

To the Honorable Francis J. O'Connor,  
President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas  
Of Cambria County.

No. 9, March Term, 1909.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Court to inspect the bridge recently erected by the County of Cambria across the Conemaugh River near South Fork Borough, having been severally sworn, state that we have attended to the duties of said appointment, and beg to report as follows:-

That we have examined the bridge and 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 Contractors, The Fort Pitt Bridge Company of Pittsburg, be allowed the full contract price for erecting the same, namely, \$3957.00.

~~That in addition to the above sum, we recommend that they should be paid \_\_\_\_\_ for extra work in connection with the erection of the same, making a total of \_\_\_\_\_.~~

Witness our hands and seals this 12th day of April, A. D., 1910.

Andrew Baumgardner (SEAL)

W. D. Miller (SEAL)

D. A. McGough (SEAL)

William Post (SEAL)

Joe D. Thomas (SEAL)

Hosea Evans (SEAL)

-: IN THE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS OF CAMBRIA COUNTY :-

No. 9 March Sessions 1909, R. D.

In re Bridge over Conemaugh River in the Borough of  
South Fork.

5 April 1910, Petition for Appointment of Inspectors to  
Inspect the building of the Superstructure of said Bridge filed.

And now, Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> 1910, the within petition read and con-  
sidered and the following persons appointed Inspectors: Andrew  
Baumgardner, W. D. Miller, D. A. McGough, William Kost, Joseph  
O. Thomas, Hosea Evans, to make report to the next Court of  
Quarter Sessions.

By the Court.

Extract from the Record,

Certified April 5<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1910,

S. S. Kirkhead

Clerk, Q. S.

No. 9 March Sess. 1909.  
R. D.

In re Bridge over the  
Conemaugh River in  
South Fork Borough.

Order to Inspect.

*Filed 19 April 1910*

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 Conemaugh <sup>River</sup> ~~Creek~~ at the place where a public highway from South Fork to Gilestown crosses the said <sup>River</sup> ~~Creek~~, in the Township of Crayne and Borough of South Fork, 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 Fork Pitt Bridge Works of Pittsburg, Pa for the building of the substructure for the sum of \$.....; and with ..... of ..... for the building of the superstructure for the sum of \$ 3957<sup>00</sup>; 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:

L. C. Trappell  
Clerk.

Charles ...  
John ...  
J. ...  
Commissioners of Cambria County.

No. 9 March 1909 Term. 1909 Res.

# PETITION

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

South Fork River  
Creek, in  
Croyle Township  
and South Fork Borough

And now Apr. 5 A. D. 1909,  
the within petition read and considered and the following persons appointed Inspectors:

- Andrew Baumgardner
- W. J. Miller
- D. A. McGough
- William Kipps
- Joseph O. Thomas
- Hosea Evans

To make report to the next Court of Quarter Sessions.

[Signature]  
Attorney.

Filed 5 April 1909.

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS  
OF CAMBRIA COUNTY:-

The petition of the undersigned, Commissioners of Cambria county, respectfully represents:

Whereas, in and by virtue of an act of assembly passed 25 May, 1907, P. L. 240, relating to the location, construction, etc., of viaducts or bridges in boroughs and adjacent territory empowering the boroughs and County Commissioners to join in contracts with railroads and street railways providing for the abolishment of grade crossings and the erection of viaducts or bridges to take the place of such crossings; and in section 5 of said act of assembly it is provided that the County Commissioners shall have power and authority to join in the building of said viaducts or bridges providing the same crosses a river, stream or creek or other place over which the county is authorized by law to build bridges.

Your petitioners set forth that the borough of South Fork, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Southern Cambria Railway Company have entered into a contract for the erection, and construction of a viaduct or bridge under and in accordance with the said act of assembly and the said viaduct or bridge crosses the Conemaugh River, over which the county is authorized by law to build a bridge, and the county of Cambria is requested to join in a contract to build and construct that portion of the bridge which crosses said Conemaugh River in accordance with said act of assembly.

The board of county commissioners have passed a resolution to enter into an agreement with the borough of South Fork and the Southern Cambria Railway Company to build a bridge across the Conemaugh River at or near South Fork, to connect with Gilestown and Ehrenfeld,

and that Cambria County's share of building and constructing said bridge shall not exceed \$10,000.00.

