

To the Honorable the Judge of the
Within named Court,

We the subscribers
appointed by the within order of Court
to view the ground proposed for said
Road, doth respectfully report, That
having given duly and timely notice of
time and place of meeting of the Viewers
by 6 written notices posted up in six most
public places adjacent and along said route,
(One of said notices is hereto annexed)
And, ^{we} do further report that having met agreeable
to said notice on the 25th day of April
1888. And after being sworn & affirmed
according to law, as directed, We then
proceeded to view the ^{ground} along the propo-
sited route of said road, And after finding
a suitable route for a road, and believing
there is an occasion for said Road, And that
we have laid out, and do report a road
~~for a Road~~ for public use according
to the following courses and distances, and a
draft whereof is hereto annexed, Viz
Beginning at a post on public road near
Ben Tibbitts House and also, Bowlers
Blacksmith Shop thence along an old
road and through lands of Martin Rager
North thirty three degrees west six ten perches
to lands of Ben, Tibbitts on the right &

Martin Rager on the left continuing
same course forty four perches more
or whole distance of line, Sixty perches to
white oak in old road & near corner of E.
Cattiff & Jesse Berkebile, thence along the
division line between Cattiff & Berkebile
and along an old road, North twenty
degrees west seventy perches to a post in
road, thence continuing along said road &
through Berkebiles land South fifty three
degrees west thirteen perches to a post, in old
road thence by same road South fifty nine
degrees west twenty eight perches opposite
Berkebiles dwelling house, forty perches oppo-
site Busw whole distance of line sixty three
and two tenth perches to a Rock in lane,
thence through corner of said Berkebiles field
North sixty nine degrees west fourteen per-
ches to a post, thence South seventy one west
nine perches to a Poplar, thence, South sixty
two degrees west sixteen & a half perches to
line of Daniel Rager, thence through said
Ragers land by same course twenty & a
half perches more to a post, thence South
sixty seven degrees west thirteen perches
to a post, thence North eighty one degrees
west twelve perches to a post, thence South
eighty nine degrees west eight perches to a
post, thence South eighty one degrees west

eight perches to a chest, oak, thence
South eighty nine degrees west eight perches
to line of George W. Ribblitt's land thence
through Ribblitt's land by same bearing
at forty nine perches opposite said Ribblitt's
Barn & House whole distance of this line
is sixty nine perches to post, in Ribblitt's
field, thence through his fields South seventy
three degrees west twenty perches to woodland
whole dist. of this line thirty two perches to post,
thence South eighty two degrees west twelve and
seventenths perches to a chest, O thence due West
four & two tenths perches to a post, thence
North thirty four degrees west four perches to
a post, thence through Calver Galbreath's
land North twenty seven degrees west eight
& six tenths perches to a post in an old wood
thence North seventy degrees west four
perches to a post in road, thence South eighty
seven degrees west sixteen perches to post in
road, thence South sixty seven degrees west
three perches to Cold Run whole distance
of this line eleven & three tenths perches to
a post, thence South eight degrees west four
& seven tenths perches to post, thence South
twenty degrees west five & four tenths perches
to post, thence South thirty five degrees west four
& five tenths perches to post, thence South sixty
six perches degrees west six & a half perches

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To a post, thence North eighty four
degrees West six & a half perches to a Pin 0,
thence North eighty nine degrees West ten
to post, thence South eighty three degrees
West twelve perches to post, thence South sixty
eight degrees West five & six tenths perches to post,
thence South eighty five degrees West eight & a
half perches to post, thence North seventy
seven degrees West four & a half perches to
to post, thence North forty six degrees West
six perches to post, thence North thirty eight
degrees West five & six tenths perches to post,
thence North thirty five degrees East five
perches to Chestnut, thence North forty seven
degrees East seven & one tenth perches to
Chest, thence due North six & three tenths
perches to post in old coal road thence along
same North eighteen degrees West twenty
two perches to Chest, thence North thirty
eight degrees West fifty six & eight tenths
perches to Chest, edge of old road thence North
fifty three degrees West twenty & a half perches
to Chest, thence North twenty three degrees
West forty seven perches to post in road, thence
North forty five degrees West sixteen
perches to Chest, thence North sixteen degrees
West twenty & seven tenths perches to post,
thence North twelve degrees East twelve
perches to post, at line of Michael M. Mohr

thence through said No^o Mahan land
North sixteen degrees east twelve
perches to a post, thence North thirty
three degrees east fourteen & six tenths perches
to a post, thence North sixteen degrees
west eight & six tenths perches to post, thence
North thirty six degrees west eighteen
perches to post on Public Road near
Michael D^o Mohan House
Leading from Bruce Griffiths
to Indiana line.

And having obtained
Releases from all the owners of
lands through which this Road passes
through except Daniel Roger and
Martin Roger

Daniel Roger
We have awarded & assessed him
with Thirteen dollars (\$13.) for
damages sustained by opening of said
road, Martin Roger sustains no
damage, We adopted the old road
Bed through his lands, which has been
used and kept open for quite a number
of years, And furthermore all the
appointed viewers in said Court order
met on the appointed day Viz.
Mr Slick Abraham P. Ribblett and
Isaac B. Bowser.

Witness our hands and seals this
26th day of April A. D. 1888

Am Slick
Abraham D. Ribblett
Isaac B. Bowser

Am Slick 3 days
Is writing 6 notes \$100
wa 5 miles
A. P. Ribblett 2 days
1 mile
Isaac B. Bowser 2 days
1 mile
Chain carriers
Jesse Beskibile 2 days
Geo. W. Ribblett 2 "

Viewers Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned viewers duly appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County March Term 1888 To view a road from Ben Ribblets lane near Browsers Blacksmith shop on a road from Cambria Furnace to Stone Pike to a point at or near House of Michael W. Mahon on a road from Bruce Griffiths to Indiana County in West Taylor Township, Will meet for the purpose of performing the duties of the above stated appointment on Wednesday 25th day April A.D. 1888 at the House of Ben Ribblets ~~on~~ at house of 9 o'clock A.M. on the line of said proposed road commencing the views at the said proposed road, When & where all persons interested may attend

Wm Slick

A. R. Ribblett

Isaac Browser

Viewers



We, the undersigned, in consideration of the advantages to us from the road mentioned in the annexed order and report, and at the request of the viewers appointed to lay out the same, do hereby release all claims to damage that may arise to us from the opening of said road.

