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

The petition of the undersigned inhabitants of the Townships *Gallitzin,* of Clearfield, Dean and Allegheny, in said County respectfully

represent: That the bridge over Clearfield Creek at a point where the Township Road leading from Chest Springs Borough to Altoona crosses said creek, near the line of Clearfield, Gallitzin and Dean Townships is unfit for use being decayed and dangerous to cross by the traveling public; and that the expense of erecting said bridge would be too heavy and burthensome upon the inhabitants of said Townships.

Your petitioners therefore pray your Honor to appoint three proper persons to view the premises and to vacate and supply a location for a bridge at or near the point referred to above and to inquire whether such bridge is necessary and to perform such other duties as is required and directed by the Act of the General Assembly in such case made and provided.

And they will ever pray &c.

Names	Names
<i>J. P. Harlin</i>	<i>Gallitzin Twp</i>
<i>Geo M Kinney</i>	<i>Do</i>
<i>James M. Young</i>	<i>Do</i>
<i>J. J. Cassidy</i>	<i>Do</i>
<i>W. A. ...</i>	<i>Do</i>
<i>Daniel ...</i>	<i>Do</i>
<i>...</i>	<i>Clearfield</i>

J. J. Sumner	Clearfield Twp
J. B. Sumner	Clearfield Twp
B. J. Delany	Gallitzin Twp
J. G. Greaser	Do
Henry Lauer	Dean Township
A. W. Langherty	W. M. G. Snyder
William McCauley	Do
J. S. Bellin	Dean Twp
J. O. Mullin	Do
Harry Markett	Do
Thos. Mason	Clearfield Twp
John Hill	Do
Geo. Marton sup	Clearfield Twp
Luke Delaney sup	Gallitzin Twp

Cambria County, SS:

Before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally came Luke Delaney who being duly sworn according to law says that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are correct and true as he verily believes.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 7th day of June, 1897.

John P. Myers J.P. ) Luke Delaney

No 3 June 1897  
for the appointment of viewers  
Petition to vacate & supply a  
bridge over Clearfield Creek  
on the road leading from Chest  
Springs to Altoona.

Filed June 9 1897

June 9<sup>th</sup> 1897  
petition read and

J. S. Elder

Daniel Haulin Jr.

Bernard Myers

appointed viewers

By the Court.

June 16<sup>th</sup> 1897 John W.  
Evans and John Wright  
substituted as viewers for  
~~Daniel Haulin Jr.~~  
Bernard Myers. By the Court  
Davis

To the Honorable A. V. Barker, President Judge of the  
Several Courts of Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

The petition of the Commissioners of Columbia County  
respectfully represents;

That it having appeared to the Court and to the  
Grand Jury and the Commissioners of said County, that the  
bridge over Clearfield Creek on the road leading from Chest  
Springs to Altoona, near the Borough of Ashville, near the lines  
of Gallitzin, Drain & Clearfield Townships, in said County, was  
necessary, and that it would be too expensive for the Townships,  
in which the same was located to erect said bridge; and the same  
having been entered of record, your petitioners procured an estimate  
to be made as fully as might be of the expense of the same, and  
did procure to have the bridge erected, by entering into into a  
contract with the King Bridge Company for the erection of the  
superstructure for the sum of \$2,625.<sup>00</sup> and with D. F.  
O'Rourke for the construction of the sub-structure for the  
sum of \$725; and that the said bridge is now completed.

Your petitioners therefore pray the Court to appoint  
six fit persons to inspect said bridge, and workmanship  
thereof agreeably to the Act of Assembly, & to make  
report to the Court.

Benny Jones  
Thomas Hoover  
Abram Hostetler  
County Commissioners

And

No. 3 June Less, 1898,

Petition of the Commissioners of the  
County of Cambria for the appointment  
of Inspectors to view the workmanship  
of a Bridge over Clearfield Creek  
near Altoona Borough in Clearfield.  
Pa.

Filed 22 June 1898

And now June 20, 1898, the foregoing  
petition read, and the Court appoint  
G. Myers, Calvin Perry, J. W. C.  
Bradley, Ira Blinn, Harry  
Murdelt and John J. Everett (Taxman)  
Inspectors to view the said bridge & the  
workmanship thereof & make report to the Court.

By the Court

Davis,

# Report of Inspectors.

We the undersigned Inspectors appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions to inspect the Bridge named in the annexed order do hereby report that having been first severally sworn according to law to perform the duties of our appointment with fidelity and to the best of our ability and judgment proceeded to view and inspect the said bridge and find that the sub-structure is erected in a good, substantial manner and of good material and is in accordance with plans and specifications - and that the superstructure is composed of good material and is constructed in a good and substantial manner and according to plans and specifications for the same. Witness our hands & seals

Ashtville Pa  
June 28, 1898.

W. G. Myers  
Harry Marlett  
John J. Evans  
John C. Bradley  
C. H. Perry

Seal  
Seal  
Seal  
Seal  
Seal

John C. Bradley	1 Day	21 Miles	\$ 4.10
John J. Evans	1 "	21 "	4.10
Harry Marlett	1 "	3 "	2.30
Chas. H. Perry	1 "	4 "	2.40
D. G. Myers	1 "	1 "	2.10

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

County of Cambria J. D.

