

Know all Men by these Presents:

That we, John W. Neff and Alex Neff are held and firmly bound unto the State of Ohio, for the use of Belmont County, in the penal sum of Two Hundred Dollars, for the true and faithful payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, jointly and severally, our heirs, executors and administrators, by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated at Bellair this 6 day of Sept 1898

The Conditions of the above Obligations are such, That whereas application has been made to the Board of Commissioners of said Belmont County for the Alteration of a County road on the following line, to-wit:

Said alteration to be in the County road leading from Neffs siding to Jacobsburg in said County, between the following points to-wit: Commencing at or near Joel Pettitts new house, in section 22, R. 3, T. 5. and thence northwardly to a point on said road near the old house of Joel Pettitt in said Sec 22. The desire of the petitioners is that said road may be changed so as to pass to the west side of Sand-hill school house lot; near the line of an old road formerly there and that the road between the school lot and Pettitts old house may be changed by first passing eastwardly of the road as it now is, and then westwardly around the large knoll in said road

Now if the said applicants shall pay into the Treasury of the said county the amount of all costs and expenses accruing thereon, in case the prayer of said petitioners shall not be granted, or when the proceedings had in pursuance thereof shall not be finally confirmed and established, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to be in full force in law.

ATTEST.

A. W. Beatty }

John W. Neff Seal  
Alex Neff Seal

St. Clairsville, O., September 7 1898

The Commissioners met in Quarterly session at their office, and the Board being satisfied that the foregoing petition was signed by at least twelve freeholders of the county, residing in the vicinity of the Alteration of said county road, and that the proper notices had been given according to law, bond filed, approved and accepted, thereupon the Board appointed W. W. Watt, Jos. Kelsey, and William Ramsey three disinterested freeholders of the county, viewers, and John A. Bond surveyor of said proposed road, to meet at place of beginning of said road (Joel Pettitts new house) for the purpose of discharging their official duties relative to the object prayed for in the foregoing petition. And the Auditor is authorized to notify all non-resident landowners by publication, as required by law.

ATTEST:

M. Alredge }  
County Auditor.

W. M. Rice  
J. W. Ramsey  
J. A. Smith } Commissioners.

# REPORT OF VIEWERS.

To the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio:

In obedience to your order, issued at your Sept 7<sup>th</sup> session, A. D. 1898, we the undersigned, Viewers appointed under said order, met with John A Bera Surveyor, at Joel Pettitt's house on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct and were severally sworn to discharge, faithfully and impartially, the duties required of us in said order.

W W Watt being unable to attend J W Philipps was appointed to fill vacancy

Samuel Ogletz and Joel Pettitt were selected by us as chain carriers, and James Neff as a marker, who were also duly sworn.

We then proceeded to view said proposed Alteration on the line described in your order, and caused the same to be surveyed, "as prayed for in the petition, or as near the same as in our opinion a good road can be made at a reasonable expense, taking into consideration the utility, convenience, and inconvenience and expense which will result to individuals as well as the public," by the Establishment of said road as follows:

For description of road see Surveyors report and plat.

In Our opinion the alterations hereby contemplated under an necessary the following described part of the original road, to wit: From Pettitts old house southwardly to a point near the north end of said school house lot, extending from station 5 to station 8

We would respectfully report that the said Alteration ought to be Made and Established for the following reasons:

It will reduce the grade to a very great extent; shortens the route, and makes an almost level road & said road will in our opinion be of public utility.

We have also determined that the public convenience requires that such Alteration shall be established 33 feet in width.

All of which is respectfully submitted, }  
Oct 7 1898

Wm Ramsey  
Wm J Kelsey  
J W Philipps } Viewers.

