

We the Citizens of Occoquan and Vicinity respectfully pray the County Court of Prince William to allow them to change the road to Brentsville leading into Occoquan so that the same may lead into Union Street as per Platt of said town aforesaid. The road as it now runs with diagram herewith submitted occupies portions of two lots, upon which taxes are paid, much to the injury of parties owning the same and the object is to change the said road so that the said property may not be altered with and allow to make the road more direct and better in every way.

Janney, Joseph
Dunn, A. F.
Davis, R. J.
Hammill, Ed
Davis, Henry
Dane, G. H.
Myers, G. W.
Fairfax, James W.
Mills, John D.
Brawner, B
Ish, M. A.
Tavener, James H.
Petit, George
Chamberlin, Thos O.
Strobert, William L,
Gregg, Jno W. Jr.
Hammill, Hugh
Clarke, John
Brammill, Wm
Whallin, Dannill
Carter, James N.
Roe, H. F.
Davis, George W.
Reid, John L.
Gregg, John W.
Davis, James
Lynn, B. F.
Cornwell, John W.
Beach, Thomas
Conner, E.
Payne, Alfred
Dane, John H.

Maddox, Wm. D.
Williamson, Jno S.
Reid, Pembroke
Bailey, Robert
Fairfax, Uriah
Smith, William
Gossom, John C.
Davis, George
Maddox, Lafayette
Manning, John L.
Ledman, Lycurgus
Curtis, J. F.
Hammill, William
Selectman, George A.
Upton, William
Harrison, Sampson
Harrison, James
Rind, C. G.
Simpson, Thomas J.
Davis, J. M.
Davis, E. S.
Davis, Vernon
Bradfield, Basil
Posey, William
Curtis, M.
Simpson, John W. Jr.
Rafine, James G.
Sullivan, James R.
Metzger, William
Davis William of Job
Lynn, Leonard
Carter, L. T.

Harrison, Joseph
Maddox, Thomas
Windsor, James T.
Windsor, William
Kimble, Edward B
Williams, G. W.
Arrington, Francis C.
Davis, James B.
Selectman, William
Dulaney, Charles
Opp, Thomas
Keys, John
Davis, William F.
Davis, E. S.
Fairfax, Arthur
Shepherd, R. H.
Bird, James
King, Samuel
Mills, John T.
Naglee, Joseph M.
Reid, Reuben C.
King, A.
Byant, Daniel
Lowe, G. W.
Davis, Wilson
Free, Raymond
Clark, Thomas
Savage, John
Clarke, John
Dewey, William H.
Duvall, W. H.
Arrington, T. T.

To Your Honorable justices of Prince William County Virginia

We the undersigned citizens of Occoquan and vicinity having heard with much surprise that Joseph T. Janney and Edward Hammill are going to make an application to Your honors to change a public Road in the Village of Occoquan, that has been a public road ever since the formation of said village, all for their own individual benefit, we the citizens of Occoquan and vicinity do protest against the same for reasons set fourth.

First are there never was any complaint of said road until Edward Hammill was appointed surveyor of said road which he now proposes to change for his own benefit.

Second are Joseph T. Janney has offered to sell said Hammill and others lots on the said proposed road if they will help him to make the change, at a reduced price.

Third are it would be very unjust to others if said changes was made now as they have purchased lots of said Janney at a heavy price. Therefore we pray your honors not to grant the same, for it is uncalled for, and would subject the citizens to an additional tax.

