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The following petition was this day presented to wit.
 To the Honorable Commissioners of Belmont County.
 The petition of the undersigned humbly represent that they conceive
 that it would conduce to the public convenience if a road was es-
 tablished agreeable to the following boundary to wit.
 Beginning at or near James E. Newells saw mill. thence past Robert
 Moores. thence by the Baptist Church lot. thence to Noble Taylors
 thence with the Newcomerstown road. to where Mr Culloughs
 road crosses the Newcomerstown road.
 And your petitioners pray that you will vacate the creek
 or Mr Culloughs road. that is to say so much as lays betwixt
 the Newcomerstown road. and James E. Newells saw mill.
 and your petitioners therefore pray that your Honors
 would appoint suitable characters to view the ground
 as aforesaid. and make report to you according to law
 and your petitioners will ever pray &c. or if the Commis-
 sioners would think proper to grant a review on the W.
 side of the creek. from the Newcomerstown road by William
 Groves mill. thence on the west side to John Israels. thence with
 the great road to said Mr Culloughs road. and so we say all.
 John Eaton Edward Thomas George Grayham. John Heany. Jacob
 David barger. Smith O. Bonham. Christopher Rivers. Jonas Richardson
 William ^{his} Talbut. Levi Talbut. Joshua Schales Thomas Skaggs
 John ^{his} Post. Robert A. Dallas. John Skaggs. Benjamin Carter
 Thomas Heany. Alex. ander Mc Bride. John Seales. Benjamin
 Sawders. John L. W. John Casey. Joshua Tracy. John Brown. John
 Williams. William Newell. Isaac Tracy. Thomas Tracy. Jacob
 Heanies. Anthony Hamble. James Drummer. John Griffith Junior
 William Tracy. Lewis Baker. Lewis L. W. Noble Taylor. Isaiah
 Look. Edward White. Samuel H. Powell. Alexander Taylor. Joseph
 Dunlap. John Lawson. George Taylor. Samuel Curtis. Samuel
 Couner. Moses. Milligan. Charles Harney. Henry Day.
 The Commissioners caused said petition read in open
 meeting and being satisfied that the notice was given
 that the law requires. they appointed Thomas Gilham. John
 Perry Junior. and Leonard Hart Sr. as viewers and John
 Israel. surveyor to meet at the place of beginning. on the
 18th instant. and proceed to the duties of their appoint-
 ment. and make return of their proceedings. at the next
 Court of Common Pleas. say pursuant June Court.

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The following return was this day made by the viewers to wit.
 We the undersigned met according to your orders. and viewed
 the different routes therein stated and think the route beginning
 below William Groves. thence past William Groves mill thence
 past John Israels to the Whaling road. thence along the
 Whaling road to the established route. in the face of
 John Eaton. and think it of public utility.

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Thomas Gilham }
Leonard Hart Sr } Viewers
John Perry Jr }

The Commissioners caused said return twice read on two different days of the same meeting, and no objections were made thereto. The Commissioners being satisfied they ordered said alteration recorded a public highway. the courses and distances are as follows to wit Beginning at the bridge over Stillwater, where John McCallocks road crosses the Newcomerstown road below William Groves, on the east side of the creek, running with the Newcomers road. S 77. N 20 perches S 70 West 14 perches S 13. E 10 perches near William Groves house leaving the Newcomers road and running on the west side of the creek South East 100 perches near Groves mill. S 17. W. 32 perches S 30 W 49 perches to the Whaling road near John Israels with said Whaling road. S 88 E 49 perches to intersect the road lately established through John McCallocks land June 19th 1819

John Israel Surveyor

Chain carriers. Noble Taylor. John Scaggs

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Thomas Gilham, John Perry Junior and Leonard Hart Senior who were appointed on the return of McCallocks road on the 9th instant made their return this day in the words following to wit. June 18th 1819

We the undersigned met according to your order and viewed the different routes therein stated and think the route beginning below William Groves thence past Mr Groves mill, thence past John Israels, to the Whaling road to the established route on the lands of John Eaton Esq. and think it of public utility. True under our hands.