Your petitioners therefore pray that they be authorized to join in a contract with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the borough of South Fork, and the Southern Cambria Railway Company and that they be further authorized to have prepared plans and specifications of the entire work and thereafter to advertise for bids and to award contracts to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with Section 8 of the said act of assembly and to expend a sum of money in the construction thereof not to exceed ten thousand dollars.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

John Owens  
Charles Leventy  
T. A. Osborn

Commissioners of Cambria County.

Cambria County, ss:

Charles Leventy, John Owens, and T. A. Osborn,  
being sworn according to law depose and say that the statements set forth above are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Sworn and subscribed this :  
18 June, A. D. 1909. :

A. S. Kirkhead, Clerk :

John Owens  
Charles Leventy  
T. A. Osborn

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Quarter Sessions

Petition of County Commissioners for authority to join in a contract for the building of a bridge.

Filed 18 June 1909.

and now June 18<sup>th</sup> 1909

The action of the County Commissioners of Cambria county in agreeing to expend a sum not exceeding \$10,000 in the erection and construction of the bridge referred to is approved, and they are authorized to have prepared plans and specifications, to advertise for bids and to enter into contracts as prayed for in the within petition.

By the Court  
Robt. S. Frazer  
Judge of the 5th Judicial District, Specially Presiding.

R. E. [Signature]  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
E. [Signature]  
Baltimore Office Supply Co., Balto., Md.

June 18, 1909, this matter is certified to be heard by Hon. Robert S. Frazer of the fifth Judicial district now presiding in this court.  
Francis J. Thomas  
Pro Judge

To the Honorable the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of  
the County of Cambria, now holding a Court of Quarter Ses-  
sions 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 the Conemaugh River ~~Creek~~  
at the place where a public highway from South Fork Borough to  
Ehrenfeld crosses the said Creek, in the Township of  
South Fork, 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 Reilly & Webber of Philadelphia, Pa.,  
mason work  
for the building of the ~~substructure~~ for the sum of \$ 1600.00; and with  
*Extra work as provided in said contract,*  
for the building of the ~~substructure~~ <sup>superstructure</sup> for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_; and that  
~~masonry~~  
the said bridge is now completed agreeably to the said contract. *The superstructure*  
*Contract not being completed in separate contract*  
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:

*G. E. Trappell*  
Clerk.

*John Owens*  
*Charles Reentry*  
*J. A. Brown*  
Commissioners of Cambria County.

# PETITION

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

Conemaugh River Creek, in  
South Fork Borough Township.

And now 9 Dec A. D. 1909,  
the within petition read and consider-  
ed and the following persons ap-  
pointed Inspectors:

- ~~C. P. Pomeroy~~ <sup>David G. Griffith</sup>
- Jim G. Jones.
- Saul Malan,
- Thos. Melvin,
- W. Page.
- Tom Jones, 17th ward,

To make report to the next Court of  
Quarter Sessions.

*[Signature]*

Attorney.

Filed 9 Dec 1909.

To the Honorable Francis J. O'Connor  
President Judge of the Court of Quarter  
Sessions of Cambria Co.

The petition of the undersigned  
members of council <sup>and citizens</sup> of South Fork Borough  
respectfully sheweth

That a bridge in said Borough  
is needed over the Conemaugh  
river on the street or road leading from  
South Fork station to Galesdown and  
Ehrenfeld, that the expenses of erecting  
said bridge would be too burdensome  
and expensive upon the inhabitants  
of said Borough.

Your petitioners pray your honorable  
Court to appoint proper persons  
to view the premises and make such  
order <sup>on the subject</sup> as the <sup>act of assembly</sup> ~~Court~~ shall direct.

Councilmen { Alexander Dinnan Over  
J. G. Goshnow  
J. W. Strickman  
J. W. Swartzentruber  
C. A. Naum.

Cambria Co.

Joseph Hart Gray Town says that the statements  
above set forth are true to the best of his knowledge  
and belief. He being attorney for petitioners in above  
matter.