Witness our hands and seals the 25th day of April

A.D. 1888.

Witness present

Ebenzer Landis
B. F. Riblet
Michael Mc Mahon
Jesse Brehobille
George W. Riblet
G. M. Galbreath

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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 Obensburg in the said County, on the 5th day of
March A. D. 1888, before the Honorable the Judges of the same
court: Upon the petition of divers inhabitants of the township of West Taylor
in the said county, setting forth that they labor under inconvenience for want of a
public road or highway, to lead from
Ben Ribblett's lane near Jacob Fumura Benkinith's
shop on a public road leading from Cambria Furnace
and ending at the Stone Pike thence to a point and
ending at or near the house of Michael M. Mahan
on another public road leading from Bruce Griffiths
on the old canal and ending at the Indiana County
line

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 William Slichter SURVEYOR,
and A. R. Ribblett & Isaac Pauwer

— VIEWERS, to view the ground proposed for said
road, and if they view the same, and shall agree that there is occasion for such
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, 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:

W. A. Schaeffer

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 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
March Term 1888
Road & Bridge

Order to view a road from the
Ribbleth Lane near Garrow's
Manor Mill Brook on road to
Garrow's Manors to Stone Pit
to be laid out at a new corner of
Mortel & L. L. L. in ground of
James Griffith to L. L. L. L.
Lane, in West-Page Park

Viewers:
William Street
J. R. Ribblett
James Lawrence

Filed June 1, 1888

Wm. Street
J. R. Ribblett
James Lawrence
Chg. to W. R. Row

Now June 13, 1888. Read and confirmed nisi
and ordered to be opened 50ft wide
By the Court
Oct. 3, 1888 Petition Refused.
By the Court

To the Honorable Robert E. Johnston, President Judge
of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and
for the County of Cambria.

The petition of the undersigned inhabitants of the Township of West Taylor in said County respectfully sheweth: That your Petitioners take great inconvenience for want of a public road or highway in the Township of West Taylor to begin at Ben Jackson's Lane near Jacob Brown's Blacksmith shop, a public road leading from Cambria thence and ending at the State Park, thence to a point and ending at a road the name of Michael J. Fisher in which public road leading from Ben Jackson's Lane to the road and ascending to the Portanna County line your Petitioners being from the Court to ask that you be pleased to order and lay out the same according to law and they will pay the same.

Wm. H. Hill
George B. ...
Arthur ...
John Benich ...
William Fleck
Ludovic ...
Henry H. ...
Henry ...
M. B. ...
Peter ...

Martin ...
H. ...
John ...
Michael McMahon
Edward McMahon

Sam. ...
Cuth. ...
Thomas O. Hill
Sylvester ...
Paul ...
Geo. ...
Francis ...
Jesse ...

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John Stombaugh
W. S. Galbreath
John Knox
John Eikes
Martin Rager
Joe B. Bowers
B. J. Riblet
William W. Rager
E. B. Cardiff
Jonathan Cook

George Alister
Joseph

John F. Beckman
John Stone
Martin Stone
George Russell
John H. Williams

John Dick
1907

James Shaffer
James Perkins
Benjamin Perkins
William Perkins
John Perkins
Wm. Perkins
Benjamin Perkins
James Perkins
John Perkins

John L. Merrill
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No. 2. May Term 1888. A.D.
Petition of inhabitants
of West Taylor Township
for Public Road,
in West Taylor Twp.

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And now March 5th 1888
The Court appoints
viewers on the within
Petition William Flick
A. B. Ribblett and Isaac
Bowers to make their
Report on or before the
first day of next term
By the Court

Filed Mar 5th 1888

Horace R. Rose

In the matter of the
Petition for a road from
Ben Riddle's farm near ~~Johnstown~~
Blacksmith Shop on road from
Casalini's farm to Stone Pike
to a point at or near corner
of Michael Mc Mahon's
in West Taylor Tp

In the Court of ^{Quarter Sessions} ~~Common Pleas~~ of
Cambria County, Pa.:

of March Term, A. D. 1888, No. 2

And now to-wit, the 17 day of Sept A. D. 1888

Rule on part of Exeplants to take depositions of
witnesses to be read on the hearing of the above stated case.

Cambria County, ss.

Extract from the Record of said Court. Certified

the 17 of Sept 1888

W. A. Shumaker Prothonotary.



To Honorable John H. Fisher Esq for Petitioner for above mentioned Road

Take Notice, That in pursuance of the above Rule the depositions of witnesses
to be read in evidence on the Argument of the above stated Application on part of
the Exeplants will be taken at the office of John H. Fisher Esq
His Office on Market Street near West Wharton Borough on Monday
the 28 day of September A. D. 1888, between the hours
of 9 o'clock, A. M., and 9 o'clock P. M., before John H. Fisher a Justice of
the Peace in and for said West Wharton Borough of Wharton
or before some other person of competent authority, at the time and place aforesaid, when
and where you may attend if you think proper.

W. A. Shumaker
Atty for Exeplants

Served the within Rules on H. W. Carlson Attorney for Petitioners by giving him
a copy September 19th 1888
H. W. Carlson

Deposition of Witnesses produced
Sworn affirmed and examined at
the Office of Justice Fisher one of the
Justices of the Peace for Cambria County
No 9 Franklin Street Johnstown
Borough in said County on
Friday the 28th day of September
1888, between the hours of 9.0 o'clock
A.M. of said day in obedience to writ
of the Court of Quarter Sessions of
said County and notice hereto at-
tached to be read in a cause de-
pending in said Court in the
matter of the Petition for a Road from
Ben Ribbitts house near Bowers
Blacksmiths Shop on Road from
Cambria Furnace to Stone Lake to a
Point at or near house of Michael
Wagoner in West Taylor Town-
ship.

Horace Rose Esq appearing for
the Exceptants.

Horace R. Rose Esq appearing for
the Petitioners.

Daniel Rager been produced and
just duly sworn testified as
follows...

