

To the Honorable A. V. Barker President Judge of the Court
of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County.

The petition of the Commissioners of the County of Cambria re-
spectfully represents: That, it having appeared to the Court, to
the Grand Jury, and to the Commissioners of the said County that
a bridge across Blacklick Creek in Blacklick Township at or near
Duncans Mills in said Township, was necessary and that it would
be too expensive for the said town to erect such a bridge; and the
same having been entered of record, your petitioners procured an
estimate of the same, amounting to the sum of \$3165, and did pro-
ceed to have such bridge erected, by entering into a contract with
W. J. Pfiester, for the abutment of said bridge for the sum of
\$1175, and with the Variety Iron Works of Cleveland Ohio, for the
structure of said bridge for the sum of \$1990, and that the said
bridge is now completed agreeably to the said contract. Your pe-
titioners therefore pray the Court to appoint six fit persons to
inspect said bridge and the workmanship thereof, according to law
and to make report to said Court.

J. H. Lloyd : Commissioners of
John Kirby : Cambria County.
John Campbell

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Petition of Commissioners of
Columbia County for appoint-
ment of inspectors to view
workmanship of a bridge
over Blacklick Creek in
Blacklick Township

And now Dec. 17th 1890, and
and J. D. Kite

John Blackwelder,
Simon Adams,
John Ferguson,
Thomas Davis (Factor),
J. A. Shoemaker

are appointed inspectors
to view said bridge, and
make report to the Court

By the Court,

Filed 17 Dec. 1890,

Attell

THE POSITION OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF DISTRICT JUDICIAL OFFICERS

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CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
COLUMBIA COUNTY, OHIO

To The Honorable A. & Barker Judge
of the Court, and The Commissioners
of Cambria County.

We the undersigned drivers appointed
by your Honor in the annexed order
to view and inspect a bridge men-
tioned in said order -

Do report that we met at said bridge
and having been sworn - inspected the
bridge, and approved of the same
and recommend the paying the Contractor
Witness our hands this 24th day of
March A D 1891

J. A. Shoemaker
Thomas Davis
Wm. George
Simon Adams
John Ferguson
John Blackenderfer

Yours
Thos Davis Jackson 1 d 24 72
John Ferguson 1 d 10
Wm George 1 d 6
Simon Adams 1 d 6
John Blackenderfer 1 d 6
J. A. Shoemaker 1 d 24

Bambria County, Ss:

At a Court of Quarter Sessions held at
Ebensburg in and for the County of Cambria
before Hon. G. V. Barker Present Judge on
Wednesday the 17th Dec. 1890 the petition of
the Commissioners of Said County was
presented setting forth That it having
appeared to the Court to the Grand Jury, and to the Commissioners of the
Said County that a Bridge across Blacklick Creek in Blacklick
Township or near Duncans Mills in said Township was
necessary and that would be too expensive for the said Township
to erect such a bridge; and the same having been entered of record
your petitioners procured an estimate of the same amounting to the
sum of \$3165. and did proceed to have such bridge erected by en-
tering into a contract with W. J. Pfister, for the abutment of said
bridge for the sum of \$115. and with the Variety Iron Works
of Cleveland Ohio for the structure of said bridge for the sum of
\$1990. and that the said bridge is now completed agreeably
to the said contract. Your petitioners therefore pray the Court
to appoint six fit persons to inspect said bridge and the
workmanship thereof, according to law and to make report to
Said Court.

The Court upon due consideration had of the premises
appoint: J. B. Hill John Bickenderfer Simon Adams
John Ferguson Thomas Davis (Judson) J. A. Shoemaker,
Inspectors to view said bridge and make report to the Court.

By the Court.
Jas. G. Darby,
Clerk.

No. 4 Sep. Sem 1888. Cal.

Iron Bridge over

Black Creek in
Blacklick Twp.

Order to Inspectors.

Inspectors =
~~J. B. Hite~~, W. R. George
 John Britton
 Amos Adair,
 John Ferguson,
 Thomas Blain (Jackson)
 J. M. Shumaker

Filed 26. Mar. 1891.

Proclerby
Killed at 27 Mar. 1891.

And now, March 20th, 1891, Mr R. George is substituted and appointed an inspector in place and stead of J. B. Hite who is unable to serve.

Per the Court.

15th Apr. 1891 Report approved

Per the Court.