At a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the Peace of said County, on the twenty second day of June A. D. 1898 before the Honorable, A. V. Barker, President Judge of the said Court; the Petition of the Commissioners of said Cambria County was presented setting forth that it having appeared to the Court and to the Grand Jury and the Commissioners of said County, that the bridge over Clearfield Creek on the road leading from Chest Springs to Altoona, near the line, of Gallitzin, Dean & Clearfield Townships in said County, was necessary, and that it would be too expensive for the Townships in which the same was located to erect said bridge; and the same having been entered of record, your petitioners procured an estimate to be made as fully as might be of the expense of the same, and did procure to have the bridge erected by entering into a contract with the King Bridge Company for the erection of the superstructure for the sum of \$2625.<sup>00</sup> and with D. F. O'Rourke for the construction of the sub structure for the sum of \$720; and that the said bridge is now completed. Your petitioners therefore pray the Court to appoint six fit persons to inspect said bridge, and workmanship thereby agreeably to the Act of Assembly, and to make report to the Court.

The Court upon due consideration had of the premises do order and appoint D. F. Myers, Chas Perry, Jas C Bradley, Ira Bloom, Harry Warlett and John J. Evans (Farmer) Inspectors to view the said bridge and the workmanship

thereof and to make report to the Court

By the Court

J. W. Davis Clerk

No 3 June Term 1897

Shire. Bridge over Clear-  
field Creek near Ashville  
Borough in Clearfield,  
Gallitzin & Dean  
Townships

Order to inspect

Filed 29 June 1898

Davis

Aug. 3<sup>d</sup> 1898 approved

By the Court.

In re-Location of Bridge across Clearfield  
Creek at Ashville, Cambria Co., Pa.

I hereby release all claims for  
damages that may result to my property  
by reason of change in location of above  
bridge, or from, or by reason of, vacating  
and supplying the Public Road made  
necessary by change in location of the  
said bridge.

Witness my hand and seal this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1897.

J. J. Rhoads

D. M. Krazer

To the honorable A. V. Parker, President Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County.

We, the undersigned viewers, appointed by the said Court as will appear by the annexed order to vacate and supply a location for a bridge as mentioned and directed in the within order, respectfully report: That having been present at the view of the place proposed for the bridge within mentioned, after having given due and legal notice, and having all been first severally sworn or affirmed according to law, in pursuance of said order, we have viewed the premises aforesaid, and are of the opinion that the bridge over Clearfield Creek at the point where the Township Road leading from Chest Springs Borough to Altoona, crosses the said creek near the line of Gallitzin, Dean and Clearfield Townships, in said County, is unfit for use, being decayed and dangerous to cross by the traveling public, and that the same should be vacated and a new bridge crossing said creek is necessary, and that the erecting of such a bridge would be attended with more expense than it is reasonable the said Townships should bear.

And we also further report to the Court: That after proper examination, we are of opinion that a change or variation in the bed and route of the road would be an improvement in the location of said bridge, and therefore report: That the route of the road should be changed in the following manner: The part to be vacated begins at a point in the center of the present Township Road, thence North 84 degrees 45 minutes West 169 feet to a point in the center of the same road at the East end of the old bridge, thence across the old bridge North 59 degrees 30 minutes West 101 feet to a point at the West end of the old bridge in the center of the old Township Road, thence North 46 degrees 30 minutes West 269

feet to a point in the center of the said Township Road, and that the same be supplied by a road leading from the last point above named South 60 degrees 45 minutes East 517 feet to the first point above named, the same being in a direct line of said road which is the dividing line between Gallitzin Township on the South and Clearfield and Dean Townships on the North, thereby locating the one-half of the East end of the proposed new bridge in Dean Township and one-half of the West end in Clearfield Township and the South half of the bridge in Gallitzin Township, *as will appear from the draft-~~lets~~ attached.*

The undersigned further report, that they endeavored to procure from the owners of the land over which said bridge and approaches thereto passes, releases in writing of all claims to damages that may arise from opening the same, and that they procured such release from D.M.Kratzer and failed to procure a release from John Dougherty, and therefore having taken into consideration the advantages and disadvantages to be derived to the said John Dougherty, from the change of the location of the bridge and approaches passing through his land, we have assessed the damages sustained by the said John Dougherty at Three Hundred and Fifty (\$350.00) Dollars.

Witness our hands this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 1897.

J. L. Elder  
John D. Evans  
John Wright

J. L. Elder 2 days	8.00
J. L. Elder 21 miles	2.10
John D. Evans 1 day	2.00
John D. Evans 21 miles	2.10
John Wright 1 day	2.00
" " 22 miles	2.20
	<u>\$18.40</u>

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, }  
County of Cambria, } ss.

At a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Cambria held at Ebensburg in the said County, on the ninth day of June A. D. 1897., before the Honorable Judge of the said Court: Upon the petition of divers inhabitants of the township of Gallitzin, Clearfield Dean and Allegheny in the said County, setting forth that they ~~labor under inconvenience for part of a~~ <sup>road</sup> ~~or highway, to lead from~~ the bridge over Clearfield Creek at a point where the Township Road leading from Chest Springs Borough to Altoona crosses said creek near the line of Clearfield, Gallitzin and Dean Townships is unfit for use, being decayed and dangerous to cross by the traveling public; and that the expense of erecting said bridge would be too heavy and burdensome upon the inhabitants of said Township, and therefore praying the Court to appoint three proper persons to view the premises and to locate and supply a location for a bridge at or near the point referred to above and to inquire whether such bridge is necessary and to perform such other duties as is required and directed by the Act of the General Assembly in such case made and provided.

~~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 D. Evans Elder SURVEYOR and John Wright

VIEWERS, to view the ~~ground~~ <sup>site</sup> proposed for said ~~road~~ <sup>road</sup>, 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~~ <sup>ground</sup> 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:

S. W. Davis,  
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, 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. 3

June 25 1897

Order to view proposed road

to supply a bridge over  
 Clearfield Creek on the  
 road leading from  
 Chest Springs to  
 Altona

Viewers  
 J. L. Elden  
 Edmund Evans  
 John Wright

ex Darius W. J. Elden 9006

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