I live in West Taylor Township

am Seventy three year old and
am a farmer by occupation, I am
familiar with the ^{proposed} Road leading from
Bowser Blacksmith shop to the
House of Michael Mc Mahon in
West Taylor Township. After the
proposed Road passes through my land
it goes through a great part of Rocky
County and then strikes the
hill. There is not a bit of necessity
for this proposed Road, the
Road is supposed to be Two miles
and three quarters long, The Road
would accommodate not more
than four persons at the upper end,
there is a few ^{persons} at the lower end that
would use it if the Road was put
on the Road they now use... for a
few hundred yards. All the per-
sons living along the proposed
Road now have outlets to the
Main Road. To the best of my
knowledge if this proposed Road
was made in many places it
would be over five degrees.
The Road to be made as a Town-
ship Road should be made it
would cost nearly or altogether

Two Thousand Dollars. Why because
the Township Road that are made
are not made passable they are too
narrow in many places ~~that~~ you
cant pass any way half decent.
they can make a road that you
can dribble along but it is not
a Township Road. The ground
is very rough and stony, one half
of it nearly all rocks. Some of
these rocks would have to be
blasted out ~~without~~ doubt, There
are some persons along the line that
pretend to farm. There Jess Berke-
pile. Ben Ribblett. George Ribblett.
Ebenzer Cardiff. All live on the
lower except George Ribblett he
lives opposite to me. When I
speak of the lower end I mean
the town towards the Township
Road that is now made. I sup-
pose it is a quarter of a mile the
way the road runs from the pres-
ent Township Road that leads to
Johnstown to Jess Bersepiles.
Above the ^{Bersepiles} road George Ribblett would
use the Road and a chance time
Issac Bowser, and Mr. Mchou
would use the Township Road

that runs past Bruce Griffiths which
leads right to his. From Chans. house
All these persons living along
the proposed Road that I have
named now have outlets to the
Main Road, some times they
go down along the line of the pro-
posed Road and make business
where they have money.

Cross Examined

I am the father in law of George
Ribblett one of the Petitioners for
this proposed Road, they say so.
I have nothing particular against
George. Only they are not using
the right, because it is contrary
to the bargain him and I made.
The line of the proposed Road runs
through my farm they want
to cut me right in two. I have ten
or fifteen up above the line of the
proposed Road. If it takes fifteen
Acres above I will have One hun-
dred and five Acres below the
Road. I run from one line
to the other it runs alittle on the
cut corner like. It runs about

One hundred and twenty rods through
my land, I have objections to the
Road ~~that~~ if it did not run through
me the Road is of no use. The upper
end is round about for the persons
that would use it. I consider
the road they now use higher, the
road as now proposed would be on
the old Road they now use, in
a manner. The Road they now
use is not a Township Road the
proposed road come down along
it for about a quarter of a mile, ~~at~~
I. Then the old Road that these
people along the lower end of the
proposed Road ^{use} you desire to
close according to your bargain
with Mr George Ribblett.

A. Yes the bargain ^{is} this between
George Ribblett and me, that the line
is to be the lane and the ~~Road to~~
Road to divide us.

I. Mr Raper then, then already
some travel over the line of the
proposed Road before the Road
is laid out.

Ans. Well of course there is some
people travel it through the woods

and on the Road and every place,
I have seen that many places along
the proposed road it would be
over five degrees. Reason would
teach me that by seeing the hills
along it... A degree is showing
his hands at angle and laying
them over one another is the way
until you get up. The most of
Township Roads are too narrow
and are not built properly, I think
there is money ^{enough} spent on the roads
but they are not made good, it
will cost \$2000 to make this road
as a Township Road ought to be
made. A Township Road ought
to be made wide enough to east
pass and repass. a good many
of our Township Roads you can't
pass; it will take at least calcu-
lation from fifteen hundred to seven
hundred dollars to make this
Road like our other Township
Roads and they are not made at
all. The Road that these people
have an outlet to is the Town-
ship Road, it is just a mid-
dling Road when they proposed

Road commences at the lower end
on the Township Road. It was an
old charcoal Road and the Road
where they went up ^{to} ~~the~~
~~charcoal Road~~. at Mr. Nichols
was an old charcoal Road.

Re direct

There is no person trying to shut
these people at the lower end off
from the Township Road, ~~to~~
or not as I know of

Re. Cross examined

I am not going to shut any body
off if we get the Road where our
bargain is. Daniel Rader

Jonas F. Goughnour Affirmed.
My name is Jonas F. Goughnour
My age 59 years my occupation
farmer & reside in West Taylor
Township, I am to some certain
extent familiar with the line of
the proposed Road from Bowser
Blacksmith Shop to Mr. Nichols
house, and have been over it
once in the "view". There is not
very much necessity for this

proposed road. This proposed road
would pass in the neighborhood
of about thirty dozen of farms and
small lots. These are principally situ-
ated at the lower end of the road,
there are now within about a hun-
dred and fifty Rod of the Township
Road as now existing. This
Road would not accommodate more
than from one to three farms above
the one hundred and fifty Rod, from
the lower Township Road, there
persons are George Ribbitt, and
perhaps Isaac Bowen somewhat,
and that fills the bill, there persons
reach the Township Road by private
Roads alternately crossing the pro-
posed new Road. George Ribbitt
and Isaac Bowen would use this
proposed new Road for a distance
of from half to three quarters of a
mile down to the present Town-
ship. I don't know any body
that would use the Road above
them, Practically for two miles
this proposed road would not
be used by any body, or to

giving them an outlet, at the upper
end of the Road, The character of the
ground is very rough rocky and
with ravines over which the road
would pass. The upper end is some
what smoother, but steep, in places.
The grade of the road varies, but the
steepest places would run from six
to eight degrees. The road would be
pretty expensive to make. In my views
of the matter it would cost from
fifteen to sixteen hundred dollars
to make a thorough fair road. There
are some big Rocks in the way.

Crossed examined

I live on what is termed Berishop
hill about the middle of the Town-
ship. About a mile and a half from
the lower end of this proposed
Road. I have no particular interest
in this Road, but think the
Road is uncollected. There is
one or two persons that live near
the line of this Road whose farms
do not touch this Road. That
the Road would be an ac-
commodation to for about one
hundred Rods at the lower end,

5.
I think it would be no benefit or
accommodation to Mr. Mahon, Dr. Miller,
and Benson, because the town live
within twenty five rods of an
established Township Road.