### FEES.

<u>Wm Ramsey</u>	Viewer,	<u>3</u> days,	<u>\$ 4.50</u>	<u>Samuel Ogletz</u>	Chainman,	<u>1</u> days,	<u>\$ 1.50</u>
<u>W J Kelsey</u>	"	<u>2</u> "	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	<u>Joel Pettitt</u>	"	<u>1</u> "	<u>\$ 1.50</u>
<u>J W Philipps</u>	"	<u>2</u> "	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	<u>A J Neff</u>	Marker,	<u>1</u> "	<u>\$ 1.50</u>
	<u>John A Bera</u>	Surveyor,	<u>2</u> days,	<u>\$ 10.00</u>			<u># 233</u>

1898 # 387



# SEPARATE REPORT OF VIEWERS.

To the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio:

The undersigned, Viewers of the Alteration of Road petitioned for by J W Neff Etal and others, make the following separate report of the compensation and damages assessed and awarded by them to persons entitled thereto. The parties named below have filed their written applications for the said allowances, according to law, and the same are hereto appended and returned with this report.

Compensation for land taken for said road has been awarded in the following sums:

To		dollars;
To	<u>James Neff Compensation (\$21<sup>00</sup>) Twenty one</u>	dollars;
To	<u>J R Keyser " (\$35<sup>00</sup>) Thirty five</u>	dollars;
To	<u>The Compensation awarded by Viewers to J R Keyser being deemed</u>	dollars;
To	<u>too great, said Keyser agreed to accept (\$25<sup>00</sup>) Twenty five</u>	dollars;
To	<u>from Board as full compensation for land taken</u>	dollars;
To		dollars;
To		dollars;

Each of the above sums has been assessed without deduction for benefits to any property of the owner, which would accrue by the opening of said road."

The following sums are allowed as damages to be paid to claimants whose premises will be rendered less valuable by the opening and construction of said road through the same:

To		dollars;
To	<u>J R Keyser Damages (\$35<sup>00</sup>) Thirty five</u>	dollars;
To		dollars;
To	<u>The damages awarded by Viewers to J R Keyser being deemed</u>	dollars;
To	<u>too great; said Keyser agreed to accept from Board Twenty</u>	dollars;
To	<u>five dollars (\$25<sup>00</sup>) in full payment of damages sustained</u>	dollars;
To		dollars;
To		dollars;

<u>William Ramsey</u>	} Viewers and Jurors to award damages.
<u>William J Kelsey</u>	
<u>J W Phillips</u>	

Oct 7 1898

St. Clairsville, O., Dec 5 1898

The Commissioners met in regular session, and the report of the Surveyor and Viewers appointed to survey and view the road, as described in the above petition, was read the first time.

ATTEST: <u>M Aldredge</u> } County Auditor.	<u>Geo M Wise</u> <u>J W Neff</u> <u>J B Smith</u> } Commissioners.
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St. Clairsville, O., Dec 6 1898

The Commissioners met in regular session, and the report of the Surveyor and Viewers appointed to survey and view the road, as described in the above petition, was read the second time.

ATTEST: <u>M Aldredge</u> }	<u>Geo M Wise</u> <u>J W Neff</u> <u>J B Smith</u> } Commissioners.
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St. Clairsville, O., December 7 1898

The Commissioners met in regular session, and In the matter of the petition of J W

Neff Etal for the alteration of a County road in Richland Tps. The report of the Viewers in favor of the alteration of County Road in said Tps and the vacation of a part of the present road no longer needed when said alteration is completed, was this day publicly read for the third time, and said Viewers having filed a separate, in writing of the amount of Compensation and Damages which they have assessed to Land owners, by reason of the location of said road through their several premises, which report was also publicly read; and the Board being of the opinion that the Compensation and Damages awarded by said Viewers to J R Keyser claimant was too great and said Claimant having agreed to accept the following amounts in full of Compensation and Damages.

