

IN RE ROAD IN CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP.

In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County, Penna.

No. December Sessions, 1916.

#### PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The petition of the undersigned inhabitants of the Township of Conemaugh, the Township of Adams and the Borough of South Fork, County of Cambria and State of Pennsylvania, respectfully represents:

- the Borough of South Fork in said County of Cambria, through Conemaugh Township by way of the Viaduct and connecting with the Frankstown Road in said County of Cambria, to wit:—beginning at a point on said first mentioned public road at its point of intersection with a street already opened in said Borough of South Fork, known as "Township Road", and ending at a point on said first mentioned road Five Thousand (5000) feet distant from its intersection with another public road already opened leading from the said Borough of South Fork past No. 2 Mine of the Stineman Coal and Coke Company to the Frankstown Road,— has become useless, inconvenient and burdensome, for the following reasons:
  - (a) The location and grade of said road are such that it is practically impossible to keep the water from washing away large portions thereof and rendering the same impassible.

- (b) The expense of attempting to keep said road in repair is so great, on account of its grade and location, as to render it burdensome.
- (c) The grade of said road in so steep as to render it extremely dangerous for any sort of traffic in certain portions thereof.
- (d) The grade thereof is so steep that it is entirely impossible to use said road in wet weather for motor vehichle traffic and practically impossible to use it for any other purpose.
- 2. That they labor, therefore, under great inconvenience for want of a public road in said Township of Conemaugh, to supply the above described road, to begin at a point on the public road already opened leading from the said Borough of South Fork past No. 2 Mine of the Stineman Coal and Coke Company to the Frankstown Road, Seven (700) Hundred feet distant from its intersection with an unnamed Street already opened in said Borough of South Fork, and ending at a point on the public road leading from the said Borough of South Fork to the Frankstown Road by way of the Viaduct, Five Thousand (5000) feet distant from its intersection with said first mentioned road leading past said No. 2 Mine of the Stineman Coal and Coke Company.

Your petitioners therefore pray your Honorable Court to appoint viewers, duly qualified according to law, to view, inquire of and vacate the portion of said road above described as being useless, inconvenient and burdensome, and to view the ground proposed for said road above prayed for, and, if they see occasion, to lay out the same and make report of their proceedings to the next term of this Court.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF CAMBRIA

Before me, the subscriber, personally appeared

Severy , one of the above named petitioners,
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#### BOND

NOW THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That if not the said road shall/be vacated and supplied by the Viewers to be appointed, and the costs of said view be paid by the petitioners, if required so to do by the Court, then this obligation to be void; otherwise, to be and remain in full force and virtue.

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In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County, Penna.

No. , December Sessions, 1916.

NOTICE

TO THE SUPERVISORS OF CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP:

Please take notice that a petition will be presented to the above Court of Quarter Sessions on the day of October, A. D. 1916, asking for the vacation of a certain road in Conemaugh Township beginning at a point on the public road leading from the Borough of South Fork in said Cambria County, through Conemaugh Township by way of the viaduct and connecting with the Frankstown Road in said County of Cambria, at its point of intersection with a street already opened in said Borough of South Fork, known as "Township Road", and ending at a point on said first mentioned road Five Thousand (5000) feet distant from its intersection with another public road already opened leading from the said Borough of South Fork past No. 2 Mine of the Stineman Coal and Coke Company to the Frankstown Road; and further, asking for the appointment of viewers to view the premises, and if they see fit, to lay out a public road to begin at a point on the public road already opened leading from the said Borough of South Fork past No. 2 Mine of the Stineman Coal and Coke Company to the Frankstown Road, Seven Hundred (700) feet distant from its intersection with an unnamed Street already opened in said Borough of South Fork, and ending at a point on the public road leading from the said Borough of South Fork to the Frankstown Road by way of the viaduct, Five Thousand (5000) feet distant from its intersection with said first mentioned road leading past said No. 2 Mine of the Stineman Coal and Coke Company. Said petition will ask for the appointment of viewers to view, inquire of and vacate the portion of said road first above described, and, if they see occasion, to lay out the same and make report of their proceedings to the ext term of this Court.

Attorney for petitioners.

And now, October , 1916, I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the above notice.

Supervisors of Conemaugh Township.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF CAMBRIA

Before me the undersigned authority personally appeared William Yoder, who being duly affirmed according to law deposes and says that he served antrue copy of the within notice on W. C. Berkebile, Oscar Yarnick and John Helbig, all of the Supervisors of Conemaugh Townhsip by handing each one of them a true and correct copy thereof personally on Monday the 30th day of October, 1916.

