

To the Honorable A. V. Barker, President Judge of the Court  
of Quarter Sessions, of Cambria County, Pa.

The undersigned, inhabitants of the Township of Chest in said  
County, <sup>(of which no record can be found on the Road Books of said County)</sup> respectfully represents that a portion of the public road, lead-  
ing from the Village of St. Lawrence in said Township of Chest to the  
borough of Chest Springs in said County, to-wit: that portion thereof  
leading from a point near the house of Henry Swope to a point near the  
residence of James Ryan has become useless, inconvenient and burden-  
some to the inhabitants of said Township, and should be vacated.

Your petitioners therefore pray your Honor to appoint three  
disinterested and competent persons to view the said road, which is  
sought to be vacated, and to make report thereon to the Court.

And they will, etc.

J. P. Kunk  
Joseph A. Kunk  
John G. Gill  
Chas. Rhody  
A. W. Rhody  
Chas. W. Rhody  
Anthony S. Sibley  
John Ryan  
James A. Ryan  
Martin Dietrich

Jos. M. Kunk  
Geo. M. Sibley  
James Sibley  
John S. Sibley  
John Rhoe  
Joseph A. Baker  
Henry Swope

E. W. Medinger  
Wm. J. Campbell  
Josa Warner  
James S. Gill  
Anthony S. Sibley  
Joseph S. Sibley  
Philip S. Sibley  
Chas. F. Gill  
Philip Kibler  
Jerry Gill  
Michael J. Sibley

Adam Albright  
Sylvester Warner  
Joseph Ryner  
John Medinger  
William Warner  
Michael Kibler  
Michael Sibley  
Lawrence Sibley  
Michael Sibley

No 2 Dec Term 1896  
Road District

Petition for appointment of  
viewers to view and report upon  
the expediency of vacating part  
of a road in Chest Twp.

Filed 18 Jan'y 1897

And now January 18<sup>th</sup> 1897,  
read and the Court appoint  
Paul Bahner  
John Somerville and  
Simon M. Wilson  
viewers to make report at  
next term.

By the Court

21 Jan'y 1897

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To the Honorable the Judge within named.

We the undersigned, persons appointed by the within & of Court to view the road therein mentioned, respectfully report: That having been present at the view of the said road, and having all first been severally sworn, in pursuance of said order, we have viewed the said road, the location whereof, with its course and distances, is shown by the plot or draft which is a part of this report. After due examination of the premises, we find that the said road seems to be but little used for public travel.

since it has been supplied in part by a public road, leading from the farm of Teney Magee to Patton, hence to Chest Springs via George Cassidy, or bakers' Cross-roads and in part by another public road, leading from the farm of James Ryan to Saint Lawrence. Therefore, and for the reason that the said road will be somewhat expensive to keep in good repair for public travel, we are of opinion that the same has become useless, inconvenient, and burdensome, and ought to be vacated.

Witness our hands this eighteenth day of February A.D. 1897.

Paul Hartner  
John H. Soumireu  
E. W. Wilson

Viewers



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, }  
County of Cambria, } ss.

At a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Cambria held at Ebensburg in the said County, on the 16 day of January A. D. 1897, before the Honorable Judge of the said Court: Upon the petition of divers inhabitants of the township of Chest in the said County, setting forth that they ~~labor under inconvenience for want of a~~ <sup>road</sup> ~~or highway, to lead from~~ a portion of the public road (of which no record can be found on the Road Dockets of said County) leading from the Village of St. Lawrence in said Township of Chest to the Borough of Chest Springs in said County, to wit: that portion thereof leading from a point near the house of Henry Sipe to a point near the residence of James Ryan has become useless, inconvenient and burdensome to the inhabitants of said Township, and should be vacated

and therefore praying the Court to appoint proper persons to <sup>Vacate</sup> view and ~~lay out~~ the same according to law. The Court upon due consideration had of the premises, do order and appoint <sup>Paul Yahrer</sup> ~~John Somerville & Simon M. Wilson~~ SURVEYOR and

<sup>VIEWERS</sup> to view the ground proposed for said road, and if they view the same, and shall agree that there is <sup>no</sup> 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. H. Davis*

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  
Dec. Sess. 1896

and vacate  
Order to view a road near  
Supt. from a point near  
the house of Henry Swopes  
to a point near the site  
of James Ryan

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Viewers =  
Paul Yahnke  
John Boneville  
Simon M. Wilson

Chas Davis for atty & 9066

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Aug. 11, 1897 approved view and  
By the Court.  
26 Oct 1897 Confirmed  
Chas Davis Clk