Witness my hand  
25th May 1899

J. J. Hinckley  
Judge of Court

Joseph Hart Gray

109 March 25 1909 R.D.

May 25, 1909, this peti-  
tion presented and Jm  
L. Elder, Wm. Connel  
and William Wilson  
are appointed viewers  
By the Court.

Filed 25 May 1909.

In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County.

No. 9 March Sessions 1909, R. D.

In re Petition of the County Commissioners for the appointment of Inspectors to inspect the bridge across Conemaugh River in South Fork Borough.

-: DECREE :-

And now, 9 Dec. A. D., 1909, the within petition read and considered and the following persons appointed Inspectors:- <sup>Dward</sup> ~~G. P.~~  
<sup>G. Griffith</sup> ~~Pannebaker~~, Wm. G. Jones, Sam'l. Dolan, Thos. Melvin, G. W. Page, Tom Jones, 17th Ward, to make report to the next Court of Quarter Sessions.

By the Court.

Extract from the Record,

Certified Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> A. D., 1909.

A. S. Kirkhead

Clerk, Q. S.

No 9 March 1909  
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22 May 1909

To the Honorable Francis J. O'Connor,  
President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas  
Of Cambria County:

No. 9, March Sessions, 1909, R. D.

We the undersigned, having been appointed by the Court to inspect the bridge recently erected by Cambria County across the Conemaugh River in South Fork Borough, having been severally sworn state that we have attended to the duties of the said appointment and beg to report as follows:

That we have examined the bridge and abutments and 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 contractors *Keiley and Webber* be allowed for extra work done in excavating in order to secure a solid foundation under the above bridge  $164.9$  yards at \$  $\frac{45}{100}$  per yard, and  $161.7$  yards of concrete at \$  $350$  and  $362.05$  for bearing down and rebuilding old bridge by temporary work per yard, or  $\frac{1002.21}{100}$  in addition to the contract price  $\$1600$  in all  $\$2612.21$

Witness our hands and seals this 14th day of December, A. D., 1909.

William G. Jones (SEAL)

David Griffith (SEAL)

Wm. Malin (SEAL)

G. W. Page (SEAL)

Thos. D. Jones (SEAL)

[Signature] (SEAL)

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No 9 March 1909

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Filed 16 Dec. 1909.

Now Dec 16 1909 the  
within report presented  
the same is hereby approved  
and the County of Cambria  
directed to pay the  
contractors \$2612.<sup>21</sup>  
in full of all their  
claims against the  
County of Cambria  
By the Court

but:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, }  
County of Cambria. } as

At a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Cambria held at Ebensburg, in the said County, on the . . . . . 25th . . . . . day of . . . . . May . . . . . A. D. 1909 , before the Honorable Judge of the said Court: Upon the petition of ~~XXXXXX~~ the Councilmen of the Borough of South Fork ~~at~~ . . . . ., in the said County, setting forth that they labor under inconvenience for want of a bridge ~~road of highway, to lead from~~ over the Conemaugh river on the Street or road leading from South Fork Station to Gilestown and Ehrenfeld, that the expenses of erecting said bridge would be too burdensome and expensive upon the inhabitants of said Borough

and therefore praying the Court to appoint proper persons to view ~~the same~~ the same according to law. The Court, upon due consideration had of the premises, do order and appoint Jno. L. Elder . . . . . surveyor, and Wm. H. Connell and William Wilson . . . . . viewers, to view the ground proposed for said bridge ~~road~~, and if they view the same, and shall agree that there is occasion for such bridge ~~road~~, they shall proceed to lay out the same, ~~XXXXXX~~ 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 ~~XXXXXX~~ together with a plot or draft thereof, and the courses and distances, and references to the improvements ~~XXXXXX~~.

By the Court.

Attest: *[Signature]*  
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. 9 ..... March ..... SESSION, 1902.

Order to view... Bridge in.....

South Fork Borough .....

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Viewers.  
 Jno. L. Elder.....  
 Wm. H. Cornell.....  
 William Wilson.....

Clerk Kinkhead..... 90 cts.

Atty. by Jno. L. Elder.....

State of Pennsylvania )  
County of Cambria ) SS.

You and each of you do swear by Almighty God, the searcher of all hearts, that you will perform your duties as viewers under this appointment, impartially and according to the best of your judgment, and that you will justly, truly and according to law value and assess the damages arising from the location of the bridge, to the respective land-owners, and that as you shall answer to God at the great day.