Q. If the entire line of this proposed
Road was closed up, would all
the parties having title to the same
have an outlet?

A. No Sir, for the simple rea-
son that this proposed road runs
along their private Road part of the
way, the character of the ground
~~is not~~ is rough and one of the
roughest routes ever unlooked for
land out in West Taylor.

Q. Is this Road that is proposed to
be built any rougher and rock-
ier and more ravines than ~~any~~ ^{any}
other Township Roads ~~to be~~ built
for the same distance.

A. It is rougher but that there are
not as many ravines to be crossed.

If this proposed ^{Road} does not go along
side of a ravine in George Ribblett's
ground, it would not cost quite
so much to build the road, per-
haps from twenty five to thirty dollars
less.

J. H. Goughman

James Eckels. Sworn

My age is 52 years. My residence West Taylor Township. My occupation, Laborer. I am familiar with the route of this proposed road from Bowers to Wm. Mahons. I have been over the ground & do not think there is any necessity for building the Road for the accommodation of the public. There is only about six farms and lots that cross land and join the proposed Road. They lie principally on the lower end next Bowers Shop.

Q. State who the persons are who live along the line of the proposed Road and how far they are distant from the present Township Road on which Bowers Blacksmith Shop is now located.

A. The first is Benjamin Ribbette about Twenty five Rods, Ebenezer Candy about One hundred Rods, Jesse Berkeley about One hundred and fifty Rods. then come on George Rager and Daniel Rager and they would have from about to three quarters of a mile, and from there up it would not be where it intersects the

the Wagon Road it would run through unsected land. unless it might touch the corner of Benshoop land of which I am not sure. Isaac Bousier might use this Road but at the same time he has cutted through it. These parties below all have out lots to the Township Road without building the proposed Road, all use the overland. I have gone over the route of the proposed road with the view of making an estimate of what it would cost to make it. The ground is very rough. there would be side cutting and fills and rocks to be removed by powder or dynamite. I dont understand the degrees but from what I can understand about it the road would run over five degrees. The road or portions of it would be very steep.

2. The road would stop at the top of the mountain intersecting a Road made last year at or near Michael Wagnon's house. the proposed Road commences at the

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foot of the Mountain and its general
direction is up until it reaches
the top. When I went over the road
I went about what I thought would
be a hundred rods and some
times two hundred rods and made
a calculation by sections, and marked
it down each section as I went
along and I made the cost of
the Road Seventeen hundred
and fifty dollars (\$1750⁰⁰).

If the road was made it would
be hard to keep it in repair all
down grade it would wash
badly.

Cross Examined

I live in west end of the Township
on the Road that the proposed
Road starts from a mile the
way, This proposed road would
be of no benefit to me that
I know of. I have ^{no} particularly
bad feeling towards Mr. Ribblett
or any of these Petitioners or any
person else that I know of.

My objections to this Road is not
out of any spite I have to Mr.
Ribblett but because I know the

Township is not able to make it
I have named all the parties that join
the Road that the Road would be an
accommodation, and Isaac
Bowser who might use it, and
I now say that Jonathan Eckels and
his son in law Joseph Holmes
who lives on the place west here
ought use it at the lower end
for about a hundred Rods,
There is Mrs. Althous, that lives
off the proposed Road that would
use the Road for about One hun
dred and fifty rods. She has no
stock, I know no other parties
that the Road would be of any
use to. The route of the Road
is rough and rocky and could
be graded with money enough
down to give depth but should
not be done for Seventeen hun
dred and fifty dollars. There has
been no road built in the township
in my recollection that would
cost the same amount of money
for the same distance.

James Eckels
Samuel Adams, Affirmed.
I am 29 yrs of age Teamster by
occupation live in West Fayls

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I have been over the road and am somewhat familiar with the proposed road leading from Bowser's Shop to the mountain. It is a rough country through which this road passes filled with Rocky and Ravines. It ^{would} not be easy to make a road over this route, there are Rocks there that would have to be blasted out. The grade would be pretty steep. In my judgment it would cost from sixteen to seventeen hundred dollars to make this Road. For the upper two miles of the Road it does not pass through any cleared land. People living down at the lower end of the proposed ^{Road} have outlets by private roads to the Township Road at Bowser's Shop. The majority of them live within two hundred Rods of the Township Road at Bowser's Shop. From my knowledge of that County I don't think there is any necessity for the proposed Road from Bowser's Shop to the top of the mountain. It would be a hard Road to keep up. It would be hilly

and sideling.

Cross Examined

I live just below Coopersdale
Near Cambria Furnace, about
a mile and a half from the
lower part of the Road, I never
built a road. I have some ideas
in regard to the cost of building
a Road I say it would cost
over sixteen hundred dollars, be-
cause it is a hill from one end
to the other for one thing, and
Rocks and Ravines to cross.
Once I made an estimate of what
it would cost to build this Road.
This Road would be an accom-
modation for people living along
the lower end for a couple of
hundred Rods. but they have this
old Road as it is, this old Road
might be shut up by persons own-
ing the ground for what I know.
Part of this proposed Road is now
used as a private Road already.
I don't see why it would be an
accommodation to person living
at the upper end of the Road or they
have a Township Road close
by

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I don't think it would be an
accommodation to Bower nor
to Ribblett any more than the
way the Road now is. Ribblett
uses the line of the ^{Road} proposed
by the Road that is now there,
I don't know what Bower ~~would~~
uses it I don't know how Bower
gets to his Blacksmith Shop. There
are so many roads that I am
not acquainted with. I can
get down to the Shop by other
Roads that are just as good that
I do know.

Samuel Adams

Combs County, T.S.

I Certify that the above
witnesses were duly qualified and
examined at the time and place
stated in the Caption and sub-
scribed their depositions in my
presence.

Witness my hand and seal this 28th
day of September A.D. 1888:

John H. Fisher
Justice of the Peace

No. 2 March Term 1888.

In matter of Public Road
from Bowers Blacksmiths

Shop, To W. W. Adams

House in West Taylor Wharf

Depositions on part of

Exhibits.

