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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 by putting up
posts and giving notice on the Commissioners
and Supervisors as required by law J. L. Elder
Michael McHugh and P. M. Brown 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 from Jamestown to
the Wilson and Munster road crosses said
stream in the said Township of Portage
on the land of 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 plat
or draft is herewith enclosed.

Witness our hands this the 31st day of May
1900

J. L. Elder

J. L. Elder	2 days	8.00
" "	" Mileage	1.90
Michael McHugh	1 day	2.00
" "	" Mileage	.20
P. M. Brown	1 day	2.00
" "	" Mileage	.60
		14.60

Michael McHugh
P. M. Brown

Ebensburg, Pa., May 19, 1900.

To

L. H. Himes

Supervisor of Portage Township,

Cambria County, Pa.

Sir:-

You are hereby notified that the undersigned, appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County, to view the site for a proposed bridge across the Mountain Branch to the Little Conemaugh river, at the place where the public road crosses said stream, in Portage Township, said County, and to make report thereof to said Court, will meet for the purposes of discharging the duties of said appointment, at the proposed site for the said bridge, on Thursday, May 31st, 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when and where you may attend, if you see proper.

Respectfully,

J. L. ELDER, Surveyor.

MICHAEL MOHUGH,

P. M. BROWN,

Viewers?

Portage Township, Cambria County, Pa.

May 21, 1900.

To the above-named Viewers:

I hereby accept service of the above notice.

Wm. Helsel Supr.

Supervisor.

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Ebensburg, Pa., May 19, 1900.

To the County Commissioners of Cambria County,

Ebensburg, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

You are hereby notified that the undersigned, appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County, to view the site for a proposed bridge across the Mountain Branch to the Little Conemaugh river, at the place where the public road from Jamestown to the Wilmore and Munster public road crosses said stream, in Portage Township, said County, and to make report thereof to said Court, will meet for the purposes of discharging the duties of said appointment, at the proposed site for the said bridge, on Thursday, May 31st, 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when and where you may attend if you see proper.

Respectfully,

J. L. ELDER, Surveyor.

MICHAEL McHUGH,

P. M. BROWN,

Viewers.

Ebensburg, Pa., May 21, 1900.

To the above-named Viewers:

I hereby accept the service of the above notice on behalf of the County Commissioners.

Jno. C. Bates
Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA. } SS:
COUNTY OF CAMBRIA,

At a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Cambria held at Ebensburg in the said County, on the sixteenth day of May A. D. 1900, 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 bridge ~~road or highway~~ to lead from over the Mountain Branch of the Little Chocomaugh ~~river~~, where the public road from Jonestown to the Wilcox and Minister road crosses said stream, in the said Township of Portage, and that the expenses of erecting a substantial bridge at said place would be too heavy and burdensome upon the inhabitants of said township

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

J. L. Elder SURVEYOR and Michael McHugh and P. M. Brown

VIEWERS, to view the ground proposed for said ~~road~~ bridge and if they view the same, and shall agree that there is occasion for such ~~road~~ bridge, they shall proceed to lay out the same, having respect to the ~~shortest distance~~ most convenient place and the best ground for a ~~road~~ bridge, 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 ~~road~~ bridge 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:

D 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."

(Portage Twp.)
No. 5 March Session, 1900

ORDER TO VIEWERS
for a
bridge over the
Mountain Branch of the
Little Cuyahoga River
on road leading from
Jonestown to Wilbur
and Munster road
in Portage Township

J. L. Elder
Michael McHugh
P. M. Brown
VIEWERS

CLERK DAVIS 90 CTS.

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In the Court of Quarter
Sessions of Cumberland Co. P.

Return to Order of Vain
for a bridge over the Mountain
Branch of the Little Connaway
river, at the place where
the public road from
James town to the Wilmore
and Munster public road
crosses said stream in
Portage Township.

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Nov 4 June 1900, read and
confirmed, rec'd, and ordered
to be laid before the Grand
Jury at next term.

By the Court

Thomas J. Bell

And now Sept. 7th 1900 upon
consideration of the within report by the
Grand Jury. It is recommended that the
proposed Bridge be built by and at the
expense of the County

A. B. Gehry Foreman

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

The petition of the subscribers, inhabitants of the
Township of Portage, in said County, respectfully represents:
That a bridge is much wanted over the Mountain Branch
of the Little Conemaugh river, where the public road from
Jamestown to the Wilmore and Munster road crosses
said stream, in the said township of Portage, and that
the expense of erecting a substantial bridge at said
place would be too heavy and burdensome upon the
inhabitants of said township. Your petitioners,
therefore, pray your honorable Court to appoint
proper persons to view the premises and to take
such action on the subject as is required and directed by
the Acts of Assembly in such case made and provided.
And they will ever pray etc.

