

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court
of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County.

The petition of the undersigned
citizens of Wilmore Borough, in said County.
Respectfully Represent:

That it is necessary, that a bridge, should be erected over
the Conemaugh River, at the ford where
said River crosses, the public road or Street,
known as the Main St., in the said Borough
of Wilmore; or that the bridge now located
there, which has been greatly injured
by the recent heavy floods, should be
repaired, and put in safe condition.

That the erecting of said bridge,
or the repairing of the old bridge, will
require more expense than it is rea-
sonable the said Borough of Wilmore
should bear.

~~The petitioners~~ therefore pray
the Court to appoint three persons
qualified according to law, to view the
place proposed for said bridge, and
inquire whether said bridge is necessary,
and to ascertain the costs of repairing
the old bridge, and whether it would
be too expensive, for said Borough

of Milmore to hear, and make report
of their proceedings, to the next term
of this Court.

And they will ever pray. &c.

John Schrott
Geo. W. Bingle
H. C. Berry
John M. Breen
W. D. Clotus
Rev. J. Emmet
G. D. Pringle
Robert Hervey
G. M. Ferry
Wm. Hankle
Joseph Miller
David Barber
Volentine Walsh
W. S. Emigh
Frank J. Haugh
P. J. Griffin
O. W. Haugh
G. H. Robaugh
Michael Lotz
Henry Ferry
W. S. Kelly
Johannes Ash

John Lingle
Peter Stolp
A. H. Cullen
Ed. Mearns
J. V. Fleece
Jacob J. Horned
D. C. Kirby
J. M. Molese
John M. Governor

101 Mass. Ave. Mrs. Read &
Petition for a
Public Bridge
across the Commonwealth
River at Milmore

At May 1884
The following persons
appointed
W. A. Robertson
John W. McCormick
Wm. H. Kirby
By the court

Filed 26 February 1884

Read.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the
Court of Cambria Co.

We, the viewers appointed by the Court
of Quarter Sessions on the seventh day of
May 1884. to view the site of a bridge
in the borough of Wilmore where
the Conemaugh River crosses the public
road known as Main St. of said borough,
after being duly sworn and qualified accord-
ing to law on the twenty-sixth day of May 1884
viewed said bridge, and herein report:
That the maintaining of a substantial
bridge at the point named is ~~and~~
absolutely necessary for the accommo-
dation of the public; that the piers upon
which the bridge rests are in such
a dilapidated condition as to be
entirely unfit to sustain the weight
of the bridge and the loads crossing it,
and incapable of long resisting the action
of the current of the river or the force of the

ice-gorges, which during the freshets of the winter and spring are frequently jammed against them; and they ^(the piers) are hereby specifically ^{and} absolutely condemned. We find the bridge which was erected on the above-mentioned piers by the borough of Wilmore during the latter part of 1883 to supply the place of one erected on the same site, we believe ^{with} the aid of the county, about the beginning of the year 1864, and which suddenly became dangerous for travel by teams and vehicles during the winter or spring of 1883, to be a substantial structure, built under the supervision of a good mechanic, of timber, said to be Florida pine, strengthened by heavy iron truss-rods, and complete except as to painting. It is ^{alleged} claimed by citizens of Wilmore that the urgency of the case demanding the immediate construction of a bridge, the Council of the town, in view of the necessary delay ^{consequently on} of petitioning Court and securing assistance

of the county decided to erect the bridge immediately, and afterwards apply for an appropriation from the county; and to that end borrowed money to buy material, the entire amount of which, and cost of construction, as reported to us by the street-commissioner, is about four hundred and ninety dollars.

We have estimated the cost of tearing down and rebuilding the piers, and painting the ^{framework} ~~woodwork~~ of the bridge at three hundred dollars, a sum which of itself we think unreasonable and inequitable for the people of ^{Wilmington} to bear considering the fact that ^{than} this bridge, ~~is~~ by reason of its central location, situated as it is on one of the principal thoroughfares leading from the southern portions to the northern districts of ~~the~~ county, there are few, if any, bridges in ^{the county} more generally used by the people thereof. In view of this fact and the further consideration that the taxpayers of Wilmington ~~will~~ be obliged to keep the roadway of the bridge in proper condition, we think that it would not be unreasonable for the county to appropriate six hundred dollars as its quota of the expenses already incurred

and the amount named to complete the work
yet to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Kenney
John McCormick,
W. H. Robinson

Witness.

Cambria County, N.Y.

At a Court of General Quarter Sessions
of the Peace, held at Poughkeepsie
in and for said County, on the
seventh day of May A.D. 1884, before
the Honorable Judges of said Court:

The petition of certain citizens of Milmore Borough in
said County, was presented, representing that a Bridge
is much wanted to be erected over the Conemaugh River
at the ford where said river crosses the public road or
street, known as the Main St. in the said Borough of
Milmore; or that the Bridge now located there, which
has been greatly injured by the recent heavy floods, should
be repaired, and put in safe condition, that the prob-
able expense of erecting or repairing said Bridge would
be much greater than the said Borough of Milmore could
bear, and praying the Court to appoint viewers to view the
site of the proposed Bridge and report the facts to the Court.
The Court upon due consideration had of the premises
appointed H. H. Roberts and John McCormick and G.
H. Kirby to view the site of the proposed Bridge, who after
having been duly sworn or affirmed according to law to dis-
charge the duties of their appointment with fidelity, are to go
upon the premises and inquire whether said Bridge is
necessary and to ascertain the costs of repairing the old
one, and whether it would be too expensive for said
Borough to bear the expense of its erection or repairs, and
make report of their proceedings herein to the next Court
of Quarter Sessions to be held for said County in which
report, they shall state distinctly, that they had been
sworn or affirmed according to law.

By the Court.

H. A. Shormaker
Clerk

The Board inquired into the action of the officers and the officers and the

the matter of the officers' conduct in the County Commission

David B. Eldridge, Esq. of Baltimore, Md. in the County Commission

June 2, 1884

and referred to the County Commission

John M. Eldridge, Esq. of Baltimore, Md. in the County Commission

making contents fully known to each member of the Board

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