



Viewers appointed upon an order of the Court of
quarter Sessions dated April 6th 1899
J. Leard Elder, F. A. Thompson and F. C. George

Scale: 1 inch = 50 Feet
Viewed May 29th 1899

J. Leard Elder
County Surveyor

R. D. S. - MAR - 1899

Pat Mucipinski.

In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County

To Hon. W. V. Tucker Judge of said Court:

We the undersigned Supervisors and Citizens of Portage

Township in said County respectfully represent:

That it is necessary to erect a new bridge across
the Little Conemaugh river in said Township of Portage
at a point where the public road crosses said stream
leading from Jamestown to Munster on the lands of Joseph
Burgoon, now owned by Chas Hughes, and that it would be
entail an expense and task upon said Township, that it
is not reasonable it should bear, to build this bridge.

We therefore pray this Honorable Court to appoint
as provided by law to view the site of said proposed
bridge and make report in accordance with the duties
of ~~the~~ ^{the} appointees at the next term of this Court.
And as in duty bound they will ever pray etc.

no.

June 1899

In The Court of Quarter Sess.

Petition of Citizens and
Supervisors of Portage
Township, for appointment
of viewers for County
bridge

March 7th 1899
petition read and
J. E. Smith, Elder
C. W. Wadsworth
John Sykes Esq.
John Brown and
Charles Conrad

J. J. Connor
for Petitioners

E. S. Henry

J. G. Bradley, Supervisor
Saml. McIntosh

John H. Jones

Edward Smeltzer

W. J. Cooper

Miss Hopper

Samuel Mortensen

Wm. Spack

Edward Fisher

W. H. Smith

Edw. C. ...

George W. P.

John P.

J. A. K.

E. M. ...

M. B. ...

Wm. H. ...

Robert Fisher

Peter Jones

Rich. ...

George W. Stetson

Morris George

George ...

John H. Spangle

Richard Hall

E. C. ...

J. H. ...

Thos. D. ...

H. A. ...

Geo. ...

L. ...

Chas. ...

P. A. ...

J. J. Laxton

Timothy ...

John C. ...

John. Stl.

John. Stl.

J. H. ...

M. ...

A. ...

W. ...

John R. Henry

H. C. Toole

Thomas Wilkinson

Chas. Mutchenbough

W. ...

George P. Bell

George P. Bell

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H. J. ...

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for March 1899

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To the Honorable A. V. Barker, President Judge
of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria
County, Pennsylvania, We, the undersigned
viewers, appointed by the annexed order
respectfully report that after giving notice
as required by law. J. Leard Elder, Surveyor,
F. A. Thompson and F. C. George viewers, having
all been present at the view of the site or
place proposed for said bridge and all having
been severally sworn or affirmed to perform
our duties according to law, We having viewed the
premises aforesaid are of the opinion that
a new bridge across the Little Conemaugh
River in Portage Township at a point where the
public road crosses said stream leading from
Jamestown to Munster on the lands of Joseph
Burgom, now owned by Charles Hughes, is
necessary and we recommend the same and
that the erection of such bridge would be
attended with more expense than is
reasonable that the said Township should
bear. A plot or draft is herewith enclosed.

Witness our hands this the 31st day of
May 1899,

J. Leard Elder
F. A. Thompson
F. C. George

J. Leard Elder 2 days	\$8.00
" " mileage	1.90
F. A. Thompson 1 day	2.00
" " mileage	.40
F. C. George	2.00
" " mileage	.40
	<u>\$14.70</u>

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 Sixth day of April A. D. 1899, before the Honorable Judge of the said Court: Upon the petition of divers inhabitants of the Township of Portage, in the said County, setting forth that ~~they labor under inconvenience for want of a~~ road or highway, to lead from

it is necessary to erect a new bridge across the Little Conemaugh river in said township of Portage at a point where the public road crosses said stream, leading from Jamestown to Minster on the lands of Joseph Burgoon, now owned by Chas Hughes and that it would entail an expense and cost upon said Township, that it is not reasonable it should bear, to build this bridge.

and therefore praying the Court to appoint proper persons to view and lay out the ^{site} ~~same~~ according to law. The Court upon due consideration had of the premises, do order and appoint

J Leard Elder SURVEYOR, and J A Thompson and J C George

VIEWERS, to view the ^{site} ~~ground~~ proposed for said ^{bridge} ~~road~~, and if they view the same, and shall agree that there is occasion for such ^{bridge} ~~road~~, they shall proceed to lay out the same, having respect to the shortest distance and the best ^{site} ~~ground~~ for a ^{bridge} ~~road~~, and in such manner as shall do the least injury to private property, and also be, as far as practicable, agreeable to the desires of the petitioners, and that they make a report of their proceedings to the next Court of Quarter Sessions to be held for said County, stating particularly whether they judge the same necessary for a public or private ^{bridge} ~~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:

S. W. 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 person or persons over whose land such location may be made releases from all claims for damages that might arise from the opening of such road or the building of such bridge; and in every case where said viewers shall fail to procure such releases, and it shall appear to them that any damages will be sustained, it shall be their duty to assess the damages and make report thereof signed by a majority of their number, and return the same, together with all releases obtained, to the Court of Quarter Sessions, and the damages so assessed shall be conclusive, or may be subject to appeal, review or modification, as may be provided by existing laws in the different counties of this Commonwealth."

"The persons appointed as aforesaid shall view such ground, and if they shall agree that there is occasion for a road, they shall proceed to lay out the same, having respect to the shortest distance, and the best ground for a road, and in such manner as shall do the least injury to private property, and also be, as far as practicable, agreeable to the desire of the petitioners."

"The viewers, as aforesaid, shall make report, at the next term of said Court, and in the said report shall state particularly: first, who of them were present at the view; second, whether they were severally sworn or affirmed; third, whether the road desired be necessary for a public or private road; they shall also annex and return to the Court a plot or draft thereof, stating the courses and distances, and noting briefly the improvements through which it may pass; and, whenever practicable, the viewers shall lay out the said roads at an elevation not exceeding five degrees (except at the crossing of ravines and streams,) where, by moderate filling and bridging, the declination of the road may be preserved within that limit."

Petition approved by
Grand Jury of Dec. Term
1899. recommending
that Portage Turn off
one half cost of bridge
and one-half the remaining
one-half.

Just H. W. Runney
June

June 15th 1900 Referred

No. 2, March Session, 1899.

ORDER TO - VIEW site for
Bridge over Little Cove
municipal Portage Turn

Sept. 9th 1899 -
Court. - Bushnell Court.

Filed June 1899

Land Elder
J. A. Thompson
J. C. George
Viewers.

CLERK DAVIS 90 CTS.

J. J. O'Connor

3d July 1899 approved
Bushnell Court.

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July 1st 1900
J. J. O'Connor

1899