

FROM Belmont

Briar Patch School House

James Bennett

N 85° W 800 ft

Woodland

A. A. Bennett

Proposed new location of

Woods Road

Blacklick Yellow Creek RR

W. J. Hill

Cambridge

County

FROM STANGSTOWN

Draft Showing Location of a Road in Blacklick Twp, Cambridge Co, Pa. Laid out Feb. 27th. 1905. Now proposed to be vacated. Also the location of a Road laid out July 22nd 1905. Proposed to supply for Road vacated.

A. H. Longenecker

Ground Rough and

N 87° W 150 ft

Frank Boring

Very Rough, Unimproved Land Road Viewed and Laid out Feb. 27th. 1905. Now Proposed to be Vacated.

Marshall

N 51° W 484 ft

Willet

Horatio

Very Swampy

N 50° W 660 ft

Cambridge

County

Viewers appointed upon an order of the Court of Quarter Sessions, dated June 5th 1905. Alfred Shoemaker, J. L. Edwards & Scott Stiles.

To the Hon. Francis J. O'Connor, President Judge of the Court of  
Quarter Sessions of Cambria County.

THE PETITION of the undersigned inhabitants of the Township of  
Blacklick, Cambria County, respectfully represents:-

That it is necessary that a bridge should be erected over the  
Elk Creek in said Township, at the place known as the "Old Wilson'  
mill site" where said creek crosses the public road known as the  
Nicktown road; and that the erection of said bridge will require  
more expense than it is reasonable for the Township to bear.

The petitioners therefore pray the Court to appoint three per-  
sons qualified according to law to view the place proposed for said  
bridge and inquire whether said bridge is necessary and would be  
too expensive for the Township of Blacklick to bear, and make further  
report of their proceedings at the next term of Court.

And they will ever pray &c.

H. Rank Coy,  
Elias Kellas  
James Michael  
J H Cranner  
T. V. Reese  
Peter O'Rourke  
James Fry  
David Paul  
J. S. Comfield  
B J McDowell  
Monte Putz

Geo E. Halmer  
D J McDowell  
W. C. Cunningham  
John Basing  
William Marsh  
Wm. Loring  
F. W. Selder  
John D. Wagner  
J. J. Selder  
E. L. Larnsworth  
A. C. Papp

A. J. Morrison  
L. G. Glass

W. E. Moody

J. W. Miller

H. N. George

Thomas E. Morris

James Kimmery

E. M. Moody

B. D. Stiles

Darius Marsh

Wm. T. Morris

Robert H. Morris

Albert G. Lines

John A. Lines

David White

Jan. B. Ek	B. J. [unclear]
David Harrison	H. E. Wagner
S. W. Davis, M.D.	D. L. Davis
Albert Marsh	Wm. Gittings
B. F. Marsh	J. B. Simons
John Bickensides	H. F. Bickensides
Frank M. Farland	H. L. [unclear]
Simon Adams	Edw. A. [unclear]
Ben. Boy	G. C. Mardis
Charles [unclear]	W. J. Mardis
R. M. [unclear]	J. L. Bracken
Tom Hite	F. J. Edwards
Louis [unclear]	L. B. Griffith
J. Frank [unclear]	S. E. Green
J. B. [unclear]	Harvey Clawson
P. G. Hite	O. L. Edwards
	M. Adams

Cambria County, SS.

Before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, personally appeared John B. Griffith who, being duly sworn according to law deposed and said that the facts set forth in the above petition are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn & Subscribed  
to before me this  
the 31 day of May 1906  
Geo. E. Holmes

J. B. Griffith

My Commission expires the 1st Monday of May, 1907.

In the matter of the petition of  
the citizens of Blacklick Township  
for a bridge over Elk Run in  
said Township the grand jury  
recommends that the County  
build the bridge and the abutments  
and that Blacklick Township  
build the approaches thereto

June 7, 1907

James M. ~~Freeman~~  
Freeman

102 June Sess 1906 R.D.  
In the Court of Cass  
Sessions.

Petition of Citizens  
of Blacklick Township  
for viewers for a  
Bridge across the  
Elk Creek in said  
Township.

Filed 4 June, 1906.

And now June 4th  
1906 the following  
named persons are  
appointed Viewers to  
view the place and  
inquire whether the  
bridge is necessary  
to wit J. L. Elder, G. A.  
Michaels and Vinton  
Edwards are app-  
ointed viewers

By the Court

And now ~~June 4th~~ 1906, the  
order not having issued, the petition  
being presented the order of the Court  
is repeated as if set out in full  
and as of this date. By the Court

To the Honorable Francis J. O'Connor,

President Judge of the Court of Common

Pleas of Cambria County:

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Court to inspect the bridge recently erected by Cambria County across Elk Creek in Blacklick Township on the road leading from Nicktown to Belsano; and after having been severally sworn, state that we have attended to the duties of the said appointment and beg to report as follows:

That having examined the bridge and abutments, we find it to be erected according to the contract, plans and specifications, and in a workmanlike manner; and we do hereby approve the same, and recommend that the Contractor, J. A. Lord, be allowed for extra work done in excavating in order to secure a solid foundation under the above bridge \_\_\_\_\_ yards at \_\_\_\_\_ per yard, and \_\_\_\_\_ yards of concrete at \_\_\_\_\_ per yard, or \$2085<sup>00</sup> in addition to the contract price.

