

Johnstown Aug 20/85
Cambria County

To, John S Blough Dr
for 1 day & 2 miles travel
on Bridge view //

To Jacob Singer Dr
for 1 day & 6 miles travel
on Bridge view //

To John Downey Dr
for 2 day & 5 miles travel
as surveyor on Bridge view //

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
County of Cambrid } SS.

At a court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Cambrid
held at Chesburg in the said County, on the Eight day of
June A. D. 1885, before the Honorable the Judges of the same
court: Upon the petition of divers inhabitants of the township of Richland
in the said county, setting forth that they labor under inconvenience for want of a
Bridge over the Stony Creek road or highway, to lead from
The same being the line of the Counties of Cambria
and Somerset, at the place where the public
highway to Geistown from Kings Mill crosses
the said Creek in the Township of Richland in Cambria
County and in the Township of Conemaugh in
Somerset County and therefore praying the Court
to appoint proper persons to view the premises and
take such order on the subject as is required and
directed by the Act of Assembly in such case made
and provided. The Court upon due consideration had
of the premises do order and appoint John S. Blough
Jacob Stertz & Jacob Singer to view the site
proposed for said Bridge and make their report
to the next Court of Quarter Sessions

and therefore praying the court to appoint proper persons to view and lay out the
same according to law. The Court upon due consideration had of the premises, do
order and appoint, _____ SURVEYOR,
and _____

VIEWERS, to view the ground proposed for said
road, and if they view the same, and shall agree that there is occasion for such
road, they shall proceed to lay out the same, having respect to the shortest distance
and the best ground for a road, and in such manner as shall do the least injury to
private property, and also be, as far as practicable, agreeable to the desire of the
petitioners, and that they make a report of their proceedings to the next Court
of Quarter Sessions to be held for said county, 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 it may pass.

BY THE COURT.

Attest:

N. A. Shoemaker
Clerk.

NOTE.—“It shall be the duty of all persons appointed in the several counties of this Commonwealth to view and review any public or private road or bridge, if they shall decide in favor of locating said road or bridge, to endeavor to procure from the persons over whose land such location may be made releases from all claims for damages that might arise from the opening of such road or the building of such bridge; and in every case where said viewers shall fail to procure such releases, and it shall appear to them that any damages will be sustained, it shall be their duty to assess the damages and make report thereof signed by a majority of their number, and return the same, together with all releases obtained, to the Court of Quarter Sessions, and the damages so assessed shall be conclusive; or may be subject to appeal, review or modification, as may be provided by existing laws in the different counties of this Commonwealth.”

“The persons appointed as aforesaid shall view such ground, and if they shall agree that there is occasion for a road, they shall proceed to lay out the same, having respect to the shortest distance, and the best ground for a road, and in such manner as shall do the least injury to private property, and also be, as far as practicable, agreeable to the desire of the petitioners.”

“The viewers, as aforesaid, shall make report, at the next term of said Court, and in the said report shall state particularly: first, who of them were present at the view; second, whether they were severally sworn or affirmed; third, whether the road desired be necessary for a public or private road: they shall also annex and return to the Court a plot or draft thereof, stating the courses and distances, and noting briefly the improvements, through which it may pass: and whenever practicable, the viewers shall lay out the said roads at an elevation not exceeding five degrees, (except at the crossing of ravines and streams) where, by moderate filling and bridging, the declination of the road may be preserved within that limit.”

No. 2
June Term 1885

Order to view a road site for
a Bridge over Stony Creek
between Richland Township
Baltimore County and
Crown Point Township
County

Viewers:
John C. Blough
J. Grant Mitty
Jacob Sidges
John Downing
Filed 21 Aug 1885

Approved
J. H. L. Lark
Foreman
A. H. Thoman
Sept. 12. 1885. Approved
By Petitioners
J. H. Thoman

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To the Honourable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Somerset County Penna.

To the subscribers W. M. Schrock, Edgar Hoyle and Augustus Heffley appointed by the within order of Court to meet in conjunction with three persons to be appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County Penna., to act as viewers to view the Bridge and the site proposed for a bridge, over Stonycreek, on the line between Somerset and Cambria Counties, at the place where the Public Highway leading from Davidsville in Conemaugh Township Somerset County Penna. to Geistown in Richland Township Cambria County Pa. crosses said Stream, near Kings Mill in Conemaugh Township, and inquire whether the same is necessary. Respectfully Report

That the Viewers of both Counties met on the premises on August 20th 1885, all were present and sworn or affirmed according to law.