Dec 3rd, 1888

Justice Fee's \$4.00 Paid

W. Horace Rose.

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In the matter of the Report of Viewers to view and lay out a public road, beginning at Benjamin Pabblets lane near Bowers Block south then on the road leading from Caroline Avenue to the stone pile and ending at a point at a near house of Michael M. Maher on road leading from Prince Georges to Ludwigs County line in West Taylor Township in Lawrence County.

Exceptions to the construction of said Report.

- 1 The opening of said proposed road will cost not less than Sixteen thousand dollars.
- 2 The Road in many places will be too steep being for more than five degrees.
- 3 The Road will be of no practical use to the citizens of the Township nor those passing through it as it is located on and over a barren rocky part of the Township.
- 4 At most but two persons will use any part of the road, and they will pass over only about 150 Rods out of an entire length of two and three quarters miles, and these parties are now accommodated with private roads to the main thoroughfares.
- 5 The building of said road will require more funds than the Township will be able to raise.

Sept 14/1874

Monahan
Atty for Reper
and other citizens Remonstrants
and Exceptions.

No. 2 Mar Term 1888

Ex ceptions to the confirma-
tion of the Report of Newes to
lay out a public Road in
West Taylor Township
commencing at home of Benj
Hibbet near Bousens Place
and to the shop on the road from
Lodge Forge to the bridge over
the road at house of
Michael the brother of Wood
being from Anna Griffith to
Andrew to him

Filed 3. Sep. 1888.

W. HORACE ROSE.
Attorney at Law.
Johnstown, Pa.

1 To The Honorable Robert S. Johnston Resident
2 Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace
3 in and for Caroline County.

4 The undersigned citizens
5 property holders and tax payers of West Taylor Town
6 Ship, Caroline County, respectfully remonstrate against
7 the locating and opening of a proposed public road.

8 Beginning at the land of Benjamin Ripple near Bowser
9 Block South Ship, and ending at the other side near
10 the house of Michael McManhon Opp. the following reasons.

- 11 1. The road is unnecessary
- 12 2. The road as located will be not only very difficult to
13 make but will cost at least Two Thousand Dollars to
14 open the same to be profitable
- 15 3. The road will only be used by one or two persons.
- 16 4. The road as located does not commence at a in a
17 public road but on the line of an old charcoal road
18 abandoned over forty years ago.
- 19 5. It will exhaust the Township taxes for a couple of years
20 to open the proposed road

21 James Eckels
22 Joseph Perkins
23 Adam Pickroy
24 A. Stubman
25 George Sprucey
26 Michael Buckley
27 William Doherty
28 Sabo, was a Place
29 Isaac Berenger

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| 9 | Steward Colburn | |
| 10 | E. A. Mc Dowell | |
| 11 | Anthony Knox | |
| 12 | John Knox | |
| 13 | W. A. Rager | |
| 14 | James McLaughlin | |
| 15 | Nathan Rager | |
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| 17 | William W. Smith | |
| 18 | Russel McLaughlin | |
| 19 | Perry Clark | |
| 20 | Daniel St. Rager | |
| 21 | Christ Jeffers | |
| 22 | Michael Thorne | |
| 23 | Simon B. Adams | |
| 24 | Henry M. Fisher | |
| 25 | J. J. McLaughlin | |
| 26 | George Bower | |
| 27 | Martin Rager | |
| 28 | Thomas Rager | |
| 29 | Mass. McLaughlin | |
| 30 | A. J. Griffith | |
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 2 Albany Rager
 Ed. [unclear]
 3 George B. Rager
 4 Charles J. Rager
 5 Jacob [unclear]
 6 J. W. Goughman
 7 John A. Goughman
 8 Benjamin Steward
 9 Ed. [unclear]
 10 H. B. Galbreath
 11 W. S. Galbreath
 12 A. M. Mindley Jr.
 13 James Findley
 14 [unclear]
 15 B. J. Binkhart
 16 Daniel S. Stutzman
 17 George Clark
 18 John Raack
 19 S. S. Stutzman
 20 A. [unclear]
 21 H. C. Allery
 22 Joseph [unclear]
 23 W. D. [unclear]
 24 Albert Bissinger
 25 W. H. [unclear]
 26 Samuel Jenkins
 27 Michael [unclear]
 28 Samuel Cooper
 29 Daniel McRager

No. 2 Mar. Secs 1889. Rd

Remonstrance of Citizens
of West Nyack Township
opposed the opening of a
Public Road Beginning

at lands of Benjamin
Ripple near Prossers Block
Smith Shop and ending at
the Store like near house of
Michael McNeishon

Filed June 11. 7 1889.

Appreciation

In the Court of ^{March Session} ~~Common~~ Pleas of Cambria County, Pa.:

Of March Term, A. D. 1888, No. 2 RD

In the matter of the
Petition for a road from
Ben Pittle's lane near Bazaar
Blacksmith Shop on road
from Cambria Junction to
Stann. Peter's to a point at or
near house of Michael McShane
on West Taylor St.

And now to-wit, the 17 day of Sept A. D. 1888

Rule on part of Petitioners to take depositions of witnesses to be read on the hearing of the above stated case.

Cambria County, ss.

Extract from the Record of said Court. Certified

the 17 of Sept 1888

N. A. Shuman Prothonotary.



To H. Horace Rose Attorney for Exepts for above mentioned Road:

Take Notice, That in pursuance of the above Rule the depositions of witnesses to be read in evidence on the Argument of the above stated ex. pts on part of the Petitioners will be taken at the office of John N. Fisher Esq

at his Office on Franklin St. 2nd Ward of Johnstown Pa. on Friday

the 28 day of September A. D. 1888, between the hours

of 9 o'clock, A. M., and 9 o'clock P. M., before John N. Fisher a

Justice of the Peace in and for said 2nd Ward Borough of Johnstown

or before some other person of competent authority, at the time and place aforesaid, when

and where you may attend if you think proper.

Horace R. Rose

Atty for Petitioners.

Received on 7/1/1881 from Capt.
Sept. 20th 1881 by leaving a
copy with him.

Horace B. Pomeroy

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Deposition of witnesses produced
sworn or affirmed and examined
at the Office of John H. Fisher
one of the Justices of the Peace for the
County of Cambria No 89. Franklin
Street Johnstown Borough in said
County on Friday the 28th day
of September A.D. 1888. between the
hours of twelve A.M. and twelve
P.M. of said day in compliance
with a Rule of the Court of Quarter
Sessions of Cambria County, in a
Cause depending in said Court in the
Matter of the Petition for a Road from
Ben Roberts Lane near Bowers Black
Smith Shop on Road from Cambria
Turnpike to Stone Pike to a point at
or near house of Michael Johnson
in West Taylor Township, in the
part of the Petitioners.

