

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

The petition of the undersigned inhabitants of the Townships of Chest and Elder, in said County, respectfully showeth :

That a bridge is much wanted over the Chest Creek at the place where the public highway from Patton to St. Lawrence crosses said creek in the township aforesaid, and that the expense of erecting said bridge would be too burdensome upon the inhabitants of said townships.

Your petitioners therefore pray Your Honor to appoint proper persons to view the premises and to make such report on the subject as is required and directed by law. And they will etc..

Joseph Kieffs superintendent	Jerry Gill
Joseph Hoass	A. G. Albright
John Niedmeyer	E. O. Niedmeyer
H. B. Allison	Michael Ropp
Martin Zahner	Anthony Diebler
John Gill	Philip Gill
Henry Seiden	Anthony Dietrich
Michael Kuttruff	Philip Diebler
Joseph Ropp	Michael J. Diebler
Jacob Zahner	R. J. Niedmeyer
John Becker	Lawrence Krusch
A. W. Dietrich	Charles Warner
Anthony Gill	John Kuttruff

J. A. Seiden  
John Krus  
John A. Lenhart  
George Warner  
Chas. G. Hill  
Jacob Warner  
William Warner

Michael Drass  
Sylvester Warner  
John Kahn

Edw. Seemulder  
H. B. Hill  
P. J. Kirkpatrick  
H. A. Mohler

Paul Tabner  
William Kirkpatrick  
Frank Ott  
Andrew Ott

Frank H. Ott  
H. J. Ott  
J. J. Pefferer  
J. S. Ott

Benj. Thomas  
Thomas Otto  
Evi Thomas

J. H. Erma  
L. J. Erdley  
F. C. Farrell  
Philip McLean

Thos. Kibler  
Lewis Yeager

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Sup. Elder Township

Martin Kibler  
Simon Baker  
Jacob Hartmann

Georg Kibler  
Adam Kibler  
Lincy Bloodgood  
C. H. Bolger

Frank Yeager  
W. D. Kallen  
John Seemulder

Benj. Hopper  
J. B. McMullen  
J. M. Libby  
Peter C. Abel

Chas. C. Miller  
James Westrick  
J. W. Siller  
August Ement

Benj. Carter  
John A. Nagle

H. C. Kibler.

Jacob Thomas

Patriot Kelly

Chas. C. Adams

Peter Kandler

Frank L. Kisser

Louise Meyer

Joseph Wagoner

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No. 4 Sept. Ass. 1900

Petition of inhabitants of the Townships  
of Chest and Elder for appointment  
of Viewers to view the site for a  
bridge over Chest Creek on road  
from Patton to St. Lawrence

Sept. 3<sup>d</sup> 1900

J. A. Shoemaker

E. A. Mellon

P. J. Wietwick

Appointed Viewers

By the Court

Filed & Sent 1900

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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 third day of Sept A. D. ~~189~~<sup>1900</sup>, before the Honorable Judge of the said Court: Upon the petition of divers inhabitants of the Township of Chest<sup>nd</sup> Elder, in the said County, setting forth that they labor under inconvenience for want of a bridge over the Chest road or highway to lead from Creek at the place where the public highway from Patton to St Lawrence crosses said creek in the Townships aforesaid, and that the expenses of erecting said bridge would be too burdensome upon the inhabitants of said townships

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 J. A. Shoemaker SURVEYOR, and

E. A. Mellon and P. J. Dietrich

VIEWERS, to view the ground proposed for said ~~road~~<sup>bridge</sup> and if they view the same, and shall agree that there is occasion for such ~~road~~<sup>bridge</sup>, they shall proceed to lay out the same, having respect to the shortest distance and the best ground for a ~~road~~<sup>bridge</sup> and in such manner as shall do the least injury to private property, and also be, as far as practicable, agreeable to the desires 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~~<sup>bridge</sup>, 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 person or 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, Sept. Session, 1900

ORDER TO VIEW THE

premises for a bridge over Chest Creek in road from Patton to St.

Lawrence June 7, 1901

Approved: and recommends  
Haley & County build bridge  
E. A. Melton  
P. J. Dietrich

Filed S. Dec. 1900

J. A. Shoemaker  
E. A. Melton  
P. J. Dietrich

VIEWERS

CLERK DAVIS for Atty. K. 90 CTS.

Stittell White  
Att'y

June 10<sup>th</sup> Approved and referred to Grand Jury  
By the Court.