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| 1. James Gallacher | 15. Charles H. Hays |
| 2. Wm. J. George | 16. John M. Gallacher |
| 3. M. E. George | 17. D. S. Hall |
| 4. John P. Brown | 18. Michael Long |
| 5. Geo. W. Dick | 19. James Stett |
| 6. C. A. Boland | 20. John Towers |
| 7. J. P. Boland | 21. J. P. Powers |
| 8. J. P. Boland | 22. J. D. Powers |
| 9. Geo. W. Dick | 23. Geo. Geisinger |
| 10. J. F. Muller | 24. J. S. Brander |
| 11. Gregory Muller | 25. J. S. Brander |
| 12. Casper Biter | 26. M. P. Brander |
| 13. Philip B. Biter | 27. Samuel H. Biter |
| 14. Owen Larnell | 28. Thos. Bitter |

29 Watters Hankinson
 30 William R Jones
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 33 Joseph Thompson
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Columbia County, N.Y.

Wm. Helsel, one of the above
 petitioners being duly sworn according to law, says
 that the facts set forth in the above and foregoing
 petition are true and correct.

Wm. Helsel

Sworn and subscribed before me this 8th day of May
 A.D. 1900.
 S. W. Davis
 Notary

No. 5 Grand Jurors, 1900, A. B. St.
In the County Courts, Division
of Hamilton County, O.

Petition of Philip H. Harts

of
Cottage Township for leave
for a bridge over the
branch of the Little Cuyahoga
River as now leading from
Hamilton to the Williams and
Munster roads,

Now May 17, 1900, the said
petitioner asks and prays that
leave be granted to him
for a bridge over the branch of
the Little Cuyahoga River
as now leading from
Hamilton to the Williams and
Munster roads, and that he
may be appointed a
commissioner to view the
premises, with power
to take and deposit
the same in court.

Filed 17 May 1900

Thomas J. Harte.

To the Honorable Francis J. O'Connor Esquire
Judge of the several Courts of Cambria County.

The petition of the Commissioners of Cambria County
respectfully represents:

That it having appeared to the Court, the Grand Jury &
the Commissioners of said County that the bridge over the Mountain
Branch of the Conemaugh River near the village of Jamestown
in Portage Township, said County, was necessary, and that
it would be too expensive for the Township of Portage to erect
said Bridge, & the same having been erected & entered of
record, your petitioners procured an estimate to be made
as fully as might be of the expense of the same, & did procure
to have the bridge erected by entering into a contract with J. A.
Lord for the erection of the substructure & with the
King Bridge Company for the superstructure, & that said
bridges are now completed.

Your petitioners therefore pray the Court to appoint
six fit persons to inspect said bridge & workmanship
thereof agreeably to the act of Assembly & to make report to the Court.

Attest
J. B. Jones
Clerk

Bert Jones
J. W. Sheehan
W. Stutzman

No 5 March Sess 1900 R.D

Petition of the Commissioners of Lunenburg Co,
for the appointment of Inspectors to view
the workmanship of a bridge over the
Mountain Branch of Lunenburg River in
Portage Township

Filed *16 March 1903

And now March 16th, 1903, the within
petition read & the Court appointed Edward
Bos, B. F. Hobart, J. P. Berkeley,
Oym Priest, Jno J. James,
Geo. Davis
Inspectors to view the said bridge & the
workmanship thereof & to make report
to the said Court.

By the Court

Davis.

We the undersigned, Inspectors, appointed per the
aforesaid Certificate to view and inspect the Bridge
therein mentioned, has had to report, that we met at
said Bridge, and after having been severally sworn, or
affirmed proceeded to view and inspect the material and
workmanship of the said Bridge, and find both the substructure
and superstructure built in a good and substantial manner,
and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore.
Respectfully submitted this 28th day of March A.D., 1903

Jacob P. Berkley
B. F. Hoback
Edward Boes
John J. Jones
Wm. Grent
G. W. Davis

--:IN THE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS OF CAMBRIA COUNTY:--

In re Bridge)	No. 5 March Sessions 1900, R. D.
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Portage Township.)	Appointment of Inspectors.

And now, March 16th 1903, the within petition read & the Court appoint Edward Boes, B. F. Hobart, J. P. Berkey, Wm. Trent, Jno. J. James, Geo. W. Davis, Inspectors, to view the said bridge & the workmanship thereof & to make report to the said Court.

By the Court.

Extract from the Record,

Certified 24th March, A. D. 1903,

W. E. Lusk

Clerk. Q. S.

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