There to and subscribed before me this lst day of November 1916.

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Notary public.

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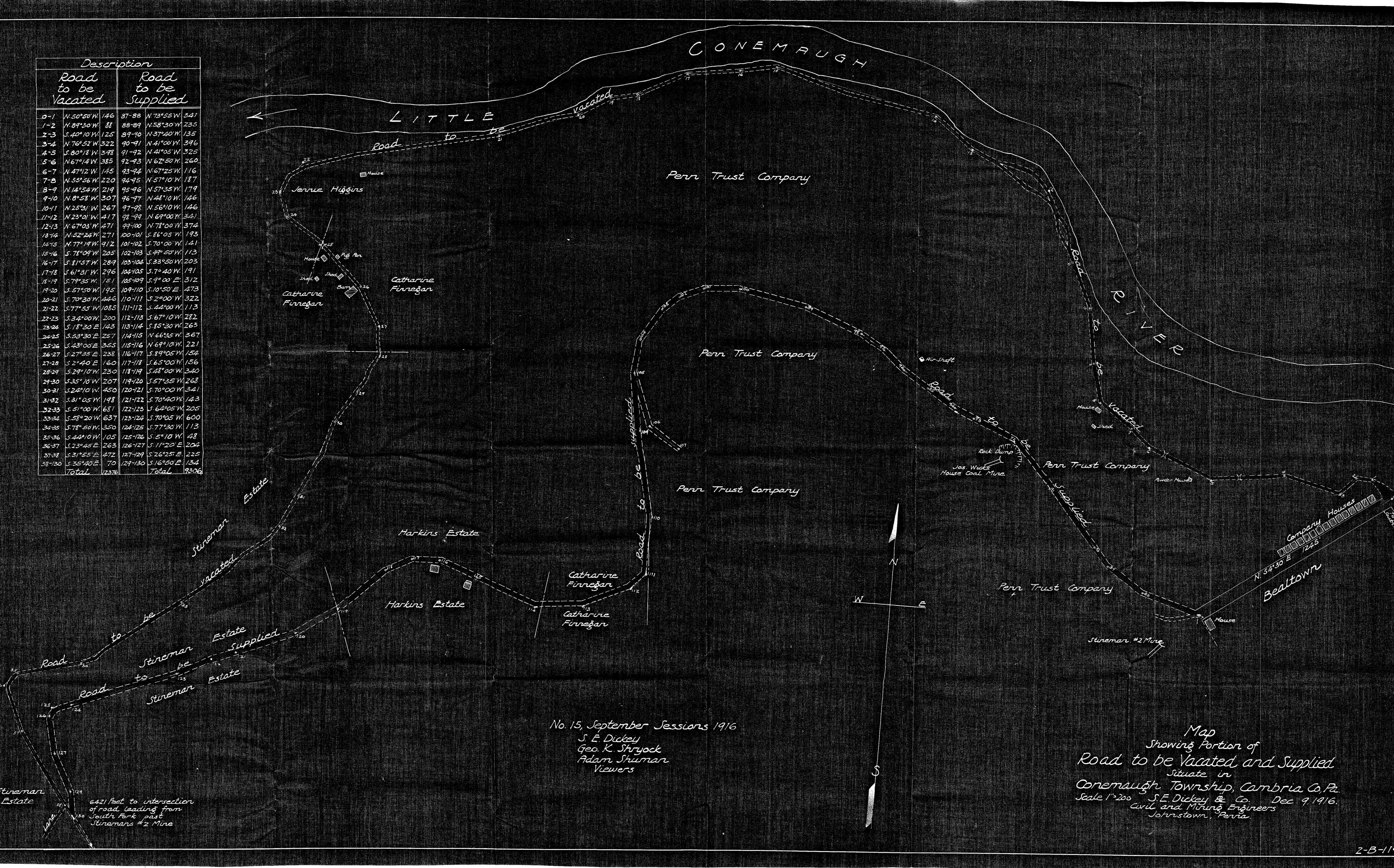
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And now, November 9th, 1916, the within petition read and upon due consideration thereof the Court does appoint

to view the ground proposed for such road as well as the road proposed to be vacated, and make report of their proposedings to the next term of this Court.

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RUSSELL R. YOST ATTORNEY-AT-LAW JOHNSTOWN, PA. Rot Microfilmed RO# 15 Sept. 1916 Map#2



In re Road in Conemaugh
Township.

In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County, Pennsylvania.
No. 15 September Sessions 1916.