Witness our hands and seals this 30th day of November, A. D., 1909.

John G. Evans (SEAL)

Frank J. Hoffman (SEAL)

Ed. Horner (SEAL)

Fred W. Goller (SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County.

No. 2 June Sessions 1906, R. D.

In re Petition of the County Commissioners for the appointment of inspectors to inspect the bridge across Elk Creek in Blacklick Township.

-: DECREE :-

And now, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1909, the within petition read and considered and the following persons appointed inspectors: John J. Evans Emanuel Stiles, Fred Galler, Thos. Darby, Hoah Hoffman, Edward Horner to make report to the next Court of Quarter Sessions

By the Court.

Extract from the Record,

Certified Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> A. D. 1909.

A. S. Kirkhead

Clerk, Q S.

No 2 June 1906 R10

Im re Bridge over Elk  
Creek in Blacklick Township

Report of Inspectors

Filed 9 Dec 1909

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To the Honorable Francis J. Connor President Judge  
of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County Pa  
We the undersigned viewers appointed by the annexed  
order respectfully report that after giving notice as  
required by law J. L. Elder G. A. Michaels and  
Vinton Edwards viewers having all been present at  
the view of the site or plan proposed for said  
bridge and having all been severally sworn or  
affirmed to perform our duties according to law  
We have viewed the premises aforesaid and  
are of the opinion that a new bridge across  
Elk Creek at the place known as the old Wilson  
Mills site when said creek crosses the public  
road known as the Hicktown road in Blacklick  
Township is necessary and we recommend the  
same and that the erection of such bridge  
would be attended with more expense than is  
reasonable the said township should bear  
a plot or draft is herewith enclosed  
witness our hands this 23<sup>d</sup> day of January

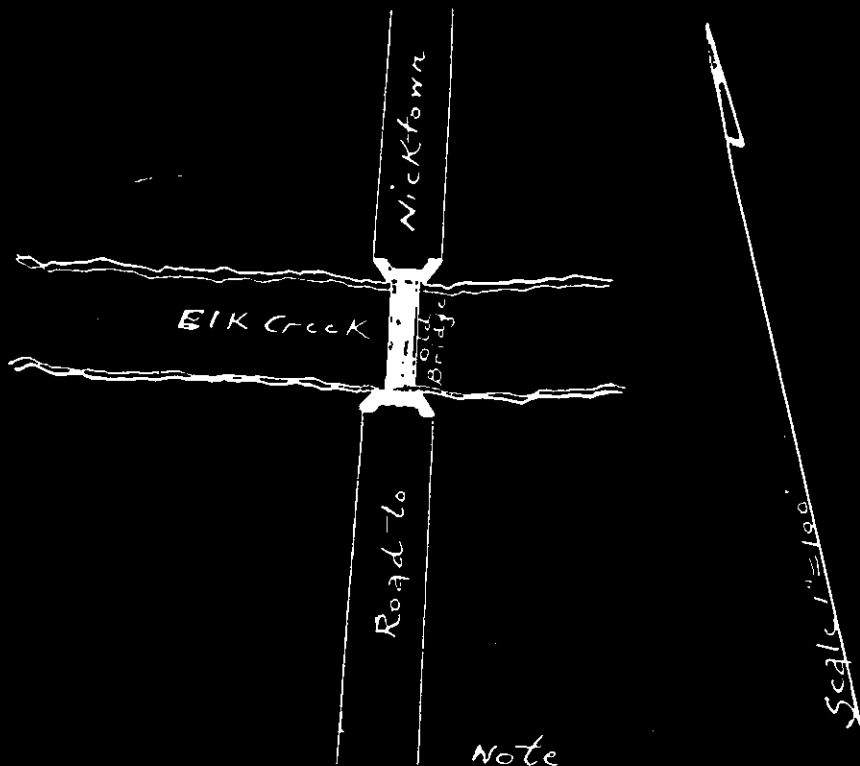
J. L. Elder  
G. A. Michaels  
Vinton Edwards

J. L. Elder	order	\$ 7.90
J. L. Elder	2 days	8.00
G. A. Michaels	1 day	2.00
Vinton Edwards	3 days	6.00
		<u>23.90</u>
		\$ 15.20

In the matter of the petition of the citizens  
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June 7, 1907

