

TO THE JUDGE OF MERCER COUNTY COURT.

The undersigned, Virgil Chatham, County Road Engineer of Mercer County, Kentucky, states that he was on or about the 8th day of April, 1914, engaged as road engineer together with a crew of hands in grading the pike known as the Harrodsburg and Mundays Landing Turnpike and that it became necessary for the proper grading of said turnpike to make a culvert near the residence of Mrs. Bettie J. Hardin and that it also became necessary for the proper erection of said culvert and drainage of said pike to cut a ditch upon the premises of said Bettie J. Hardin.

He states that said culvert was placed under the pike at a point in the natural flow of the water course and that before said culvert was put under said pike that the surface water at this point flowing in its natural course of drainage ~~generally~~ over-flowed the pike and then flowed on the lands of said Hardin and that the culvert merely protects the pike and does not change the natural water course in the least.

He states that in his opinion by the erection of the culvert no damage has been done to the lands of said Hardin, but that he has attempted to get her consent to the digging of a ditch and building of the culvert, but that she objects and that they cannot agree as to the damage done.

He further petitions this Honorable Court to appoint three impartial house-keepers of the County as Commissioners, who shall be directed to go upon the premises and view same and agree as to what damages said Bettie J. Hardin shall receive by reason of the building of said culvert and cutting of said ditch if any and that said commissioners report their acts at the next term of