And now, January 1917, W. C. Berkebile, Oscar Yarnick and John Helbig, Supervisors of Conemaugh Township, by their attorney, D. P. Weimer, come and file the following exceptions to the report of viewers in the above entitled matter.

First.— The petition for the vacation of the road and the Docket entry thereof do not contain a reference to the number and term of the original case or to the number and page of the docket containing the record thereof, as required by Rule No. 24 of the Rules for the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for Cambria County, which Rule is as follows:— "24. Every petition for the review or vacation or change of a road, and the docket entry thereof shall contain a reference to the number and term of the original case or to the number and page of the docket containing the record thereof"

Second. The report of viewers does not conform to the order of Court appointing the viewers, the order being to lay out a road and the report attempting to vacate and supply.

Third.— The improvements are not noted either along the line of the road attempted to be laid out or along the line of the road attempted to be vacated.

Fourth.- The report of the viewers shows that notice of the view was not given as required by law.

Attorney for Supervisors of Conemaugh Township.

No. 15 September Sessions 1916.

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Exceptions to report of viewers.

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In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County, Pa.

No. 15 September Sessions, 1916.

Rule to Show Cause.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the above named Court:

For answer to the Rule to Show Cause in the above stated matter, the Supervisors of Conemaugh Township, by their Attorney, D. F. Weimer, make answer as follows:

First. It is immaterial whether or not the reference to the proceedings wherein the road in said Township prayed to be vacated and supplied was laid out, was omitted in said petition by inadvertence or otherwise, the rule requiring that the petition as well as the docket entry contain the reference to the No. and Term to the original case, and the docket entry having been made up from the original petition, the amendment of the petition therefore would not cure the defect in the docket entry, and the rule should therefore be dismissed.

Second. The rule should be dismissed for the further reason that the proceedings are based upon the petition, and their validity and effect is determined on the state of the record at the time the order to view is issued and persons interested can only act on such information as they find at the time that notice is given them of the view.

Third. It is further objected to that the amendment as asked for is not a true statement of the record, in that it sets forth that the proceedings were to vacate and supply a road, where-a as the fact is that the order is to lay out a road.

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Cambria County, SS.

D. P. Weimer, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that the facts set forth in the foregoing statement are true and correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

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Sworn and subscribed before me this 16th day of October

A. D. 1917.

Notary Public.
My Com. Expires Jan. 20, 1919.

No. 15 Sept. Sess. 1916. In re Road in Conemangh Township

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Filed 18 October 1917. Frank b. Robb Clark

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NOTE. "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 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."

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In Re: Vacation and supply of a Public road leading from the Borough of South Fork through the Conemaugh Township by way of the Viaduct.

In the Court of Quarter Session
Of Cambria County,
Pennsylvania.
No. 15 September Session,
1916.

## REPORT OF VIEWERS

To the Honorable, the Judges of the above mentioned Court, We the undersigned Viewers appointed by the annexed order to view the roads within mentioned, respectfully report: That we have been duly swork or affirmed as members of the permanent board of Viewers of Cambria County as shown by the records of the Court.

That having given due public notice of said view and of the time and place of maeting by posting notices as required by law along the route and termini of the said road to be vacated and the said proposed road to be supplied and by service of such notice on the County Commissioners of Cambria County and on the Supervisors of Conemaugh Township, evidence of which is shown by the copies of said notices hereto attached. That we met in accordance with the notice given on the 24th day of November A.D. 1916 at 1 o'clock R.M. and proceeded with the duties of our appointment and viewed the portion of road desired to be vacated and the route of the proposed new road, and are of the opinion that the portion of the road prayed for by the petitioners to be vacated has become useless, inconvenient and burdensome and that there is occassion for a public road to supply the portion vacated aherefore, we proceeded to lay out the same having due respect to the shortest distance and the best ground for a road and in such a manner as would be as near as practicable, agreeable to the desire of the petitioners and at the same time do the least injury to private property. A plot or draft attached hereto and made a part of this report shows the read to be vacated and the road to be supplied and is herewith returned for public uses, a further description of said road is shown on the maps attached hereto. The plot or draft attached hereto shows the bocation of the termini of the roads, the improvements and the Owners of the adjacent property along the route of said road, said road to be vacated and supplied passes through and occupies land of the Penn Trust Company, Catherine Finnegan, Harkins Estate, Jennia Higgins, and Stineman Estate and having failed to obtain a release of damages from the said property owners we assess them no benefits end no damages.