Horace P. Rose Esq. appearing for
the Petitioners
vs
vs Horace Rose Esq. appearing for
the Exceptants.

Ebenzer Cardiff being produced
and first duly sworn testified as
follows

My name is Ebenzer B. Cardiff my

is forty three next but to day my re-
siderer West Taylor Township
my occupation being for Benjamin Brown's
My house stands within about
Two hundred and fifty or three hun-
dred yards of the proposed road in
the road divides Mr. Butkules
land and mine. I am glad to see
needs the proposed route of this
Road have passed over the route.
The nature of the ground is mostly
chestnut ground. there are
some rocks on it, and some
rocks on the bed of the road and
one hill that will take some
grading. I believe to the best of
my judgment that there could
be a passable Road made there
for about seven hundred and
fifty dollars. I could not say
that seven hundred and fifty
dollars would make as good a
Township Road as we have but
it would make as good a road
as the general run of our Town-
ship Road. The Rocks trees
could all be removed for the
sum to make it a passable Road
at least in my judgment of
the

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I went along the proposed route
of this Road for the purpose of
making an estimate of the cost
of this Road, and that was what
I figured it out, I believe that
the grade has been run under
five degrees except at one point
when it may run up to five degrees
or over, as the line runs now.
At this point by getting up a
little hollow it would grade to
five degrees or under. There is a
necessity for this Road and there
is a necessity for the upper end
it will benefit some four fami-
lies that live at the upper end of
the Road, The Road is about
from two and half to two and three
quarters perhaps three miles long.
It will benefit all the parties that
live along the proposed road.
Some ten families live along
there at least. I did not make
an estimate of the families there
may be fifteen families. I think
that this Road would be benefit-
ful to our Community, being there
Cross Examined.
I live on the line of the proposed

road and have been there ten or
Eleven years this fall. We have
got a Road there that we have
made there ourselves by in
and out. There is one Township
Road that runs through one
part of my ground. This Road
does not where we wish the pro-
posed Road it runs in a
different direction. I have
maybe a quarter of a mile from
the Township Road where
Bowser & Blacksmith shop now
stands and where this Road starts
from. This regular Township
Road that runs through his
place leads from Johnstown
out to the Pike. I live between
the proposed Road and the Road
leading to the Pike. And the Town-
ship Road to Johnstown runs
through part of my place. John-
stown is the market place for all
parties living in our neighborhood
I believe. The names of the
parties living on the proposed Road
are Benj. Ribblett, E. B. Candy,
Jonathan Estels Joseph Holmes

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Jesse Bertepile, Stzhours family
Georg Ribblett, Isaac Bowers,
John Benschoff, Arthur M. Miller,
Michael McMahon, I believe
I have named them all, I saw
that there were from 1812, 1815. I
had not made any estimate,
I have an outlet. Mr Bertepile
has an outlet, Mr Bowers has
outlet to the public Road such
as it is, he passes in and out
but it is a poor pass, Mr Benschoff
as an outlet, I believe, down
the other way, Mr McMahon
lives on a Township Road leading
down to Pine Gypsum and to
Johnstown. If there was a passable
Road on this line it would
be a benefit to Mr McMahon
to Ribblett's Saw Mill, there
is a Road now down from
McMahon to Ribblett's saw
Mill but it is not fit to haul
anything over.

Do, don't the majority of the people
that you have named live in a
cluster near the main Township
Road leading from Johnstown
and passing through your place

and on which Bowser Black-
smith is located.

A. Benjamin or Benjamin Rib-
blett's claim through the line
of the proposed Road is where
these people live. Benjamin Ribblett
lives the nearest to it they do
not live in a cluster but are
along the line of the proposed
road.

Q. How far does Benj. Ribblett
live from Main Township Road
A. About one hundred and
fifty yards. I live about a quarter
of mile from the Township Road
Jess Berkpile lives next to
me. he lives about a quarter or
half mile from the Road John
than Eckels lives next and he
is in the neighborhood of a
half mile from the Township
Road. Joseph Holmes lives
about the same distance as
Mr Eckels and lives next to
him. Mrs. Athyons lives next
and she lives over a half mile
from the Township. George Rib-
blett lives next and lives

about a mile or more and a quarter
from the Township Road, and
Isaac Bowser lives next and
it is a mile and a half or more
down ^{to} the Township Road.

These parties have outlets that
they have been using to get to the
Township Road, but these out-
lets are likely to be shut up on
them.

Q. Would it not be a distance
of fully two miles, from ^{the last house} above
Bowser Blacksmith's shop ^{on the road} to the
top of the mountain where it
intersects the Township Road
at W. Mahons.

A. Well it is not more than a
mile and a half from George Ribbitt
to W. Mahons on the mountain.

Q. How far is from George
Ribbitt on the line of the proposed
Road to Bowser's Blacksmith
Shop.

A. It may be a mile and a
quarter.

I don't know whether Mr. Raper
and Mr. George Ribbitt travel
the same Road to reach the
Township Road.

Mr Berkeley has lived some twelve
or fourteen years where he now
lives. perhaps longer. I can't
tell you how long the road he
uses has been used. I never
knew of it being closed. No-
body ever shut me up.

I said that it would be an ad-
vantage to Wmochon to have the
Road for the Saw Mill, but I think
it would ^{be} of advantage to the
whole Community.

When I say whole Community I
mean these parties Mr Martin
Raper. Mr Daniel Raper their
Drs. Raper. they travel that
road once in a while. John
Eckels, well I believe that is
about all. I know Daniel Raper
is opposed to the Road. ~~At the~~
~~people~~

2. What advantage would it be
to the people living below Riddle's
to have the Road made through
the woods up to Wmochon at
the top of the Mountain, when
their trade and travel leads
them to Johnston's

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A. It will be thro' advantage
them it will be an easier Road
than the One they are using now.
for the Road that they are using
now is not fit to travel on with
teams.