The Viewers after making a careful examination of the superstructure, now standing, are unanimously of the opinion that it is unsafe and dangerous for heavy traffic to pass over and therefore condemn the same, and recommend the erection of a new Bridge on the old or present site at an early day - The Viewers would recommend the propriety of erecting an Iron Superstructure in one Span. See Draft hereto attached. All of which is Respectfully Submitted, Aug 24th 1885

(Copy)
Signed

W. M. Schrock (Sworn)

Edgar Hoyle

Augustus Heffley

Viewers

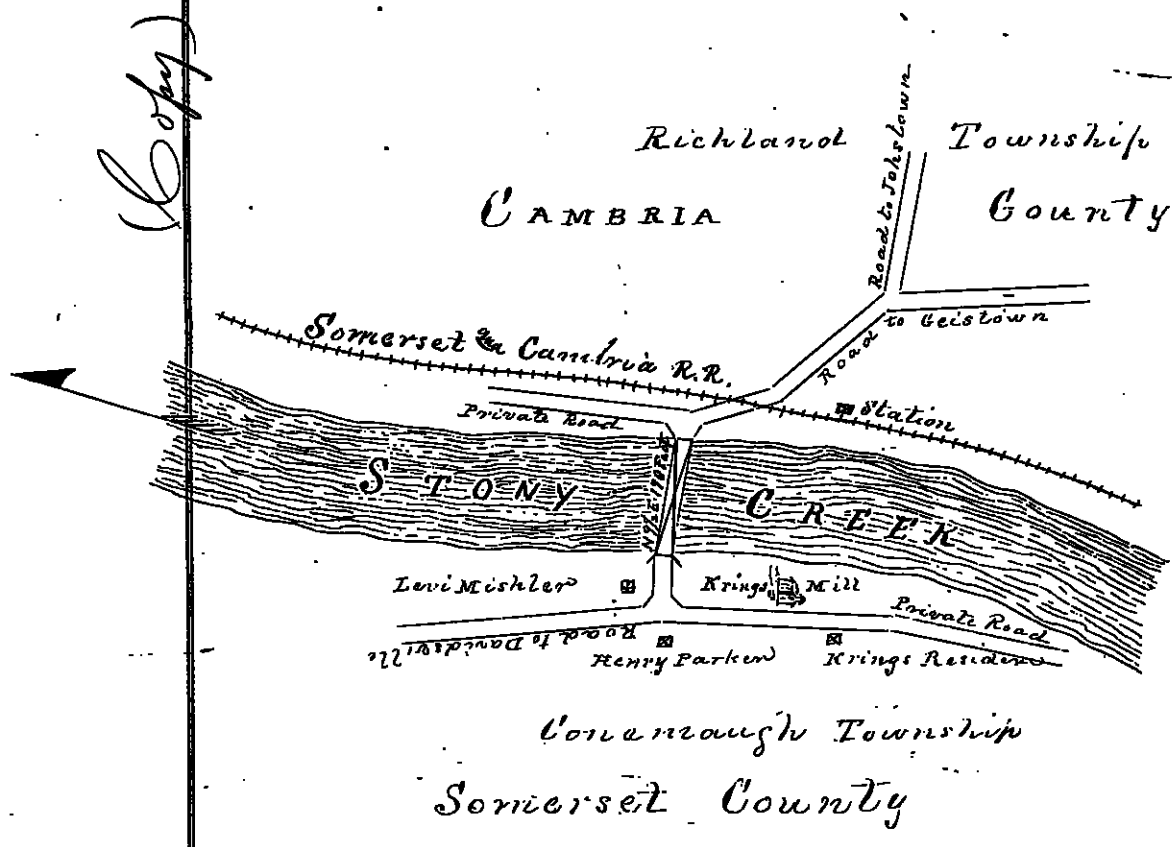
John S. Blount

Jacob Singer

John Downey

Cambria
County
Penna.

(Copy)



(A true Copy)

ORDER TO VIEW SITE OF BRIDGE.