During the view of the site of the proposed supply and the road to be vacated several of the petitioners and Council for the petitioners and Supervisors were present and heard and after due consideration of all the matter before us we are of the opinion that the part to be vacated has become useless, inconvenient and burdensome upon the tax payers and that the part to be supplied is necessary for public use and that the prayers of the petitioners should be granted.

Witness our hands this 9th day of December A.D. 1916.

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In the Court of Guarter Session Of Cambria County, Pennsylvania. No. 15 September Session, 1916.

#### NOTICE OF VIEW

S. E. DICKEY

Nov. 11, 1916.

ADAM SHUMAN

GEO. K. SHRYOCK Viewers

Now this day of NV 1916
service of the within notice is hereby accepted by the undermigned Supervisors of the Township of Conemaugh, County of Cambria
State of Formsylvania.

W.b. Berkehile

Supervisors

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In the Court of Suarter Session of Cambria County,
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No. 15 September Session,
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#### NOTICE OF VIEW

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Nov. 11, 1916

ADAL SHUMAN

GEO. K. SHRYOCK Viewers

Now this 18th day of November 1916 service of the within notice is hereby accepted by the undersigned Supervisors of the Township of Conemaugh, County of Cambria

and State of Pennsylvania.

John Helling

Supervisors

In Re Vacation and supply of a Public Road leading from the Borough of South Fork through Conemaugh Township by way of the Viaduct. In the Court of Quarter Session
Of Cambria County,
Pennsylvania.
No. 15 September Session,
1916.

#### NOTICE OF VIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Viewers appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions to view the site and determine as to the necessity of vacating a public road leading from the Borough of South Fork in said County of Cambria through Conemaugh Township by way of the viaduct and connecting with the Frankstown Road in said County of Cambria to wit: Beginning at a point in said first mentioned Public Road at its point of intersection with a street already opened in said Borough of South Fork, known as the "Township Road" and ending at a point on said first mentioned road Five Thousand (5000) feet distance from its intersection with another public road already opened leading from the said Borough of South Fork past No. 2 Mine of the Stineman Coal and Coke Company to the Frankstown Road, and supply a public road to begin at a point on the Public Road already opened leading from the said Borough of South Fork past No. 2 Mine of the Stineman Coal and Coke Company to the Frankstown Road, Seven (700) Hundred feet distance from its intersection with an unnamed Street already opened in said Borough of South Fork, and ending at a point on the public road leading from the said Borough of South Fork to the Frankstown Road by way of the Via-duct, Five Thomsand (5000) feet distance from its intersection with said first mentioned road leading, past said No. 2 Mine of the Stineman Coal and Coke Company, will meet at the place of beginning in the Borough of South Fork aforesaid on the 24th day of November A.D. 1916 at /:00 o'clock // for the purpose of performing the duties of this appointment.

S. E. DICKEY

Nov. 11, 1916.

ADAM SHUMAN

GEO. K. SHRYOCK Viewers

Now this day of service of the within notice is kereby accepted by the Commissioners of Cambria County Pennsylvania.

Clerk

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In Re Vacation and supply of a Public Road leading from the Borough of South Fork through Conemaugh Township By way of the Viaduct. the Court of Quarter Session of Cambria County,
Pennsylvania.
No. 15 September Session,
1916.

## NOTICE OF VIEW

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ADAM SHUMAN

GEO. K. SHRYOCK Viewers

Nov. 11, 1916

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In the Court of Quarter
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# To S. E. DICKEY, GEO. K. SHRYOCK & ADAM SHUMAN Dr.

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In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County, Penna.

No. , December Sessions, 1916.

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PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT :

The petition of Russell R. Yost, Esq., Attorney for petitioners in the above matter, respectfully represents that through an inadvertence the number and terms of the proceedings in which the road which is in said petition prayed to be vacated and supplied was laid out, was omitted in said petition.

Your petitioner, therefore, respectfully prays your Honorable Court for leave to amend said petition by adding the following paragraph thereto:

The proceedings laying out said road which is herein prayed to be vacated and supplied are found entered in the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County, Pennsylvania, to No. 5 September Sessions, 1889, and are found in Road Docket, Vol. 4, page 206.

Attorney for petitioners.

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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

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COUNTY OF CAMBRIA

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Russell R. Yost, Attorney for the petitioners above referred to, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and say that the allegations of fact above set forth are true and correct.

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In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria Co. Pa.

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# IN THE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS OF CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

In re petition of the inhabitants of Conemaugh and Adams Township and South Fork Borough, vacating and supplying a public road leading from the Borough of South Fork through Conemaugh Township and by way of the Viaduct.

#15 September Sessions, 1916. November 9, 1916, petition filed.