John L. Elder  
John Mc Cormick  
Wm. Wilson

Sworn and subscribed before me  
this 5 day of June 1909.

Alfred Schupfeld (SEAL)  
S.P.

My Commission expires,

B R I D G E N O T I C E .

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned viewers appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County, to view a site for a bridge over the Conemaugh River on the street or road leading from South Fork Station to Gilestown and Ehrenfeld, in the Borough of South Fork, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, will meet at the site proposed for said bridge on Saturday, the 5th day of June, 1909, at nine o'clock A. M. for the purpose of attending to the duties of their appointment.

All persons interested are invited to attend.

John. L. Elder.

Wm. H. Connel.

William Wilson.

Viewers.

May 25, 1909.

*Service of notice is hereby accepted*

*Thomas Williams Burgess*

*Alex Dumas Pres. of Council*  
*Wm. H. Moore, Clerk of Council*

B R I D G E N O T I C E .

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned viewers appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County, to view a site for a bridge over the Conemaugh River on the street or road leading from South Fork Station to Gilestown and Ehrenfeld, in the Borough of South Fork, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, will meet at the site proposed for said bridge on Saturday, the 5th day of June, 1909, at nine o'clock A. M. for the purpose of attending to the duties of their appointment.

All persons interested are invited to attend.

John. L. Elder.

Wm. H. Connel.

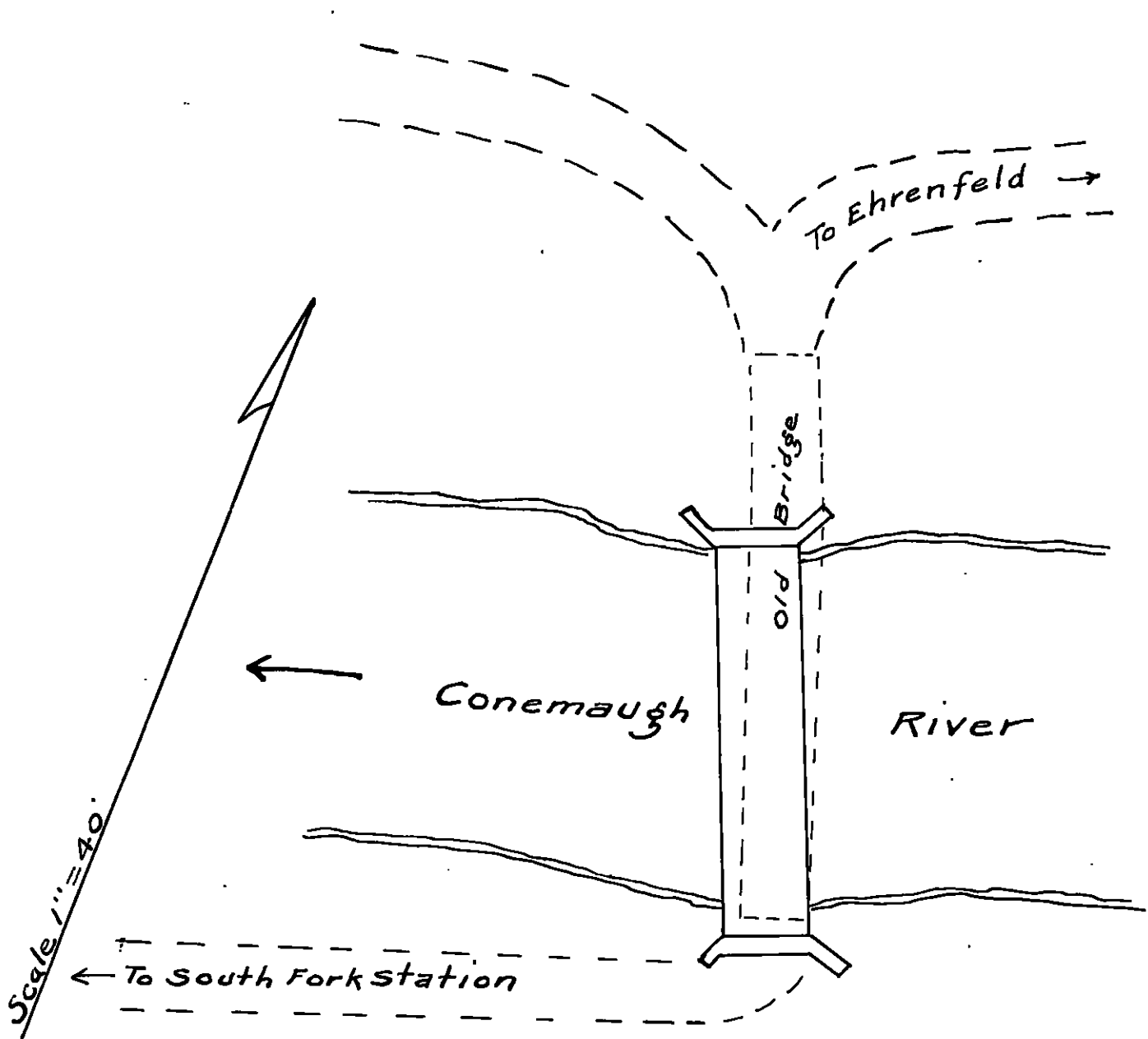
William Wilson.

