

To The Honorable Robert D. Johnston, Judge of the Court of quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of Cambria,

The Petition of the undersigned inhabitants of the Township of Portage in the said County, respectfully sheweth; that your Petitioners labor under great inconveniences for want of a Public Road or highway to lead from a Point near the Church East End of Calwell Street in Portage Village, west to a Point on the Road leading from Portage Station, to the Buck Horn Tavern, at South End of the Bridge over Trout Run on said Road; in land of Frank Hammers;

Your Petitioners therefore pray the Court to appoint proper persons to view and lay out the same according to law, and they will ever pray &c.

D. K. Wilhelm
Geo. C. Diehl
J. H. Noel
W. H. Lamm
S. W. Camigh
James E. Egan
J. M. Gales Cagle
John M. Gough
Lemorn Plummer
Sylvester Lamm
N. Woodard

James M. Burk
Joseph Lauffer
George W. Burk
William Brown
J. L. Worner
John S. McIntosh
J. L. Diehl
J. L. Pringle
F. L. Knipper
Wilson Woodard
M. S. Hammer, Jr.

Frank Hammers, Jr.
Wm. A. McFinger
Albert Wilson
Joseph Soper

D. L. Shaffer
Charles Cullen
Francis Diehl

No 13
March Term 1888.

Petition for a
Public Road in Postage
Townships,

And now by J. B. 1888. that
within petition having been
read, the following amount seems
to be the amount of the same
James H. C. Co. Co. Co. Co. Co.
E. C. Co. Co. Co. Co. Co.
By the Court

John

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

We the undersigned Viewers appointed by order of Court, to view and lay out a road leading from a point near the Church at East End of Caldwell Street to a point on a road leading from Portage Station to Buckhorn Tavern near South end of Bridge over Trout Run on land of M. F. Hammers do Report that after giving Ten days notice, and being sworn according to law, proceeded to mark and lay out the following Road for Public use Viz, Commencing at point near Church, Thence north Eighty five degrees West Seventy three and one half Perches to a post, Thence through lands of J. C. Caldwell Eighty seven and a half degrees West ninety four Perches to a Beech, Thence through land of M. F. Hammers north sixty nine degrees West Twenty one and one half Perches to a post, Thence along line of lands of M. F. Hammers and Rosi McLaughlin ^{North} Seventy six and one half west, Eighteen perches to a post, Thence through land of M. F. Hammers north Eighty six degrees West, Ten Perches to Road leading from Portage to Buckhorn Tavern, Now we are of opinion that the road as laid out, will be useful to the Public, and that owners of properties, will suffer no damages by opening of said Road

Bill

A McConnell 1 day 4 miles Survey
James Eicher 1 day Viewer
W. C. Crum 1 day Viewer
P. D. Skelly axe man 1 day

A McConnell } Surveyor
James Eicher } Viewer
William W. Crum } Viewer



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

County of

Columbia

SS.

At a court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Columbia
held at Elushburg in the said County, on the Seventh day of
May A. D. 1888, before the Honorable the Judges of the same
court: Upon the petition of divers inhabitants of the township of Portage
in the said county, setting forth that they labor under inconvenience for want of a

Public road or highway, to lead from
a point near the Church east end of
Baldwell Street in Portage Village, West to a
point on the road leading from Portage Station
to the Rock Horn Tavern at south end of the
Bridge over Cunt Run on said road on land
of Frank Hammons.

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, A. M. Connell SURVEYOR,
and James Esher and M. C. Quinn

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:

M. A. Sherman

Clerk.

March Sessions 1888

Order to view a road in
Catauga Township to be laid from a
point near the Kluge's East end of
Catauga West in Catauga Township
West to a point on the road lying
from Catauga West to the R.R.
along the line of the road out of
the R.R. bridge and out from on
the road a line of road
thence

Filed May 24, 1888

Order to view

at the 15th
of May 1888

Cost shown for city 900

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June 13, 1888. Instrument filed and recorded
for record 30 July 1888 by the Court
Oct 2, 1888 Confirmed Absolutly
By the Court

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, agreeable to the desire of the petitioners, injury to private property, and also to, 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, setting 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 two 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."