -

Depositions of witnesses pronounced sworn or affirmed and examined before me, on the 25th day of September 1887, at the Office of Wm W M Cullough Esq in the Borough of Clearfield Pa. between the 10 o'clock AM & 6 o'clock PM. by virtue of the annexed rule of the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County Pa & notice hereto attached for the taking of testimony to be read in evidence on argument of a certain cause depending in said Court in the matter of Changing Township lines between Ferguson & Jordan Townships in said County.

Joseph Patterson pronounced and affirmed says - Before the Township lines were changed, I lived in Ferguson Twp. I lived on part of John Croff survey which was stricken off into Jordan Twp. I did not sign the petition for the change of lines. I did not desire at that time to go back into Jordan. We had been paying a heavy building & poor tax in Ferguson & I didn't want to change. I think that a school & poor taxes are not so heavy in Ferguson as in Jordan. There is no building tax now in Ferguson Twp. There will have to be an additional School House built in Jordan Twp if these lines are changed. Hiram Barrett lives in Jordan Twp. This change of lines takes off part of two School Districts in Ferguson Twp. Since Greenway

Twp was taken off with the change it makes it ~~about~~ ^{about} ~~than~~ a mile wide at ~~South~~ ^{North} Western End - Of the signers to the petition for change of line eight lived in Ferguson Twp. & thirteen in Jordan Twp. I never saw the petition & never signed it - but I see by the petition that my name is on it - I might have said something to James Williams that would have justified him in signing my name to it - Williams agreed to pay my building tax if I would not oppose the change -

Cross Ex.

I don't think Williams would have signed my name to that petition without authority from me. The new line runs along my property. The new School House they are building in Jordan Twp is further from my place than the ~~Straw~~ School House in Ferguson Twp and there is no public road leading to it. The children of Abram Bloom before the change went to school in Jordan Twp by an arrangement with the Directors - So far as Curry & Bloom were concerned it was an advantage to them for School purpose to have change made. I oppose the taxes the Ferguson & Jordan Twp are about equal except that this change necessitates the building of a new house in Jordan Twp. They are now building ~~the~~ new School House - Let at \$490. - Joseph Patterson

Orange Thurston. Proposed & sworn says. I lived in Ferguson Twp before the change of lines. I didn't sign

The petition for a change of lines - I don't want to be struck off in Jordan Twp. This change of lines ~~took~~ ^{part of} off my Soli District. I will now have to send my children to the new Soli House in Jordan Twp which is from $1/4$ to $1/2$ miles - It is about same distance from my house as the Ferguson Twp one was where I sent before. The road to new Soli is not travelled as much as to the other one ^{it is} muddier. There is more cleared land along ~~the new one~~ ^{than} along the new. I wouldn't consider that there is much difference between the two roads so far as to children going over them to school. The change makes no difference in N^o of Schools in Ferguson Twp.

Cross Ex. The exposure to children by cold weather would be more on ~~the~~ old to old School House than to the new one.

Orange Jameson

C. J. Shoff. produced & affirmed says I live in Ferguson Twp. I live between $1/4$ & $1/2$ a mile from New Twp line at Joe Pattersons. My land joins Pattersons. As a citizen of Ferguson Twp I did not want the change made. The change takes that much taxable property off of our Twp. The new School House is on the Mieser Survey about $1/2$ mile from where the old line was. I think.

C. J. Shoff

Wm J. Wiley. Introduced & sworn says. - I am a citizen of Ferguson Twp & I live about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from near Twp line along Jos Patterson's farm. Have same No of Schools to keep up now as before. The new Sch House is on John Musser tract a little over one third of distance from Samuel Scott to John Graff survey - and less than one half the way up the John Musser tract. I didn't want this change made.

W. J. Wiley

James Ferguson. Introduced & sworn says. - I live in Ferguson Twp, live about $2\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Orange Hurston. Didn't want this change made. This change takes off part of my Sch District. Still have same No of Schools to keep up in Ferguson Twp. I was informed by Treas of Sch Board that the change made a difference of about \$76. in school tax in Ferguson, at val & assessment of 1875.

James Ferguson

I do hereby certify that the above witnesses were duly qualified & examined at the time & place stated in above caption and subscribed their depositions in my presence. Further that it was agreed that the depositions should be taken before me instead of before Wm Radbrack Esq.

Cyrus Gordon
Notary Public.