Viewers.

May 25, 1909.

*Service accepted for County Commissioners*

*L. E. Tropeck  
Clerk.*



In the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace  
for the County of Cambria.

To the Honorable Francis J. O'Connor, President  
Judge of the above-named Court.

We the subscribers, persons appointed by the Court to view  
the place proposed for the bridge in the within order mentioned,  
respectfully report:-

That we met at the time and place specified  
in the notices, to-wit, on the 5th day of June A. D. 1909, at  
9 o'clock A. M. at the place where the street or road leading from  
South Fork Station to Gilestown and Ehrenfeld crosses the Conemaugh  
River in the Borough aforesaid.

That the notices required by law were duly given,  
that is to say, notice to the Town Council of the Borough of South  
Fork of the time and place of application for the appointment of  
viewers, and notice to Borough of South Fork and the County Com-  
missioners of Cambria County of the time and place at which the said  
bridge viewers should meet to discharge the duties of their appoint-  
ment, and also notice to the land owners and the public of the time  
and place of such meeting, by advertisements put up in the most  
public places in the vicinity of the location to be viewed and per-  
sonal notice to the property owners ten days before the time fixed  
for holding said view.

That we were severally sworn according to law before  
proceeding to the discharge of our duties.

That we viewed the site and locality of the bridge pro-  
posed to be built, making a personal inspection of the ground as  
designated in the petition and order, on the 5th day of June A. D.  
1909 at 9 o'clock A. M.

That we endeavored to procure releases for damages from

the land owners affected by the proposed bridge and that we were unable to procure the said releases and from our examination we find that the said land owners are not entitled to any damages by reason of the erection and construction of said bridge.

That all are of the opinion that a bridge over the Conemaugh River at the place where the street or road leading from South Fork Station to Gilestown and Ehrenfeld crosses said River in the Borough aforesaid, as per the accompanying draft, is necessary, and that the erecting of such a bridge would be attended with more expense than it is reasonable the said Borough of South Fork should bear.

Witness our hands this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1909.

John L. Elder  
Wm H. Connell  
Wm Wilson } VIEWERS.

June 7 1909 by resolution duly passed the grand jury approved this petition and recommends that the county construct the said bridge and bear the expense of same.

John L. Elder 3 day	15.00	J. L. Binder	Foreman
Order	90		
Cash	75		
Mileage	240		
	<u>19.05</u>		
Wm H. Connell 1 day	3.00		
Mileage	240		
	<u>5.40</u>		
Wm. Wilson, day	3.00		
Mileage	30		
	<u>3.30</u>		

No 9 March Term 1909 RA.

IN THE COURT OF QUARTER

SESSIONS OF CAM-

BRIA COUNTY.

IN RE BRIDGE IN SOUTH

FORK BOROUGH.

REPORT OF VIEWERS.

*Filed 7 June 1909, in  
open court,*

*June 7, 1909, the action  
of the grand jury as <sup>within</sup>  
recorded is approved,  
By the court.*

cert. 9 June 1909.