Q. What team travel from
your settlement up the Moun-
tain.

A. Mr. Jesse Burkpile, and Mr.
Wm Ribble's teams haul up the
mountain, Mr Ribble hauls
wood down and lumber up.
I have seen him several times
at Geop. Ribble's.

There is no particular travel from
Mr. Michon down except what
said of Mr. Michon to reach the
Saw Mill, and Benshoof and
Mr. Miller.

Q. Does the proposed Road
touch Benshoof or Mr. Miller.

A. They could reach it within
about five or six.

They have now roads to reach
the township road and would
have to make new roads to
intersect the new proposed
Road.

The Road I propose to build for seven hundred and fifty dollars would be single track and passable. I am not scholar enough to give up the cubic yards of excavation or filling. I suppose at the deepest place there would not be over seven feet for the cutting and then for a short distance, I could not tell you how many cubic yards of filling. There is only two places I remember that would take any filling of any account. In the first place when I passed over the road I took a line or a staff to see how near it was to the level on which I was standing or how much higher it was & got my measurement for my grade of the road. I believe that a raise of five feet in each hundred feet make a degree. I could not tell you how many cubic feet of rock would have to be removed to make this road single track and passable. I have been engaged four years last May in

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heating, before that I was engaged
in putting up
E. B. Barrett

Jose Berkeley Affirmed
I reside in West Taylor Township
Age 52 yrs. occupation farmer. I
am familiar with this proposed
Road from Powers Blacksmith
Shop to migrations in West Taylor
Township. I passed over the
Road recently was along when
they surveyed it and helped carry
the chain. I have property along
the line of the proposed Road. I
am nearly against the Road at
mine below the house and
barn. This Road is necessary
to me and it is necessary to the
rest of the people in that Town-
ship.

I state whether or not that
there are property holders along
the ^{entire} line of the proposed Road
that this Road is necessary to.

I object to a leading
N. I believe there is.

There is about five or six families
right along the line that this

Road would benefit, there are
others off of it.

I believe the road would be of
benefit to persons living at the
upper end of the road. I think
the road could be built for seven
hundred and fifty or eight hun-
dred dollars, single track so a
person could drive it. Well
according to my judgment of
the road was built for seven
hundred and fifty or eight hun-
dred dollar as I estimate and
in the way I state it would
compare with some of the other
roads we've got made, and
wouldn't be any worse. It would
be much like any of the hill roads
to keep in repair. The nature of
the ground is rough rocky and
spring runs. Coal run crosses
it at one place. The upper end
is not rocky there are some stone
but they are small, and there are
no spring runs at this end of
it. There are some of the rocks would
have to be blasted but I don't
think it would be very expensive.

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to fill up the Spring Run and remove
the Stone, I believe the grade
is not over five degrees except
in crossing the Spring Run
until we get up to what we
call the Ridge Road when the
grade is over five degrees. I be-
lieve that at these places the grade
can be kept down to five degrees
by filling up and digging down
at these points. The people living
along the line of the proposed road
have a very poor road to get to
the Township Road. Bowser
has to and most of em have to
go through private property to
get to the Township Road. Some
of these outlets might be shut
off at any time.

Cross Examined

Q. Suppose the Court would order
the Road and direct that it should
be thirty feet wide how much
would it cost to make

A. It would cost fifteen or
seventeen hundred Dollars. I
believe a pretty decent Road
could be made for that money

Made a kind of a calculation of
the excavation and filling. Our
Township Roads are pretty good
middle aged some of them
have washed badly. The road
I refer to is the old Columbia Turn
Road, I did not come down that
far as to cubic yards of excavation
on the Road to make this single
track Road nor did I particularly
take the number of cubic yards
of filling. and I don't know
what the filling required would
cost. All the Rocks that are visible
would not cost ten dollars to
put them out of the Road. I did
not count all the rocks that
are visible and in the Road
that would have to be blasted,
I could not just tell you what
it would cost to break up the
stone that a wagon might
pass along the road, I could
not tell you exactly how much it
would cost to make a sewer for
the Spring run that crosses
the road. There is not more
than five or six of them many

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It would not cost more than Twenty
or Twenty five Dollars to cut down
the timber along the route of the
road. At the Ridge Road for about
Two Hundred Rods the grade of
the Road would be over five
degrees I dont know how much
over. The road would be liable
to wash as other township Roads
are. The part lying on the lower
end could be accommodated
if this Road was made as far as
George Ribbotts.

From George Ribbotts up the Road
runs through unsettled land
clear to the top of the mountain and
this part is the longest and steepest
part of the road there is not much
difference but in my judgment
this is the longest end.

Memphion has a township road
down past Bruce Griffiths to
Johnstown.

I have an outlet to the Township
Road along the proposed Road
and I dont know whether it is
twenty or twenty one years since
I moved there and I have al-
ways used part of it. The

Road was there when I went
there & changed it some ^{of} my
own land. Jonathan Eskels
& Eberdiss and Isaac Bowers
also use this same Road as
does Benj Riblett, not so far
as I do. John Bershoff and
Arthur Swindler also use this
Road when they come down
this way. Jonathan Eskels has
been using the road for fifteen years
perhaps longer. I can't tell positively
George Riblett has used ever since
believe of them I can't say
how long and Isaac Bowers
off and on ever since he lived
up there. The Road is cleared
pretty well down from George
Riblett's from Gorges up it is
not cleared. Daniel Rayer
uses it when he goes to church and
prayer meeting. From my place
down there is fence along the
Road to the Township Road.
It is fenced up through Rayer
ground but not after that.

Every body travels along this
Road that wants to but Mrs

Mr Danub Rager kicked last fall about using the Road up through his place he lives above me, and a little below. Geo Ribblett, Rager goes straight down to the water dam, George Ribblett bought off of Mr Rager his piece of ground. This proposed Road runs up and lays on the bed of the old Road until it comes to Rager's place except for about ten Rods as near as I can tell.

This road has been fenced up on either side or part of it ever since I lived there except for about a year and any body and every body would who wished to. These people who live below Rager now come and go on the Road what I have been using as far as Rager's part that Rager offered last Fall, nobody lives along the line of the proposed Road between George Ribblett and Mr Nichols excepting Benshoop Bowser and McMillen who live off it a short distance. The use of making the road is that when

Mr Mahon Benschop or Mcmullen
wants to come down by towards
Ebensburgh or out through
Jackson or Mr McLaughlin
wants to go to the shop he comes
down that way... they have to
come this way or come down
by way of Bina Giffiths.
Benschop has a Road that comes
into the proposed Road but it
is not fit to travel after the strike
the Coal Road.