James M. Singer Foreman



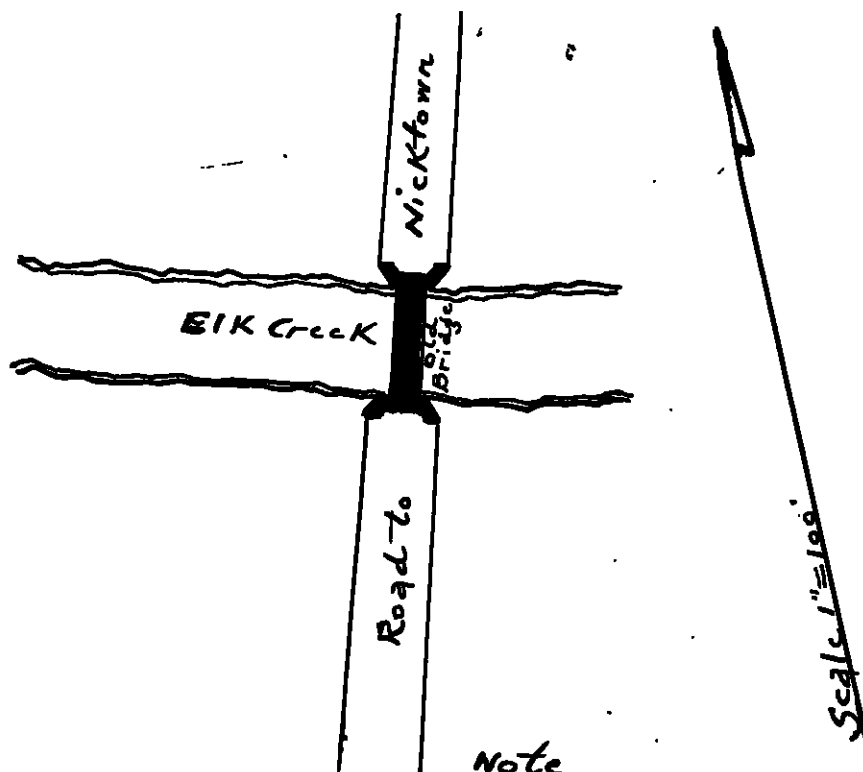
Note  
 Oldspan 69 feet  
 New one to be 60 "

Viewers appointed upon an order of the Court of  
 quarter sessions dated Jun. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1906  
 J. L. Elder G. A. Michaels and Vinton Edwards

Viewed January 17<sup>th</sup> 1907

J. L. Elder  
 Surveyor

Duplicate



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Viewers appointed upon an order of the Court of  
quarter sessions dated June 4<sup>th</sup> & Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1906  
J. L. Elder G. A. Michaels and Vinton Edwards

Viewed January 17<sup>th</sup> 1907

J. L. Elder  
Surveyor

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... 4<sup>th</sup>... day of... June... A. D. 1906, before the Honorable Judge of the said 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 ~~road or highway~~ <sup>Bridge</sup> to lead from over Elk Creek in said Township, at the place known as the "Old Wilson mill site" where said creek crosses the public road known as the Nicktown road; and that the erection of said bridge will require more expense than it is reasonable for the Township 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 <sup>J. L. Elder</sup>... surveyor, and <sup>G. A. Michaels and Vinton Edwards</sup>... viewers, to — view the <sup>location for said bridge</sup> ~~ground proposed for said road~~, and if they — view the same, and shall agree that there is occasion for such <sup>bridge</sup> ~~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 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, 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:

..... E. E. Tompkins, Clerk.

And now, Dec. 4, 1906, the above order, not having issued, the petition being presented, the order of the Court is repeated as if set out in full and as of this date. 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 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. 2, June SESSION, 1906.

Order to VIEW for location  
of a Bridge across  
Belk Creek in Black-  
hawk Township.

Report of Viewers  
filed 26 July 1907

Viewers.  
J. L. Elder  
G. A. Michaels  
Arntin Edwards

Clerk J. E. 90 cts.  
L. L. Reed

To the Honorable the Judge 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 Elk Creek, at the place where a public highway from Nicktown to Pelsano Blacklick crosses the said Creek, in the Township of Blacklick, 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, and did proceed to have such bridge erected, by entering into a contract with J. A. Lord, of Hastings, Pa., for the building of the ~~substructure~~ <sup>entire structure</sup> for the sum of \$2085<sup>00</sup>; and with \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, for the building of the superstructure for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_; 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:

W. E. Trovill  
Clerk.

Charles Devissart  
John Brown  
Commissioners of Cambria County

No. 2 June 22nd 1906 P.M.

# PETITION

Of the County Commissioners for the appointment of inspectors to inspect the bridge across

*Elk* Creek, in *Blacklick* Township.

And now *Nov 22* A. D. 190*9*, the within petition read and considered and the following persons appointed Inspectors:

- John J. Cowan*
- Samuel H. Hilde*
- Fred Ball*
- Wm. H. Harty*
- Wm. H. Harty*
- Edward H. Harty*

To make report to the next Court of Quarter Sessions.

*Ed. H. Harty*

Attorney.

Filed *23* November 190*9*.

*23 Nov 1909*