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And now, March 2nd, 1917, comes Haldeman O'Connor by his attorney, James A. Graham, and excepts to the report of viewers in the above entitled case, and for cause thereof, assigns the following

### REASONS:-

1. The petition for the vacation of the road is not in proper form in that the petition and the docket entry thereof do not contain a reference to the number and term of the original case; or to the number and page of the docket containing the record thereof as required by rules of Court, --see rule #24 at page 71. Joint Rules for Common Pleas, Orphans' Court, Oyer, and Terminer and Quarter Sessions of Cambria County, which is as follows:--

Rule #24:- Every petition for the review, or vadation, or change of a road, and the docket entry thereof, shall contain a reference to the number and term of the original case, or to the number and page of the docket containing the record thereof.

- 2. The petition for the vacation of the road is not in proper form in that it does not adquately describe the pertion of the said road proposed to be vacated and termini thereof, but the same are vague and unsufficient.
- 3. The petition is defective in that the bond accompanying the said petition is executed by the attorney for petitioners contrary to the rule of Court #17 at page 12, Joint Rules. which is in part as follows:--

Rule #17:-- No attorney practicing in the

Courts of this county shall be admitted or suffered to become bail
for an appeal, security in a replevin bond, for costs, or stay of
execution, or for the appearance
of a Defendant in any suit or
action depending in said Courts or
on any Administrator's or Trustee's
bond, or on any bond or recognizance requiring the approval of
the Court.

- 4. Notice of the view as required by the decisions of the Courts and the proper protection of the persons affected was not given by the viewers.
- 5. The report of viewers is defective in that it does not show that notice of the view was given as required, the said report not setting forth how many notices were posted, where the notices were posted, when the notices were posted, and the form

of the notices.

- 6. The report of the viewers is defective in that it does not show the owners of the adjacent property along the route of the road.
- 7. The report of the viewers is defective in that it does not describe the termini of the proposed road as laid out as is required by law, but said report is vague and indefinite in this respect.
- 8. The report of the viewers is defective in that it does not aver that an effort was made to secure a release of damages from owners of property adjacent to the route of the proposed road.
- 9. The report of the viewers is defective in that it was not filed during the first week of the next term of court as required by the rules of Court. See rule #23 at page 71, Joint Rules for Common Pleas, Orphans' Court, Oyer and Terminer, and Quarter Sessions of Cambria County which is, in part, as follows:

Rule #23:-- Every report on order for view or review of a road shall be returned
and filed within the first week
of the term to which it is returnable.

- 10. The report of viewers is defective in that it shows that the viewers disregarded the termini mentioned in the petition by going beyond the same.
- 11. The report of viewers is defective in that it does not show the route of the proposed road nor the courses and distances thereof, except as the latter are set out in the plot accompanying the report.

- 12. The report of viewers is defective in that the improvements are not noted either along the line of the road attempted to be laid out or along the line of the road attempted to be vacated.
- 13. The report of viewers is defective in that no reason is given for refusal to award damages to property of Haldeman O'Connor.
- 14. The report of viewers is defective in that it does not show that the viewers met at the place designated in the notice to wit. "the place of beginning".
- 15. The report of viewers is defective in that it does not state particularly who of the viewers were present at the view.
- 16. The report of viewers is defective in that it does not state that the road attempted to be laid out is necessary for a public road.
- 17. The report of viewers is defective in that the report including papers attached to it, shows that the view was not completed before the beginning of the next term.
- 18. The report of viewers is defective in that it does not conform to the order of Court appointing the viewers, the order being to lay out a road and the report attempting to vacate and supply.
- 19. The viewers did not perform their duty in that they did not take into consideration, the damages resulting to property of Haldeman O'Connor.
- :20. The proposed road shown in the report of viewers exceeds five percent (5%) grade.

- · 21. The proposed road as laid out in the report of viewers is not so laid out as to do the lease injury to private property as required by the fict of Assembly.
- 22. The proposed road as attempted to be laid out in the report of viewers is not necessary for the public.
- 23. The proposed road as laid out by the viewers will be excessively expensive.
- 24. The order of Court continuing the appointment of viewers rendered it improper for the viewers to make the report before the next term.
- 25. The order of Court for continuing the appointment of viewers must have been made during the week in which the report was required to be filed by the rules of Court.
- 26. The order continuing the appointment of viewers was improper and improvidently made. The motion should have been to enlarge the time in which the report could be filed.
- 27. The termini of the proposed road as set forth in the petition and report are vague, uncertain, and indefinite.

Respectfully submitted

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# EXCEPTIONS

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