James Neff	Twenty one Dollars (\$21 <sup>00</sup> )	} Paid Order #207 - \$21 <sup>00</sup> Compensation
J R Keyser	Twenty five " (\$25 <sup>00</sup> )	
" " "	" " " (25 <sup>00</sup> )	} Paid Order #206 - \$50 <sup>00</sup> Damages, and no
" " "	" " " (25 <sup>00</sup> )	

petition for review being filed, it is ordered that the County Auditor, draw his order on the County Treasurer in favor of said Claimants, for the amount of Compensation and Damages as awarded to them respectively; that the several reports of the Viewers with the survey and plat of said road, be recorded and that said alteration of road be established a public highway 33 feet wide, it appearing from the report of Viewers that said road would be of public utility and ought to be established.

It is further ordered that the part of old road that will not be needed when said alteration is completed, should be, and the same is hereby declared vacated.

Attest

M Aldredge	Geo M Wise	} Commissioners
Auditor	J W Mullison	
	J B Smith	

Notice to Trustees of Richland Township to open said road was mailed to Otto Giffen Tps Clerk Jan 10 - 1899

M Aldredge  
Auditor



## SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio:

The undersigned, in obedience to your order, dated Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1898, proceeded, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October to survey and mark the Alteration of a County Road described in said order, under the direction of the viewers therein named, and respectfully submits the following return of said survey:

STA	DEG	MIN	POLES	SCALE	Remarks
1	N 33	10 E	11.08	1.108	of road Stone in center
2	N 19	00 E	15.06	1.506	
3	N 14	30 E	14.79	1.479	
4	N 14	50 W	9.88	9.488	
5	N 39	17 W	8.16	.816	of the two lines Stone at intersection
6	N 40	50 W	10.60	1.060	
7	N 17	00 E	21.46	2.146	of public road Stone in center
1	N 10	15 W	6.28	.628	of Road Stone in center
2	N 28	58 W	4.54	.454	
3	N 43	20 W	7.48	.748	of the two alterations Stone at intersection

Number of lineal rods through J R Keyser's land = 52.13  
 Number of lineal rods through James Neff's land = 38.90  
 Number of lineal rods through J R Keyser along 2<sup>nd</sup> line of alteration to intersection of first line = 18.16  
 Number of lineal rods from N.W. corner of Sand-hill School house lot to center of the Glencoe & Neff road at Station 3 = 10.68  
 Number of lineal rods from Sta 3 Center of Glencoe & Neff road to Station N<sup>o</sup> 5 on first line of Alteration = 7.48  
 Length of first line of Alteration = 91.03 Poles  
 Length of second line of Alteration = 18.30 Poles  
 Total length of both Lines = 109.33 Poles