Thomas Gilham }
John Perry Jr } Viewers
Leonard Hart Sr }

The Commissioners ordered said return read in open meeting on two different days of the same meeting, and no objections being made thereto. they ordered said alteration to be recorded. part of the public highway and vacated the old posts between the different points of intersection. The courses and distances are as follows to wit. beginning at the bridge on Stillwater where John McCallocks road crosses the Newcomerstown road below William Groves on the east side of the creek running with the Newcomerstown road. S 77. N 20 perches. S 70 N 14 perches S 13 E 10 perches near William Groves house. leaving the Newcomerstown road and running on the west side of the creek S 8 East 100 perches near Groves mill. S 17. W 32 perches. S 30 W. 49 perches to the Whaling road near John Israels with said Whaling road. S 88 E. 49 perches to intersect the road lately established through John McCallocks land. June 19th 1819.

Chain carriers. Noble Taylor. John Scaggs. John Israel Surveyor

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Enos Matson. presented the following petition to wit.
To the Commissioners of Belmont County, State of Ohio. at
their June sitting.

The petition of the subscribers inhabitants of Smith township
respectfully represent. that in consequence of the badness
of the ground. over which the great road leading from
Dillies Bottom. to Barnesville up Mc Mahons creek. from
the center of the 9th section. to John Oryors Juniors. we the un-
dersigned do wish a review. as we think. that there can be
better ground. for the road without making it any further
or varying from the course. that it now runs.

We therefore pray that an order may be granted. agree-
able to the Statute in such cases made and provided
for a review for roads.

Enos Matson. Joseph Fadd Hunter. Thomas Foster. Joseph News
Richard Shepherd. Jonah Watters. John Shepherd. Henry
Mowry. Jacob Fitch. David Raudle. John Mowry. Hum.
Beckett Enos Raudle. Henry Mowry James Watts William
Lucas. Edward Mercer. John Watters. Martin Kunkley. James
Watters. John Mercer. William Hookman Juniors. Andrew Watkins
Robert King. Andrew Miller John Autt. William Lowrie Valentin
Autt Jacob Rickley. Michael Autt. William Mc Gaughy
James Porterfield. Thomas Eker. Mathew Howell.

The Commissioners. caused said petition read in
open meeting. and being satisfied. that the petitioners.
had given the notice required by law. they appointed
John Warnock. Abraham Lash. and Oath Gregory. as
viewers of said alteration. and John Stewart surveyor
to meet second Saturday of September next. and pro-
ceed and make return to next Court. November term.

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Page 177 of record. Vol. 2 Page 177- Auditor)

November term the viewers aforesaid made the following
report.

We the undersigned met. agreeable to your order of 30th
June last. and proceeded to view a road from Dillies
Ferry to Barnesville up Mc Mahons creek. from the center
of section no 9 in the 6th township. and 4th range. and
after viewing the ground. pointed out to us. are of the
opinion that said alteration. will be of public and
general utility.

Given under our hands. this 10th day of September A.D. 1819

John Warnock }
Abraham Lash } Viewers
Oath Gregory }

The Commissioners ordered said return read on two dif-
ferent days of the same meeting. and no objections
were made thereto. and the Commissioners being
satisfied. ordered said alteration recorded the pub-
lic highway. and the old parts between. the different

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points of intersection vacated, the courses and distances are as follows to wit.

