

Martins lot around by Barnes Lot to the Township
road.

M^{rs} Griffith.

John W. Melhoad Sr.

I live one and a fourth miles south of
Portage. I am acquainted with the ground
over which this proposed road, or alley will
pass. I have hauled with a team. I hauled
to Mr. Martins lumber yard, which was back
of the Church, between the Church and the School
House. I do not think that the proposed
road would be any more convenient for
the people living in the South of the Township,
than the road now in use - taking into con-
sideration the grades and the Character of
the ground. I hauled over both roads
I drove team for Mr. Martin for about five
years. I am not now in Mr. Martins employ.

John Melhoad

Albert Wilson Sr.

I live in the Village of Portage - I have
been over the route of the proposed road a few
times. I cannot see why it would be ne-
cessary for the people living South of Portage
to have two roads so near each other. I
live on the South side of the Rail Road. There
are Engines taking water at the Spring here a
great portion of the time; and are nearly always
blowing off steam. Any horses that would be
easily frightened would be likely to scare at
these engines

Depositions of Witnesses, produced, sworn, and examined at the Office of P. M. Trough one of the Justices of the Peace in and for Cambria County, at Portage in said County on the 30th day of March 1883, between the hours of 9 O'clock A.M. and 10 O'clock P.M. of said day in obedience to the Rule of Court and notice hereto attached, to be read in a Cause depending in said Court, in the matter of the Review of Road (or Alley), in Portage Township near residence of John C. Work

Wm Griffith Sw.

I am a Surveyor. I made a draft of of the proposed Alley, and adjacent lots. I made it from an actual Survey on the ground (Draft shown witness). This is the draft. Draft offered in evidence, and marked Exhibit A. and attached herewith. I have lived in Portage Twp. most of the time since 1867, I reside one, and one half miles south of Portage Village. I do not consider the proposed Alley necessary for the convenience of the public. If it had been extended to the public road, at the south end, and not stopped at Caldwell St, it might have been of some use. The distance from the Rail Road Crossing, by the proposed road is seventy feet further than by the present road to the School house

f. Et.

I made the draft from actual measurement on the ground. There is an alley from the north side of

+ Et. There are a number of Families - about fifteen living west of this proposed Alley. The Alley would be a Convenience to some of these to go to the Election and to School.

In chief - Except two families, all of them can go by the alleys below, and need not come around by Mr. Noels.

Albert Wilton

Philip Diamond Sw.

I reside in the Village of Portage. I live in the fifth house west of J. C. Noel - counting Noels house as the first. As a general rule the children west of Noels go to school by the alleys, to Caldwell St. - and generally by the alley past my house. I signed the petition to have the road, or alley opened. The reason I signed it was because Mr. Barnes had no out let from his stable. Other of the petitioners told me that they signed the petition for the same reason. I think if this Alley was opened that it would be dangerous to come down it to the Rail road, with teams on account of the engines taking water so near the end of it. If I were driving a team, and coming from the South of the Gap. I would prefer the old road - the one now in use.

+ Et. Mr. McGough sometimes keeps his cows in the Alley next to

me. At some times puts rails across the Alley to keep his cow in the Alley. As far as I know this is a private Alley - or it may be a public Alley - I do not know. After I signed the petition to open this Alley, Mr. Martin gave Mr. Barnes a private Alley along his lot. If the North End of this Alley was shut up, Mr. Barnes could not get out. Mr. Martin's Stable, being situated similar to Mr. Barnes, he would also be closed in, if the Alley was closed.

In chief

There was no Alley on the South of Mr. Barnes property when I signed the petition. Mr. McLaugh only kept his cow in the Alley during the night. There are a number of lots West of my place that are not fenced in. There are several lots below that are vacant and that children can cross going to school.

Re. + Ep.

I do not know whether Mr. McLaugh cleans his Alley out every morning or not.

Philip Diamond

L. J. Morgan Sr.

I have charge of the weigh scales in Roray Village. I can recollect but two parties getting hay weighed that was hauled from the South West, that is up along the Rail Road - these are Sylvester McKim and G. W. Kerby. The scales are located about twenty five feet South of the Mr. Martin's Store - along the Fur Road. I live in the second

horses from Mr. Barnes - in Mr. Martin's house
Francis can, and have, gone in the Alley by Mr.
Barnes property to our stable, turned and
went out the same way. As to the stable
which I use, it would not be necessary
to have an outlet through the Company's
grounds - nor do I think it is as to Mr. Barnes
Mr. Barnes appears to be perfectly satisfied
with his present accommodations with alley.
I can not give the width of the Alley back
of Mr. Barnes stable, but it is very wide
back of our stable. The Alley south of
Mr. Barnes lot is about fifteen feet in
width

+ Et.

Mr. McKingie hauls a moderate amount of
Hay, and Mr. Kerby hauls more - together
they haul about twenty five tons a year.
After passing Mr. Doves they have down grade to
the station, and from there they have up grade
to the scales. If the Alley were open this
down and up grade would be partially
avoided. I do not know if part of the
Alley back of Mr. Martin & Mr. Barnes stable,
is on Mr. Doves ground. If there were six
or seven feet taken off the Alley, I do not
think it would be wide enough to turn a
wagon, except by our stable. If six or seven
feet were taken off we could not turn in the
Alley. I am in the employ of Mr. Martin

W. J. Morgan

Andrew Cullen Sr.