Jesse Ribblett.
William Ribblett Applicant
I am acquainted with part of this
proposed Road from Bowers to
Mr Mahons I live in West Taylor
Township about a half mile
and two hundred yards or a
half mile from the beginning
of the Road. This Road can
be made a Public Road. I think
this proposed is very necessary
to have there, there is a road
there and has been as far as
Berkeley for fifty or more years.
as far as I know and I have heard
up as far as George Ribblett along

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This Road with isled forty five
years ago, This Road passed
through a corner of Daniel Rays
ground, Some places the Road
through Rays is rough and in
other places not so rough I
dont know exactly where the
line of the proposed new is,
This Road was at the time I
traveled cut off for coal mining
and was not timbered at that
time

No Cross Examination,

Jonathan Eckels Affirmed
my age is 54 years Occupation
farmer residence West Taylor
Township, I am familiar with
the proposed Road as far as it
was surveyed from Dowser
Shop to or near Wm. Johns
house, I went over this Road
recently for the purpose of making
an estimate of the cost of making
the Road, This proposed Road
commences and ends at a public
Road, The probable length of the
Road would be about two
miles and a half or little over

In Taking into consideration all the necessary excavations and the filling in of the ravines and removal of the rocks and the drainage of the springs and the grading down to fine degrees what would be the cost to make a single track road passable.

A. It could be done for seven hundred and fifty Dollars or eight hundred Dollars

I really think that the proposed Road is necessary to the Community there. It is necessary at the upper end.

The people living along there now have outlets but they are poor ones. Those living nearest to the Township Road have the best. These outlets from the upper part are through private property. Some of these outlets are through uninclosed timber lands. There are ^{no} uninclosed timber lands between where the Road commences and Burke's. The principal part of the

old Road that has been used along
the line of the proposed Road
between Berkepile and George
Reblitt is through uninclosed
Woodland

Cross Examined

Q. You say that there is ^{no} ne-
cessity for more than a single
track along this proposed Road.

A. Yes Sir.

Q. Then you would not con-
template much travel along the
Road.

A. No there would not be so
much travel along this Road.

Q. You and Mr. Camp and
Berkepile use the same Road
down the Township Road.

A. Yes Sir and other
parties above us come into
the same Road. Yes Sir
anybody that wishes travels
that Road. It is the same
Road that Mr. Reblitt testifies has
been open for fifty one years.
Mr. Berkepile changed a little
at the lower end. All persons
that I speak of now access to

the Township Roads by means
of this old road. I have not
made any calculation of the
cubic yards necessary. I have
now to make this a single track
Road up to my house, for
have I made a calculation
of the number cubic yards
of fill required. I made
a calculation of the Rocks that
would have to be blasted to
get them out of the way of the
Road. ten dollar bill would
get away them. I can't tell
you exactly how many there
are, but there are five or six
of them. I couldn't tell how
much drilling but I would
oblige myself to drill and
put them out of the way for
ten dollars. I could not state
how much time it would
take to take away the stone
after blasting but ten dollars
will do all the work. I did
not make any calculation how
much it would take to break
up the stone some places

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There would be a good deal of
Stone breaking at other places, but
I must the road being pretty
smooth, I have not exactly
any calculation of the cost of
any necessary culverts over
the runs. There is only one
run of any consequence
Jonathan Eikel.

John D. Benschop. Affirmed
I am laborer by occupation, age
35 yrs. Residence West Taylor
and own property, and I live
about from a quarter to a half
mile from the proposed Road
I think that this road would
be necessary to people living
along this line and their help
coming. I use this Road in
going to Sunday School and
Church, nobody ever promised
me promising this road when
ever I wanted to. The Road
in its present condition is
rough.

John D. Benschop
George D. Rubblett. Affirmed
Reside in West Taylor Age 36

occupations farmer, I live along the
line of this proposed Road, and
am familiar with it, I was
along and carried the chain,
when the route was surveyed,
I took notes and signed up
them. I have no double track
roads clear through double
track, in our Township, and
I think this road could be built
for six hundred and fifty or
seven hundred dollars, and
a good passable Road single
track Road of it, For seven
hundred dollars at the most
I mean the whole road could
be completed with single
track and passable including
all the work necessary to be
done and I really think
that this road is necessary to
accommodate the Commu-
nity in which I live, and
when I say Community I
mean the people who live along
and near the line of this pro-
posed Road, I suppose the
Road could be finished at a

3
grades of five degrees, except at
the upper end, when we left it
on the ~~ridge~~ ^{old} Ridge Road to save
expense, and the Road along
there is good solid gravelly.
The road at this particular
point could be graded down
to five degrees or under, we
have very bad out lets to the
Township Road very rough
and steep can't have more
than hay load up the hill
I think I can get bond and
will finish this proposed Road
as a good single track Road
for seven hundred dollar
The witness now volunteers a
Statement: The witness counsel
denies the Statement not ne-
cessary & not made.


Cross Examination
I am the principal actor in
getting out the Petition for this
road. I have just made a
lump job of it and have no
calculation of the cost of the
Road. I say that this Road is a
five degree road and I don't think

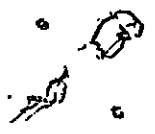
the Dishong Road is more than
that. I dont know exactly what
againe Deper Road is. The people
principally interested, near the
half of them, live between or near
this road between when it com-
mences and my place, I will
use the Berkeley Road;

Gorge W Ribbled

Cambria County SS.

I certify that the
above witnesses were qualified and
examined at the time and place stated
in the Caption and that they sub-
scribed their depositions in my
presence.

Witness my hand and seal this
28th day of September 1888.
John S. Fisher. 
Justice of the Peace



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In matter of Public Road
from Bowers Blacksmith
Shop, To M. McMahon's
house in West Taylor Strip

Depositions on part of
the Petitioner's.

Justice's Fee \$5.00 Paid.

Filed Oct. 3 1888.

H. R. ROSE.