Beginning near the center of section no. 9 in the bottom adjoining Williams fork of Mc Mahons creek. thence N. 74 N 28 perches. N 88 N 13 1/4 perches. N 77 1/2 W 24 perches. N 63 N 26 perches. N 81 1/4 W 19 perches S. 76 N 39 perches. S 61 1/4 N 14 1/2 perches. S 38 1/2 W 6 perches. S 70 W 25 perches. N 79 N 12 perches. S 86 N 12 perches. N 74 1/2 N 13 perches. N 50 1/2 N 18 perches. N 80 N 20 perches. N 71 1/4 N 39 perches. S 86 W 8 perches. N 13 perches. N 74 N 20 perches. N 72 W 28 perches. N 33 N 22. N 46 N 34 1/2 perches. N 1 1/4. N 30 perches. N 20 1/2 N 22 perches. N 30 N 48 1/2 perches in section 16. N 54 1/2 N 32. N 68 N 42 perches. N 35 1/2. N 10 perches N 63. N 12 perches. N 59 N 28 perches. 2 miles to a small white oak N 89. N 10 1/2 perches. S 83. N 12 perches S 71 1/2 N 12 perches. N 73 1/2 N 23 perches. N 61 1/4 N 34 perches. due N 24 perches. S 86 W 5 perches. N 33. N 18 perches. N 27 1/4 N 20 1/2 perches. N 57 1/2. N 16 1/2 perches. N 67 N 20 1/2 perches. N 61 N 14 perches. N 51 N 20 perches. N 68 N 10 1/2 perches S 83 N 10 1/2 perches. S 80 W 10 perches S 86 W 34 perches. N 87 N 11 perches. in the 3 mile tow. to white oak. N 81 3/4 W 27 perches N 71 1/2 N 48 perches. near Samuel Lueas house. S 88 N 18 perches. S 66 1/2 N 24 1/2 perches. N 55. N 44 1/2 perches. N 62. N 16 perches. N 72 N 15 1/2 perches. N 22 1/2. N 14 perches. N 71 N 16 perches to John Pryors tower. containing 3 miles and two hundred and thirty one perches.

Surveyed by John Stewart Surveyor. Sept 11th 1819

Vol 2 (An entry similar to the foregoing dated November Term Page 197 1819. appears of record vol 2 Page 192 - Audited)

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Thos. Berry presented the following petition to wit. To the Commissioners of Belmont County. Gentlemen We your petitioners humbly sheweth that the public labor under great disadvantage for want of a road beginning on the road near Martins Ferry thence the nearest and best way to intersect the road leading from H. Clairsville to the mouth of Glenns run on sec. no 30. Twp 2. R no 2. for which your petitioners praye James Gordon Sr. James Gordon Jr. Amos Miller Thomas Milton. Alexander Lattimore. Samuel Berry. Emmer Bailey Owen Swews. Abraham Medcalf. Robert Finney. Benajah Steel. Daniel Adkinson. Elijah Steel. James Railey Jas Steer Jr. David Smith. Isaac Braunsou. Thomas Campbell. Matthew Beard.

The Commissioners caused said return (petition) read in open meeting and no objections (being) made thereto they ordered viewers to be appointed who were James Alexander Esq. Alexander Mc Williams. and James Eagleson as viewers. and Abraham Bailey as surveyor to meet on the first Saturday of Sept 1819. and proceed to said view as the law directs. and make return

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at the next November term of Court of Common Pleas
(An entry similar to the foregoing appears of record vol 7
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November Term 1819. The viewers made the following report to wit
To the Commissioners of Belmont County, Gentlemen.

We the subscribers, being appointed by you, to view a road lead-
ing from Martins Ferry, not agreeable to appointment, and
viewed the same, and it is our opinion, that if the said road
is opened, that it will be of general utility, to the County at
large. Given under our hands, this 8th day of November 1819

James Eagleson }
Alex McWilliams } Viewers
James Alexander }

The Commissioners, ordered said return twice read, on two
different days of the same meeting, and no objections be-
ing made, thereto and the Commissioners being satisfied
to establish the same, they ordered said road recorded a
public highway, the Courses and distances are as
follows to wit.

Beginning at Martins Ferry, thence N 40. W 70 perches
N 11 W 115 perches N 40 E 48 perches. N 18 E 25 perches N 59
W 31 perches. N 37 W 17 perches. N 47 W 26 perches. N 56 W
48 perches. N 72. W 54 perches. N 43 W 24 perches. S 75 W 32
perches. due west 20 perches. N 85 W 90 perches. N 73. W 22
perches. N 45. W 47 perches. containing 2 1/4 miles 7 perches
to the road from Sundaersville, to Glenns run &c.

I do hereby certify that the above is a plat of the road
from Martins Ferry to intersect the road leading from
St Clairsville to the mouth of Glenns run, agreeable to
the order of the Commissioners viewers.