I live on the North side of the Penna RR. in the Village of Portage. I live opposite Philip Dimonds. The Alley running past Philip Dimonds House is a public Alley. As a general rule the Children living West of North, on both sides of the Rail Road go by this Alley to Caldwell St. to School. I suppose it is about three hundred yards from where this Alley enters Caldwell St. to the School house. My Children cross the Rail Road and go up this Alley - the travelling being better, than by the public road. I am foreman on the Penna. R.R. The Company have a survey made, and are now engaged at making a third track between their present road and the public road which runs past North property. I have been living at Portage for about a year, formerly lived here, but was away for some years. I know the ground over which this proposed road passes. I do not believe that a road is necessary here - it being too close to the other road. If the road was made, I do not think it would as much traveled as the present one.

+ Et.

I know the Alley by Dimonds House is public, because I left it for a public Alley. I never knew the Supervisors to do any work in it. I do not know of Mr. McGraft enclosing his Call in it. I was living out of the Township for some years until within the last year. The Company's proposal.

Track would extend from the lower water plug to the Curve east of Portage. It will be Eighteen feet wide. I live on the opposite side of the Rail Road from where Mr. Noe lives.

Re-direct Engines stop to take water at the plug here about every hour. It would be a dangerous place to drive down this proposed Alley, as it comes out right at the plug.

Re + Ef. Teams coming out from this Alley would get closer to the engines than by passing along the present road, because of making the turns - besides ~~the~~ in coming out of the alley have their heads to the engines

A Bullen

L. J. Morgan recalled

The mines of J. C. Martin & Co are located South East of Portage. In hauling from the mines, we travel past Mr. Martin's Store - the present JWP road. Mr. Martin's teams have hauled considerable coal from the mines for parties living west of this road. The teams are now engaged hauling logs. The proposed road would not be any advantage to Mr. Martin's teams, or any other teams in hauling to points west of the present road.

L. J. Morgan.

Joshua Ribblets Sw.

I know the ground upon which
this proposed road or alley is located.
I think the proposed road would be a
inconvenience to those living in the south
of the town.

+ Et. The proposed road would make it a few
steps nearer to the P. Office

Charles Cullen Sw

I live on the south side of the Rail
Road - at the west end of the Village
I am acquainted with the ground over
which the proposed new road will pass
My children go to school. I do not think
it necessary to have the new road for the
convenience of children going to school
from the west end of the town - as their
convenient way is by Caldwell St. I do
not think it is necessary for the conve-
nience of the people in the south end of
the Township

+ Et. My children generally go by the Diamond
Alley and Caldwell St. to school

Charles Cullen

I certify that the above witnesses were duly qualified and
examined at the time and place stated in the Caption and subscribed
their depositions in my presence

Postage March 30, 1883

J. M. Gump J.P.

Barker

J. Scanlan

Quarter Sessions

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

In the matter of the Review of road (or alley) in Portage Township near residence of John C. Noel

of Term, A. D. 18 No Order to view filed March 6, 1882 Order to review filed Sept. 4, 1882

For View of ^{said} Alley

And now to wit, the 24th day of March A. D. 1883: Rule on part of Review to take the depositions of witnesses to be read on the hearing of the above stated case.

CAMBRIA COUNTY, ss :

Extract from the Record of said Court. Certified the 24th day of March A. D. 1883

John C. Gates Prothonotary, Clerk

To Mess. Johnston and Scanlan attys for petitioners for view in above stated case.

Take notice, that in pursuance of the above rule, the depositions of witnesses to be read in evidence on the hearing of the above stated matter on the part of the petitioners for review will be taken at the office of P. M. Gough Esq. in Portage Township on Friday the 30th day of March A. D. 1883, between the hours of nine o'clock, A. M. and 11 o'clock, P. M., before P. M. Gough Esq. a Justice of the Peace in and for said Township and County or before some other person of competent authority, at the time and place aforesaid, when and where you may attend if you think proper.

A. J. Barker atty for Review

No Term, 18

In the Matter of *Perkins*
of and as Alleged

vs. *in*
Postage Stamp

Rule on part of *Perkins*
to take Depositions.

March 24th 1883
on Application and Oath
by giving them a copy
and making exhibit
known - *Perkins*
Perkins

Perkins

Jesse McLaughlin

Wm. Pringle Wm. Gilman

Rail Road Siding

Schuyler

Road 20 feet wide

Public Road

Post Office
Railroad Station

Water
Cistern

Noel's lot

Martin & Co's lot

Martin & Co's
Store

School House
lot

Martin & Co's
lot

School
house

John Gillaspie's
lot

chump



Alley in Postage Surf.

Resolutions of Postmen
for review.

Exhibit "A"
P. M. H. G. H. G.

Postage District
P. R. R.

Draft of Account of