To The Honorable; The Judge of the Court of  
Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for  
the County of Columbia State of Pennsylvania

We the undersigned Viewers appointed by your  
Honor in the annexed order of Court to view  
the site for a bridge over Chest Creek, on road  
leading from Patton to St. Lawrence.

Do Report; that legal notice of the time and place  
of meeting, having been given to the Citizens  
of the Township and also to the Commissioners  
of the County - We met, and having been sworn  
Went on the site of proposed bridge, and found  
the present bridge in a very dilapidated and  
unsafe condition, and in our opinion will  
not resist the coming Spring flood and may  
not stand the Fall or winter freshets.

We therefore recommend the building of an Iron  
Bridge by the County - The expense of which  
would be too burdensome to the inhabitants  
of the Township -

The road on which this bridge is located  
being the Mail Route and Main Throughfare  
from Patton through several of the Northern  
Townships and one of great importance to  
the whole North end of the County.

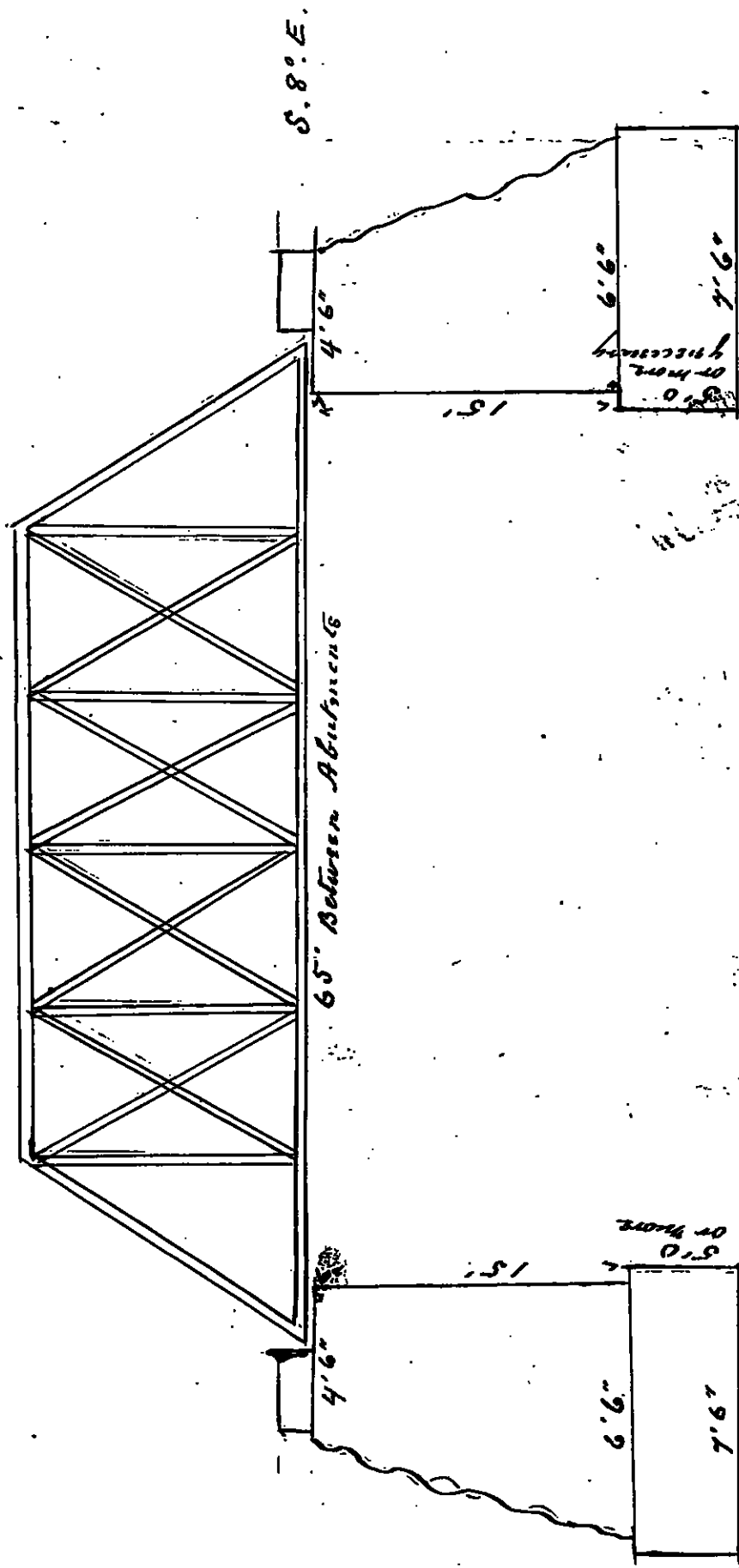
Considering the condition of the present bridge,  
and the necessity for it, would suggest that it  
receive prompt attention -