A probam Bailey Surveyor

Order issued to open said road June 5th 1821 to Wm Pickens
(An entry similar to the above appears of record vol
2 page 191, dated November Term 1819 - Auditor)

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The following petition was this day presented to wit.
To the Honorable Commissioners of Belmont County
The request of your humble petitioners sheweth
that whereas the record of the road from the west end
of Wilkys law, by Michael Carralls and Youngs sawmill
that was to Whiting township line, and likewise from
Michael Carralls to Adam Johnstons saw mill, that was
to Whiting township line, was or is lost, or can't
be found, your petitioners suffering great incon-
venience, thereby on account of, said road being
stopped or turned on different ground.
Your humble petitioners request that your honors
would grant an view on said road, that it may be

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established.

Your Honors compliance will be returned a great favor by your petitioners

Samuel Brown, John Thompson, David Wallace, John Carter, James Simms Sr, Robert Hardesty, Eleazer Kinney, James Woods, David Miswanger, William Mowly, Natley Hays, Robert Griffith.

The Commissioners ordered said petition read, and being satisfied, notice was given as the law directs. The Commissioners appointed John Anderson, William Hultz, and Thomas Smith, as viewers, and John Stewart surveyor, to meet at the place of beginning on the first Saturday of September and proceed to the duties of their appointment, as the law directs, and make to the Commissioners, the next Court of Common Pleas.

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✓ (An entry similar to the foregoing, dated June 29th 1819, at
fears of record, vol 2, page 179 Auditor)

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The viewers made the following return to wit.

That the undersigned agreeable to the within order, met at the place therein mentioned on the 4th day of September 1819 and proceeded to view the ground, on which the road is proposed to go, and are of the opinion, that if the said road, is established agreeable to the plot thereof by John Stewart, will be of public utility.

John Anderson }
William Hultz } Viewers
Thomas Smith }

The Commissioners caused said return read twice, on two different days of the same meeting, and no objections being made thereto, and the Commissioners being satisfied, to establish the same, ordered said road recorded a public highway.

The courses and distances are as follows to wit.

Beginning at the end of Wilkey's lane aforesaid, thence N 14 1/4 W 28 perches, 78 links, N 33 1/4 W 21 perches, N 48 1/2 W 14 perches to a white oak N 6 W 40 perches to a white oak, S 86 W 47 1/2 perches, N 24 W 12 1/2 perches N 54 1/2 W 24 1/2 perches, to a white oak, N 7 1/2 W 46 1/2 perches to sugar tree N 10 W 46 perches, N 32 East 6 perches, N 17 W 33 perches, N 65 W 20 perches, N 66 W 22 perches, N 47 1/4 W 26 perches, N 4 1/2 W 36 1/2 perches N 22 1/4 W 42 perches, N 84 W 34 perches, S 61 W 100 perches, N 51 W 40 perches, 2 miles to a small white walnut in Mr Carralls orchard, N 23 perches, N 3 1/2 E. 25 perches, N 11 E. 23 perches, N 33 W 18 perches, N 38 W 16 perches, N 34 W 33 perches, N 59 W 20 perches, N 17 W 20 perches, N 38 W 38 perches N 23 perches, N 79 perches, to township line, thence beginning for other branch past Blockledge saw mill, at the two mile town, thence S 58 1/4 W 21 1/3 perches, N 71 W 87 perches, N 77 1/2 W 40 perches, N 80 W 24 perches, N 57 W 21 perches, N 22 1/2 W 16 perches N 82 W 19 perches, S 28 1/2 W 12 perches, N 76 W 45 perches, N 49 W 45 to 3 mile marked on a gum W 30 perches, N 79 W 16 perches N 56 W 27 perches to west boundary line of Richland and

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Whelving township. both branches containing on the old road

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The following entry dated November Term 1819. Appears of record
vol 2 page 188.

John Anderson, William Hultz, and Thomas Smith. who were appointed at the last sitting, as viewers of a road from the west end of James Wilkeys. Lane thence to Whelving township line. by way of Thomas Kemwards saw mill and also by Adam Johnsons saw mill. this day made their report in the words following to wit.

At the undersigned agreeable to the within order met at the place therein mentioned on the 4th day of September 1819 and proceeded to view the ground on which the road is proposed. to go and are of the opinion that. if the said road is established. agreeable to the plot thereof. by John Stewart it will be of public utility.