To the Honorable, R. L. Johnston, Judge of
the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County
of Cambria:

The petition of the undersigned, inhabitants of the
Township of Blacklick in said County, Respectfully
represents:

That it is necessary that a bridge should
be erected over the Blacklick Creek or River (in place
of the one washed away by the recent high water,) in
said Township, at Duncan's Red-Mill, where the said
creek crosses the public road known as the old State-
Road, and that the erecting of said Bridge will require
more expense than it is reasonable the said Township
of Blacklick should bear. The petitioners therefore,
pray the Court to appoint three qualified persons accor-
ding to law to view said Bridge-site, and
inquire whether such Bridge is necessary and would
be too expensive for said Township of Blacklick to
bear, and make report of their proceedings at next
term of this Court. And they will ever pray &c.

Simon Adams
Samuel Mifflin
John Mifflin
Paris Bracken
Robert Ferguson

G. L. Mardis
G. A. Michaels
Joseph Michaels
S. J. Swanger

Thomas M. Reed
John J. Jones
Jefferson Rowland
Judson F. Reed
James E. Rowland
John McCormick
Samuel Schults
Thomas Campbell
Amos Campbell
Paulen Boring
Samuel Reed
Elias Rowland
George W. Empfield
David E. Rowland
Jacob Nelson
doane wife
G. J. Empfield
W. S. Empfield
Wm. M. Black
W. W. Empfield
G. B. [unclear]
Mabel Stiles
John Richardson
O. O. Jones
Milton Thompson
Henry Satchel
Joseph S. Mardis

Sp. of Sept. Term 1888, Rel
Petition of Lemuel
citizens of Blacklick Township
for a Bridge over
Blacklick at Peuman-
Hills: called Red-Mills

And now: September
3rd 1888, John B. Hite,
Samuel George and
John Davis appointed
viewers.
By the Court

Filed Sep. 3. 1888.

Read.

To the honorable the judge within named
we the undersigned appointed to view the
place proposed for a bridge in place of the
one washed away by the late heavy rain
as mentioned in the annexed order
Respectfully report that having all been
present at the view of the place propose^d
for said Bridge and all having been
first been severally sworn & affirmed
we viewed ^{the} premises aforesaid and are of
the opinion that a bridge in place of
the one washed away by the late high
waters over the Blacklick Creek at
Duncans Run Mill where said creek
crosses the public road known as the
old state road is necessary and that
the erection of such a bridge would
be attended with more expense than
it is reasonable the said township of
Blacklick should bear we the viewers
further report that the bridge washed
away by the late high waters was a
bounty bridge and the bridge now recom-
mended is to supply the loss of said bridge
the span for the proposed new bridge will
be 65 feet long In testimony whereof
we have herewith set our

hands once seals this 25 day of
September 1888

M
John B. Hite
Samuel George
John Davis
viewers

Mileage John B. Hite	3 miles
John Davis	5
Samuel George	1

Report of viewers
for professional
viewers George
at L. Swincans
Rice Smith
on Blacklick
Township

September 25 1859

I hereby relinquish
all claim of damage
had the proposed bridge
at my place

John W. ~~W. W. W.~~

Release of John B. ^{on} Dune
for Bridge

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
County of Cambria } SS.

At a court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Cambria
held at Cheshburg in the said County, on the 13th day of
September A. D. 1888, before the Honorable the Judges of the same
court: Upon the petition of divers inhabitants of the township of Blacklick
in the said county, setting forth that they labor under inconvenience for want of a
~~bridge~~ road or highway, to lead from
it is necessary that a bridge should be erected over the
Blacklick Creek or River (in place of the one washed away
by the recent high water) in said Township at Beussaux
Red Mill where said creek crosses the public road known
as the old state road and that the making of said bridge will
require more expense than it is reasonable the said Township
of Blacklick should bear. The petitioners therefore pray
the court to appoint viewers to view said bridge site
and inquire whether such bridge is necessary and
would be too expensive for said Township of Blacklick
to bear.

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, John J. State SURVEYOR,
and Samuel George & John Davis

~~road~~ ^{Bridge} ~~road~~ ^{road} — VIEWERS, to view the ^{site} 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 ^{Bridge} 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:

W. H. Mearns
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. 4
 Supplemental Sessions 1889
 R. D.
 Order to view a road. Bridge
 and the Blacklick tract
 at Lumsden's Mills called
 Red Mills - in Blacklick
 Township
 approved by the Grand
 Jury Messrs
 Apperson
 Vincent
 John A. White
 Samuel Surry
 John A. Clark
 Filed 4th Dec 1889.
 12th Dec 1889
 Filed 10th Dec 1889
 And now: January 7, 1889
 the within report continued
 to next session
 continued
 Order
 with the same
 Paid by Mr. Sumner 90
 Reads

And now: April 15th 1889, the within report so
 viewed approved
 By the Court