Somerset County, ss:



AT A COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS of the Peace, held at Somerset, in and for said County, on the 27th day of May A. D.

1885, the petition of sundry citizens of

Somerset County

township was presented to said Court

setting forth that a bridge is much

wanted over Stonycreek, being the line between Somerset and Cambria Counties at the place where the public highway leading from Davidsville in Ligonier Township Somerset County Pa. to Geistown, in Richland Township Cambria County Pa. crosses the said Stonycreek; that the bridge now erected at said point by reason of dilapidation and decay has become dangerous to travel, and that the erection of such bridge will require more expense than it is reasonable that said townships should bear, Therefore praying the Court to appoint proper persons to view the premises and take such order on the subject as is required and directed by the act of Assembly in such cases made and provided

(A true Copy)

Whereupon the Court appoint

Wm Schrock (Somerset)

Edgar Kyle + Augustus Heffley who in conjunction with three persons to be appointed for the purpose by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County are to act

as viewers who after being sworn or affirmed to perform the duties of their appointment in partially and according to the best of their judgment, and after having given ten days notice in writing to the County Commissioners, their attorney or clerk, of the time of holding the view, are to view the site proposed for said bridge and to inquire whether the same is necessary, and whether the erecting of such bridge requires more expense than it is reasonable that one or two adjoining townships should bear, and whether any change in the course or bed of the road to be connected therewith will be necessary in order to the erection of such bridge at the most suitable place or at the least expense, or in the best manner, and shall cause such variation if any is made to be actually surveyed, and a plot thereof to be made which they shall return with their report to be made at the next term of the said Court, in which report they shall state particularly who of them were present at the view, whether they were severally sworn or affirmed, whether the said bridge is necessary, and whether the erecting thereof would require more expense than it is reasonable the said townships should bear.

By the Court:

N. B. Buckfield Clerk.

If draft is attached, Surveyors are requested not to make it larger than this sheet

To the Honorable the Judges of the
Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria
County

The petition of the subscribers
inhabitants of Richland Township
Cambria County respectfully represents
that alike petition has been presented by
the citizens of Conemaugh Township
Somerset County to the Court of Quarter
Sessions of said County ~~and~~ that a new
Bridge is much needed over Stony
Creek being the line of the Counties of
Cambria and Somerset at the place
where the public highway to Keistown
from Kings mill crosses the said
creek in the Township of Richland in
Cambria County and in the Township
of Conemaugh in Somerset County and
that the erection of such bridge will
require more expense than it is
reasonable the said townships should
bear; your petitioners therefore pray
the Court to appoint proper persons
to view the premises and take such
order on the subject as is required
and directed by the Acts of Assembly
in such case made and provided
And they will ever pray and etc

Yeare Harshberger

J. D. Harshberger

George Bloom

J. H. Blough

D. Yoder

Harry Weaver

Joseph Orris

Hiram Weaver

Colman Yoder

D. Stofft

Henry G. Lehman

Miriam Lehman

Henry & Cash

S. S. Harshberger

Daniel Harshberger

A. C. Weaver

J. M. Miller

Henry Specker

Jacob Holopple

Louis Harshberger

Daniel H. Yoder

Daniel Weaver

Peter W. Winger

John B. Winger

Henry Hestler

Christ Boyngardner

Jabias Blough

No 2 from 1855

Petition for Bridges

between Richland
Township, Lumbria County
and Brunswick, Steilly
Somerset County

Filed 5 June 1855

Witness

John J. Blough

Jacob Waddy

Jacob Dinger

of the said

J. H. Pennington

To the Honorable the Judges of the
Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria Co

We the subscribers John S Blough
Jacob Singer and John Downey
appointed by the within order of Court
and a similar order of the Court of
Quarter Sessions of Somerset County
to view the place proposed for the
Bridge in the within order mentioned
Respectfully report

That the viewers of both Counties met
on the premises on August 20, 1885
all being present and having all been
first sincerely sworn or affirmed
according to law

The viewers after making a careful
examination of the superstructure
now standing are unanimously of
the opinion that it is unsafe and
dangerous for heavy traffic to pass
over and therefore condemn the same
and recommend the erection of a
new Bridge on the old or present site
at an early day. that a Bridge over
Stoney creek at the place named in the
aforesaid order of Court is necessary