James Duty
Andrew Underwood
Thomas R. Selecman
George Newman
John Carter
Edward Conner
Henry F. Duty
Minor Fairfax
John Warring
John Underwood
John L. King
Thomas A. Davis
George M. Abel
William H. Upton
Robert Smith
Mathew Priest
John Neill
Daniel Hilman
Richard H. Sorrell
David R. Tyrell
Washington Arrington

Oliver Underwood
Hugh M. Davis
John R. Beach
Andrew T. Duvall
Joseph Pettit
W. T. Goodwin
Henry Shaw
L. H. C. Cornwell
Enoch Haislip
John w. Creed
William Beavers
Luther Swan
John G. Horner
Wm. H. Harrison
Wellington Vaughn
John Carter
Sampson Harrison
George W. Posey
James Pullen
James R. Pearson
Richard Harrison

Albert A. Selecman
William R. Selecman
Redman Mills
Thos W. Reeves
Hezekiah Conner
Wm. H. Johnson
Gustavous Patterson
Robert Allen
Montraville Cornwell
Adolphus Combs
Lee Davis
Wm. Slack
William Turner
Isaac Redman
Elias Harrison
John Pearson
George W. Allen
Wm. H. Arrington
Wm. Pullen
George T. Swann

In Prince William County Court December 2nd 1867

On the application of Joseph T. Janney to change the Brentsville Road leading into the Town of Occoquan so that the same shall lead into and along Union Street of said town according to the plat of the said town. Ordered that Basil Brawner, Hugh Hammill and A. F. Dunn be appointed viewers to view said road and report to the Court the conveniences and inconveniences that will result as well to individuals as the public if said road shall be changed as proposed and especially whether any yard garden or orchard or any part thereof will in such case have to be taken.

A Copy Teste
M. B. Sinclair, clerk

In pursuance to an order of the County Court of Prince William County, made on the 2nd day of December 1867, the undersigned commissioners, entered upon the duties required of us in said order, and after full and minute examination of the premises, unanimously make the following report. We are decidedly of the opinion that Union Street as laid down by the plat of the town will make the best road for the public, and the changes asked for in the order should be made, there are at this time there are several old buildings on this street which should be removed to wit a small stable occupied by Thos. L. Selecman, a blacksmith shop by Hugh Hammill, a wheelwright shop by Oliver Underwood, a blacksmith shop by Albert A. Selecman, and a small shanty sometime since used for a tailor shop and claimed by John A. King, no yard garden or orchard have to be taken and no damages sustained by and that at this time there is a good pass way for wagons &c on a portion of and by the side of Union Street and is now more used than the road proposed to be changed, all of which we respectfully report.

Given under our hands this 4th day January 1868

Basil Brawner
A.F. Dunn
Hugh Hammill

Occoquan Va. January 6th 1868

Judge Sinclair Dear Sir at the last court Hugh Hammill, Basil Brawner and A. Dunn was appointed to view the road in Occoquan which they have, and I am informed they will report to stop the old road leading to my Tavern, which has been a road one hundred years, and open an old street which has never been used merely laid off as a street which will cost the people I cannot say how much, they propose to give the old road to Joseph T. Janney which never had any claim to it if that is law it is strange to me. I will give you a few facts about this old street, about 30 years ago Hugh Hammill built a Blacksmith Shop and Wheelwright Shop on it, and know body complained, it was all right but lately there is another blacksmith and wheelwright shop gone up in the same old street and him and Gregg the wheelwright say the street must be closed as there shops are old and nearly ready to fall down, another thing is Hugh Hammill is lately got a fine House on the old street which I am informed he wishes to fix up for a Public House, as soon as the change is made, is it right that he should act as a commissioner in this case, to prove to you that it is done through pre justice if they want the old street why do they want to stop the public road. I put up the new Blacksmith Shop that is why they are down on me. The commissioners report this court. You can read this to the court if you think it best and that petition also. I can prove all these facts.

Thomas Selecman

Occoquan Va. January 28th 1868

Judge Sinclair Dear Sir I have seen Joseph F. Janney and agreed with him to stop my protest against the change of the roads so far as I am concerned. There is one thing the people wishes to know, whether or not they have to pay for the repairs of the proposed chang. There is one thing I wish to know, when they make the change what becomes of the old road,

Yours Truly

Thos. L. Selecman