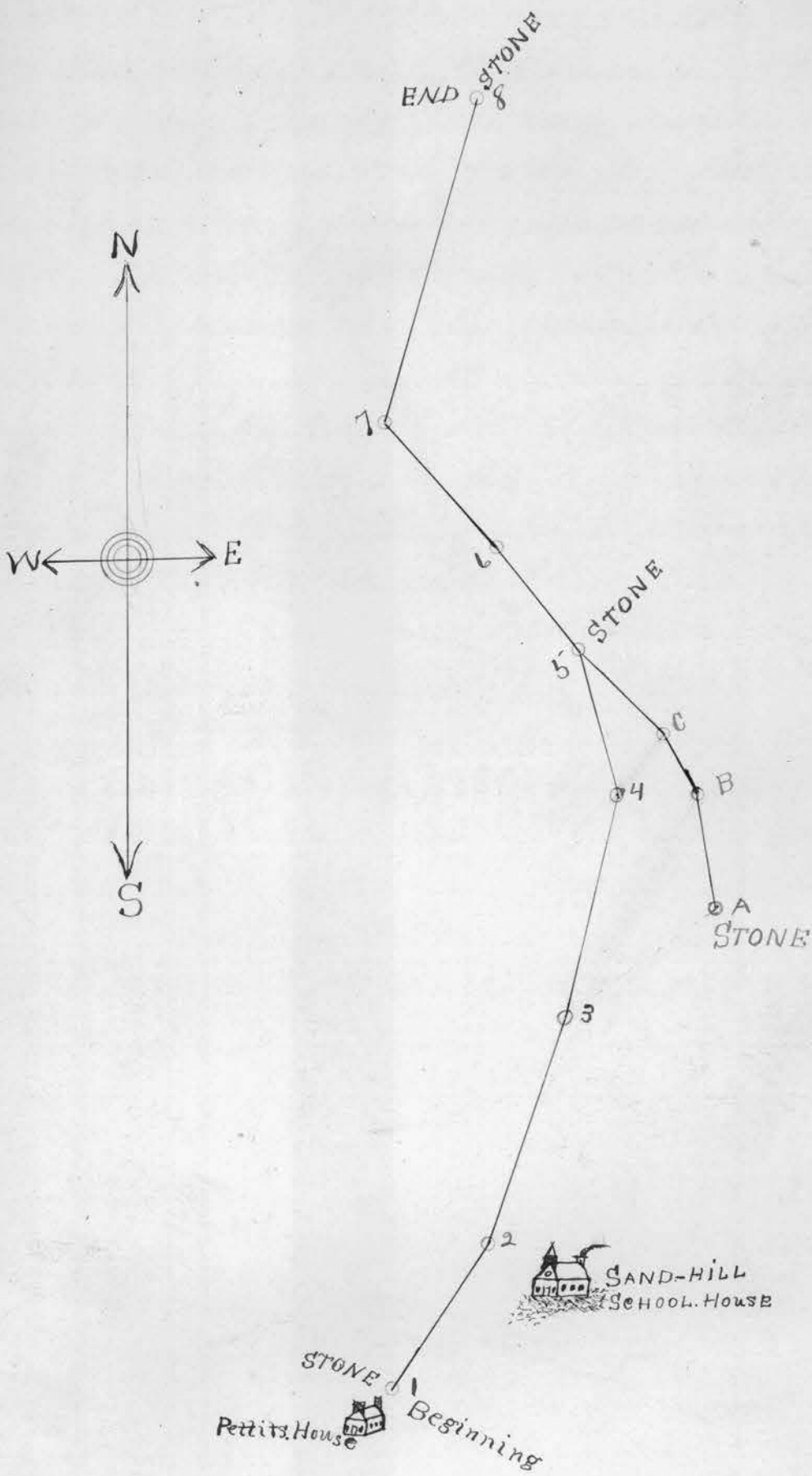
I Certify, That the above is a correct plat and return of the survey of the proposed Alteration named above.

John A Bena Surveyor of said Alteration

Plat of ALTERATION. OF A. COUNTY Road.

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP.

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# ROAD PETITION,

For Alteration of Co Road in Warren Township

To the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio:

Your Petitioners residents of said County and Warren Township respectfully represent that it is necessary for the convenience of themselves and neighbors that a County road be changed and established along the following route:—

Beginning near the fork of the road south of the Stillwater meeting house, running thence north west through the land of Barclay Smith to the Barnesville Pike, intersecting same at or near an apple tree east of Stone Culvert.

Your petitioners therefore ask that such proceedings may be had as are authorized and required by law for the establishment of a road along the proposed route.

Feb 1. 1899

Presented March 6

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Feb A. D. 1899

PETITIONERS' NAMES.	PETITIONERS' NAMES.	PETITIONERS' NAMES.	PETITIONERS' NAMES.
John Bernhard	Jos A Bernhard	Webster Hobbs	
Emmie Tallman	J C Mayhew	E F Doudna	
A C Hunter	G K Pike	J J Kirk	
Anna J Hunter	G H Little	John W Hugsley	
W F Wood	A L Jones	J D McKelver	
Caleb Hartley	J B Mc Garr	P L Dawson	
J M Dallas	Eli McKnight	A B Dobbins	
B F Mackall	J M Jones	W L Dallas	



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Sealed with our seals and dated at Barnesville this seventh day of March 1899