John Anderson }
William Hultz } Viewers
Thos Smith }

The Commissioners ordered said return read on two different days of the same meeting and no objections being made thereto. they ordered said road to be recorded a public highway.

(The courses and distances are again stated here same as above - Auditor).

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The following petition was this day presented to wit.
To the Honourable Commissioners of Belmont County.

At the undersigned petitioners. do humbly conceive that a road to commence at the mouth of George Loos Lane. thence running through the land of John Clark and Nathan Barnes do intersect. Shepherds town to the best advantage. will be of signal and great utility to the citizens of said township. and the neighborhood in the vicinity thereof. therefore we humbly request you to grant an order for a review of said road and your petitioners: as in duty bound will ever pray
John Clark. Francis Shepherd. Daniel Fuller James Lyon
Nathan Shepherd Joshua Stephens. Nathan Barnes James Graham. Philip Morgan. Francis Dutton. Isaac Dutton
William Gregg. John Booth Jeremiah Dutton. George Loos Jr
George Loos Sr Abraham Smith Thomas Loos. Jacob Morgan.

The Commissioners. ordered said petition. audibly read and being satisfied. that said petitioners had given the notice that the law required. appointed John Campbell Esq. John Lyle and Alexander McManis. as viewers. and John Stewart as surveyor. to view and survey said

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road. to meet the third Saturday of September next and they and then to proceed to the duties of said appointment. and make the report to the Commissioners at the next November Court of Common Pleas.

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(An entry similar to the foregoing dated June 29th 1819. appears of record vol. 2 page 180 - Auditor)
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The viewers made their report to wit. We the undersigned being ordered by the Commissioners. to view a road. beginning at the mouth of George Loos lane. to Shepherdstown. after being sworn as the law directs do agree that said road. will be of public and general utility. Given under our hands this 22nd day of September A.D. 1819.

John Campbell }
Alex McNary } Viewers
John Lyle }

The Commissioners ordered said return read on two different days of the same meeting. and no objections made thereto and the Commissioners being satisfied. ordered said road to be recorded a public highway.

The courses and distances of which are as follows to wit. Beginning at the north end of Loos lane. thence N 15 1/2 W 15 1/2 perches to a small dog wood. N 32 W 21 perches. across a drain N 30. N 8 perches. N 58 1/2 W 10 perches. N 32 1/2 W 8 1/2 perches. N 48 1/2 W 9 perches. N 69. W 18 perches. N 83. W 18 perches across a brook N 64 W 24 perches. N 58 W 32 perches. to a small white oak stump. N 49 1/2 W 26 perches. N 16. W 11 perches. N 76 3/4. W 10 2/3 perches. to Shepherdstown containing two hundred and ten perches.

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John Stewart Surveyor B.C.

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(The following entry dated. November 1819. appears of record vol 3. page 190 - Auditor)

John Campbell. Alex ander McNary. and John Lyle. who were appointed viewers at the last term. as viewers of the road from the end of Loos lane. to Shepherdstown this day made their report. in the following words to wit.

We the undersigned being appointed by the Commissioners to view a road. beginning at the mouth of George Loos lane. to Shepherdstown. after being sworn as the law directs. do agree that said road. will be of public and general utility. Given under our hands this 22nd day of September 1819

John Campbell. }
John Lyle } Viewers
Alexander McNary }

Whereupon the Commissioners caused said return to be audibly read on two different days of the same meeting. and no objections were made thereto. they ordered said road to be recorded a necessary width. not exceeding sixty feet. as a public highway.
(The courses and distances are again stated here as above - Auditor)

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George Sharpless presented the following petition to wit.
To the Commissioners of Belmont County at their sitting in
November 1819.