Petition to change
dividing line

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Deputation

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Joe Patterson, 1st no
Brewer Steward
C. J. Shoff - 1st
W. J. Wiley 1st
W. J. Jorgensen 1st
Cyrus Winton 1st

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James Ferguson

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To The Hon Judges within named

We, the undersigned persons appointed by the annexed order of Court to view, and report as to the propriety of changing the line between Jordan and Turgerson Townships, Respectfully report: That having given notice of the time, and place of meeting, according to the Act of Assembly, and being all present at the view of the line proposed to be changed, and being all sworn at pursuant of the said Order, we have viewed the line, and Recommend that the Change be made as follows, viz: Beginning at a Post corner of Warrants in the name of Daniel Frank, and George Slough, Adeline Reighart, and John Graff, a corner now of Jordan Township, Thence on the line between Adam Reighart, and John Graff, North fifty two and a half degrees East, Two Hundred and twenty seven perches to a Post: cor of said tracts, and tracts in the name of Thomas Grant and John Mussen, And to Begin at the Post corner of Thomas Grant, and John Mussen, and Abram, & Samuel Scott, and continue between the said Abrams & Samuel Scott tracts, Two hundred and twenty one perches to a Hemlock, the North East corner of William Thurston's land, Thence along the line between Him and Easton Lewis South Thirty seven and a half degrees East Two Hundred and twenty perches to a Post, Thence along the line of said William Thurston, and Thomas Strong South fifty two degrees west Forty six perches to a Post, Thence along the line between the said Strong, and Hiram Straw South Thirty seven degrees East One Hundred and six perches to the line of Jordan Township, A Draft whereof is hereto Annexed.

Witness our Hands this

31st day of May A.D. 1875.

(Red lines represent the Part changed)

Anthony Hill
S. J. McClosky

Benj. Hearnshaw

} Viewers

Road Viewers' Report.

CLEARFIELD COUNTY, SS:

At a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Clearfield, held at Clearfield, in and for said county, on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1875, before the Judges of the said Court, upon the petition of sundry inhabitants of the township of Jordan & Fergusson, in said county, setting forth that they labor under great inconvenience for the want of a ~~road or highway~~, ~~leading from~~ Change of Township lines

between the townships of Jordan and Fergusson as follows - viz - Beginning at a point on the line between said Tps., and being the common corner of the Geo. Slough - Dan Frank - Adam Reighart and John Craff surveys - thence to run through Fergusson Township on the line between the Adam Reighart & John Craff tracts until it strikes the Eastern or North Eastern line of said tracts - and also runs into or with the Jordan Township line - Also to begin at the common corner of the Thos. Musser - Thos. Grant - Abraham Scott & Sam. Scott surveys - thence to run through Fergusson Township on the line between the said Abraham Scott & Samuel Scott surveys until it strikes a point from which a line running parallel with the tract line in a South Eastern direction will cross the line between lands of William Thurston and Eastern Lewis about seven rods North East of said Thurston's improvements - thence from said point along said line running parallel with the tract lines in a South Eastern direction until it strikes the Jordan Township line

And therefore praying the Court to appoint proper persons to view and ~~lay out~~ ^{change} the same, according to law. Whereupon, the Court, upon due consideration had of the premises, do order and appoint

Sam. H. M. Closkey - Ben. Heartsorn & Anthony Heile -

who, after being respectively sworn or affirmed to perform the duties of their appointment with ~~change and consider and inquire into the propriety of changing the tp. lines as prayed for~~ impartiality and fidelity, are to view the ground proposed for said ~~road~~; and if any two of them agree that there is occasion for such ~~road~~, ^{Change of Township lines} they shall proceed to ~~lay out~~ ^{view and report} the same, as agreeably to the desire of the petitioners as may be, having respect for the best ~~ground~~ ^{interest and convenience} for a road, and the ~~shortest distance~~ ^{of the public}, in such manner as to do the least injury to private property; and shall make

report thereof, stating particularly, whether they ~~judge the change of townships lines to be proper and necessary~~ ^{particular whether} necessary for a public or private road, together with a plot or draft of the township lines proposed to be changed and as changed thereof, and the courses and distances, with reference to the improvements through which it may pass, to the next Court of Quarter Sessions to be held for said county. In which report they shall state that they have been sworn or affirmed according to law.

BY THE COURT.

M. Tate
Clerk, Quarter Sessions.

Jan. 3, January 28, 1875

Order to View and consider
the propriety of changing the
friendship lines between Jordan
and Ferguson. Consider

\$1005 Paid by J. A. Williams
the 23 March 1875

Ed. Bloom
H. J. Clarke

View March 15th 1875 the order
continued to same day

13/46/1875
J. A. Williams

Murray Gordon

Meuners Bill

Anthony Hile 2 days + 6 miles

Benj. Hawthorn 2 days + 14 miles

S. H. McCloskey 3 days + 14 miles