The Conditions of the above Obligations are such, That whereas application has been made to the Board of Commissioners of said Belmont County for the Alteration of a County road on the following line, to-wit:

Beginning near the forks of the road, south of The Stillwater Meeting House, running thence north west through the land of Barclay Smith, to the Barnesville Pike, intersecting same at or near an Apple tree east of Stone Culvert

Now if the said applicants shall pay into the Treasury of the said county the amount of all costs and expenses accruing thereon, in case the prayer of said petitioners shall not be granted, or when the proceedings had in pursuance thereof shall not be finally confirmed and established, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to be in full force in law.

ATTEST.

J D McKeever  
J M Mackall

John Bernhard Seal  
A J Hunter Seal  
J B McGarr Seal

St. Clairsville, O., March 8<sup>th</sup> 1899

The Commissioners met in Quarterly session at their office, and the Board being satisfied that the foregoing petition was signed by at least twelve freeholders of the county, residing in the vicinity of the alteration of said county road, and that the proper notices had been given according to law, bond filed, approved and accepted, thereupon the Board appointed Jos Heed, Thos Bentley & Lincoln Lynn three disinterested freeholders of the county, viewers, and John A Bona surveyor of said proposed road, to meet at residence of John Bernhard on April 18<sup>th</sup> 1899 at 10 a for the purpose of discharging their official duties relative to the object prayed for in the foregoing petition. And the Auditor is authorized to notify all non-resident landowners by publication, as required by law.

ATTEST:

M Aldridge  
County Auditor.

Edw M Wise  
J W Williamson  
J B Smith } Commissioners.



REPORT OF VIEWERS.

To the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio:

In obedience to your order, issued at your March 8<sup>th</sup> session, A. D. 1897, we the undersigned, Viewers appointed under said order, met with John A Bond Surveyor, at the Residence of John Bernhard on April 18<sup>th</sup> 1899 and were severally sworn to discharge, faithfully and impartially, the duties required of us in said order.

Joseph Heed being absent we appointed Eli McKnight to fill the vacancy and proceeded to lay out and locate said Alteration.

Walton Ralston and Suley Bernhard were selected by us as chain carriers, and Blanchard McGarr as a marker, who were also duly sworn.

We then proceeded to view said proposed Alteration on the line described in your order, and caused the same to be surveyed, "as prayed for in the petition, or as near the same as in our opinion a good road can be made at a reasonable expense, taking into consideration the utility, convenience, and inconvenience and expense which will result to individuals as well as the public," by the Alteration of said road as follows:

Beginning for the same at a stone in the center of the Barnesville and Sumerton road and near the intersection of a road leading from Barnesville to Crows Sawmill. from which a stone, a Beech 28" dia bears S 7° W 126 1/4 links distant; thence N 17° 03' W 32.76 poles to Station No 2. Thence, N. 1° 19' E; 53.92 poles to an iron pin in the center of pike leading from Barnesville to the Swaker Meeting House from which iron pin a wild cherry tree bears N. 60° E, 90 Links

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We would respectfully report that the said Alteration ought to be made for the following reasons:

1<sup>st</sup> It will be a much better road, with lighter grades, and far better ground for a public road than the old road and less expense to keep up

We have also determined that the public convenience requires that such Alteration shall be established 33 feet in width.

All of which is respectfully submitted, }  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 1899 }

Eli McKnight  
Thos W Bentley  
Lincoln Lynn } Viewers.

FEES.

Eli McKnight Viewer, 2 days, \$3.00 #99  
Thos Bentley " 2 " \$3.00 #99  
Lincoln Lynn " 2 " \$3.00 #99  
John A Bond Surveyor, 2 days, \$10.00 #99  
Walton Ralston Chainman, 1 days, \$1.00 #99  
Suley Bernhard " 1 " \$1.00 #99  
Blanchard McGarr Marker, 1 " \$1.00 #99