Witness our hands this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September  
A. D. 1900

J. A. Shormaker  
Ed. Mellon  
P. J. Dietrich } Viewers

Time

J. A. Shormaker 2 d 16 miles  
P. J. Dietrich 1 d 1 m  
E. A. Mellon 1 d 1 m



A 5 panel Low Truss Iron Bridge 65' between Abutments  
 14' Roadway - will make a good & suitable Bridge at this  
 point across Chest Creek on road from Talton to St Lawrence -

State of Pennsylvania ( )  
Cambria County } ss.

J. A. Shoemaker, E. A. Mellon and P.J. Dietrick, viewers appointed by the annexed order of Court, being duly sworn according to law say that they will perform the duties imposed upon them by the annexed order impartially and according to the best of their judgment.

Sworn and subscribed before me  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1900.

James Mellon J.P.

J. A. Shoemaker

E. A. Mellon

P. J. Dietrick

BRIDGE NOTICE.

The undersigned viewers appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County to view the site for a bridge over the Chest Creek at the place where the public highway from Patton to St. Lawrence crosses said creek between the Townships of Chest and Elder, hereby give notice that they will meet at the site for said bridge on Monday the 8th day of October 1900, at 11 o'clock A.M. to attend to the duties of their said appointment, at which time and place all persons interested may attend if they see proper.

J. A. Shoemaker,

F. A. Mellon,

P. J. Dietrick,

Viewers.

*Service accepted for the  
County Commissioners  
Geo. C. Galps  
Sept 26-1900 Clerk*


To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Cambria, now holding a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for said County.

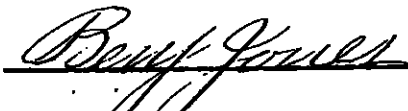

The petition of the Commissioners of the County of Cambria, respectfully represents:

That it having appeared to the Court, to the Grand Jury, and the Commissioners of the said County, that a bridge over *Chest* Creek, at the place where a public highway, to *St. Lawrence from Patton* crosses the said Creek, in the Townships of *Chest & Elder* in said County, was necessary, and that it would be too expensive for the said township to erect said bridge; and the same having been entered of record, your petitioners procured an estimate to be made as nearly as might be, of the expense of the same, amounting to the sum of \$3,081.42, and did proceed to have such bridge erected, by entering into a contract with *J. A. Rod* of *Hastings, Pa.* for the building of the substructure and with *King Bridge Co.* of *Cleveland Ohio* for the building of the superstructure; and that the said bridge is now completed agreeably to the said contracts.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray the Court to appoint six fit persons to inspect said bridge and the workmanship thereof, agreeably to the Act of Assembly, and to make report to the next Court of Quarter Sessions to be held in and for the said County.

Attest:

  
Clerk.

  
  
Commissioners of Cambria County.



We, the undersigned, Inspectors, appointed per the  
aforesaid Certificate to view and inspect the Bridge  
therein mentioned, beg to report, that we met at  
said Bridge, and after having been severally sworn or  
affirmed proceeded to view and inspect the material and  
workmanship of the said Bridge, and find both the superstructure  
and substructure built in a good and substantial manner, and  
in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore.

Respectfully submitted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D., 1903.

John S. Davis  
Wm. Knorr  
J. S. Stutzman  
Amos H. Boehm  
Philip Cooper  
Hugh Collins

In re Bridge over Chest ) In the Court of Quarter Sessions  
Creek in Chest and Elder ( of Cambria County.  
Townships where public ) No. 4 Sept. Sess. 1900, R. D.  
road from Patton to St. ( Petition for Appointment of  
Lawrence crosses said Creek. ) Inspectors to view bridge.

And now May 15, 1903, the within petition read and considered  
and the following Inspectors are appointed, Hugh Collins, Philip  
Cooper, Wm. Knorr, John S. Davis, Jacob Stutzman, Rhinehart Boehm  
to report to the next Court of Quarter Sessions

By the Court.

ATTEST:

B. E. Powell

Clerk. Q. S.