The petition of the subscribers, freeholders of Pease and Richland
and townships in Belmont County respectfully sheweth that
there is no public road from the road from St Clairsville to
Whiting across past the Reservoir Factory to the road from
the Belmont mills to Mt Pleasant. that the Reservoir Fac-
tory is a place of considerable importance in man-
ufacturing cloths, wool and weaving, for which pur-
poses a great many of the citizens of Belmont County
have recourse and resort to said factory and great incon-
venience is sustained for want of a road to leave the road
from St Clairsville to Whiting upon the lands of Charles Ham-
mond between his and the house of Castleton Collins and pro-
ceed from thence past the Reservoir Factory upon no 16 and
intersect the road from the Belmont mills to Mount Pleas-
ant upon said no 16 near where Silas Eusigno now lives
Your petitioners therefore pray that viewers may be
appointed to view and lay out a public road upon the
direction aforesaid and your petitioners will pray
Lambert Pond, Asa Sillou, Samuel Sharpless, John
Beatty, Nottay Hays, Robert Ourose, George Sharpless
Thomas Smith, John Kinsey, Aaron Newport, John Pickering,
Oreston Sharpless, Asahel Ward, Joseph Anderson, Jacob
Dash Sr, Mahlon Triffy, Isaac Drummis

The Commissioners caused said petition read in open
meeting and being satisfied said petitioners had given
the notice the law requires, appointed William Hultz, Reuben
Harris and Robert Ourose to meet the 3rd day of December
next at the place of beginning, and then and there proceed to
said view, as the law directs and make return of said view
to the Commissioners at the next November Court of Common Pleas
John Stewart is appointed surveyor.

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An entry similar to the foregoing dated November term
1819, appears of record vol. 2, page 182. - Auditor
March term 1820.

The viewers aforesaid made their return to wit
by the undersigned and within viewers appointed by the
Commissioners of Belmont County after being duly
qualified, did proceed at the time appointed to view the
within mentioned road, do report that the said road will
be of public utility.

Given under our hands, this 14th day of March A.D. 1820

William Hultz }
Thos. Smith } Viewers
Reuben Harris }

The Commissioners ordered said return audibly read
on two different days of the same meeting, and no ob-
jections were made, and the Commissioners being satis-

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and ordered said road to be recorded a public highway
The courses and distances are as follows to wit.

Beginning for said road on the east boundary line of sec.
tion 16. where said line crosses a road from Belmont Mills
to Mount Pleasant. S $1\frac{1}{2}$ E 40 perches. N 17 perches. S 64 W 30 perches
S 63 W 47 perches. S 69 W 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches. S 45 W 12 perches. S 85 W 9
perches. S 54 W 2 perches. across Whaling creek. N 6 E 24 perches
N 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ E N 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches. across falling mill race. S 26 W 59. S 66 W 13
perches N 88 W 10 perches. N 68 N 14 perches. N 78 N 43 perches
N 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 16 perches. N 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 17 perches. S 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches. S 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 12
perches. S 84 N 12 perches. S 82 N 18 perches. N 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 18 perches. S 89 $\frac{1}{2}$
N 10 perches. N 66 N 20 perches. S 85 N 25 perches. S 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 18. perches
at the school house. thence S 62 W 34 perches. S 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 8 perches
N 20 perches. to Whaling road.

John Stewart Surveyor

Vol 7 (The following entry dated March Term 1820. appears of rec-
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The following return was made this day to wit.
The undersigned and within viewers appointed by the
Commissioners of Belmont County. after being duly
qualified did proceed at the time appointed to view
the within mentioned road. and do report that the said
road will be of public utility.
Given under our hands the 14th day of March A.D. 1820.

William Hulse seal
Robert Purrow seal
Reuben Harris seal

The Commissioners caused said return to be audibly
read on two different days of the same meeting. and no
objections being made thereto. they ordered said road to
be recorded a public highway.

(The courses and distances are stated here same as above
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Vol. A. The following petition was this day presented to wit.
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The petition of the undersigned humbly represents that
it would (they conceive conduce to the public convenience
if a road was established agreeable to the following
boundaries to wit beginning at the south end of sugar
stout in the town of St Clairsville. and running on the
lands of George Paull. near the line between said Paull
and Benjamin Puggles to intersect the road leading from
St Clairsville. to Charles Eckles mill. near the line between
said Paull and Mahlon Smith.
Your petitioners therefore pray. that you would appoint suit-
able persons. to view the ground aforesaid. and your peti-
tioners. will ever pray,