

No. of <sup>ROAD</sup> Case

129

GALLATIN COUNTY,  
DISTRICT COURT,  
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT,  
STATE OF MONTANA.

Larinton Road  
in Madison Valley

Date set for viewing Apr 12<sup>th</sup> 1898

FILED

Plaintiff

~~County Clerk~~  
County Clerk

Defendant

Action for

Parties interested to appear  
Dec. 6, 98 at 10 o'clock a.m.  
Action defend till march  
Meeting parties to appear 7 days  
at 2 o'clock

Roadviewers report adopted  
and road ordered opened  
and made a public highway  
March 29<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Attest:

E. J. Blankenship  
E. H. Schumacher

Attorney for Defendant

# PETITION FOR ROAD.

*C. M. Thorpe*  
To ~~the Honorable Board of~~ County ~~Commissioners~~ *Surveyor* of Gallatin County,  
Montana:

The undersigned, your petitioners, citizens of the United States, respectfully show and represent that they are ~~freeholders~~ *residents* of Road District No. 1 in the County of Gallatin, in the State of Montana, and taxable therein for road purposes; that they reside in the vicinity of the road hereinafter petitioned for; that the proposed road will be a public convenience, and we think the public good requires it.

Your petitioners respectfully ask your ~~Honorable Body~~ *that a County Road* to lay out, locate and establish ~~no County road~~ *ed* ~~no County road~~ sixty feet wide, in said road district, to be a public highway therein, and show:

- (a). The general route of the proposed road. (b). Over what lands it is proposed to be established. (c). Who are the owners thereof. (d). Whether such of them as can be found consent thereto. (e). Who of them do not consent. (f). The probable cost of the right of way where such consent is not had. (g). The necessity for and the advantages of the proposed road, as follows, to-wit:

Said road to follow the base line between Townships one North and South of Range two East and connecting the east and west side County <sup>in Madison Valley</sup> Road Dist. County and State aforesaid, a distance of about one and one half miles.

The owners over whose property said road will run are J. B. Sloan & W. Perkins Thos D. Tice & F. Morrison and S. White

The total damages asked is \$2800.00 None refuse consent to the road being built if damages are allowed.

We would respectfully represent that for a distance of nearly six miles there is no crossroad connecting the east and west side of the valley causing trouble and inconvenience to residents of the district and we would request that our petition be granted and said road be established.

And we will ever pay.

NAMES:

NAMES:

- 1 C. A. Dorninton
- 2
- 3 Wm. Hoelken
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7 Chas. R. Thompson
- 8
- 9 J. B. Sloan
- 10
- Perdinant Dell

- 1
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- 4 M. A. Stokes
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- 6 Wm. M. James
- 7
- 8 J. George Sleebert
- 9
- 10 E. J. Schomburg
- Samuel Weir

Office of County Surveyor  
Bozeman Feb. 23 1898.

Hon. J. L. Patterson,  
Chairman Board of County Commissioners,  
Gallatin County Montana.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified  
that a petition signed by H. M. Thompson  
and 11 other residents of Road District  
No. 1 in said County has been received  
at this office praying for the establishment  
of a County Road. Said road to follow  
the base line from the East side Road,  
to the West side Road, in Madison Valley.  
You are hereby requested to appoint a  
viewer to represent the Board in the  
viewing of the said proposed road.

Very Respectfully,

C. M. Hoops

County Surveyor

Mr. C. M. Hoops

County Surveyor Gallatin Co. Mont.

Dear Sir:- In pursuance of the law which  
I hereby appoint Mr. B. F. Bisel  
as a viewer on the above petitioned for road  
to represent the Board of County Commissioners.

Very Respectfully,

J. L. Patterson

Chairman Board of County Commissioners of  
Gallatin County Montana.

Dated at Bozeman this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1898

Office of County Surveyor, Bozeman, Gallatin County Montana.  
To the Honorable Board of Commissioners, Gallatin County Montana  
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the following papers, in the matter of the petition of C. A. Darlinton, etal: praying for a County road in road District No.1 , as follows:

First: The petition with map.

Second: Notice to Chairman, to appoint a viewer, and the appointment of the same.

Third: Copy of warrants to viewers with registered letter receipt showing that same had been duly received.

Fourth: Sworn proof of posting notices with copy attached.

Fifth: Oath of road viewers.

Sixth: Report of road viewers and consent of land owners to give right of way, where same was given.

I hereby certify that a like copy of the viewers notice was posted at the County Clerks Office, on the 18th day of March 1898.

Respectfully, Submitted,

*C. M. Thorpe*

County Surveyor.

# WARRANT FOR ROAD VIEWERS.

County Surveyor's Office,  
Gallatin County, Montana. }

MR. C. A. Darlington

You are hereby notified that you were duly appointed Road Viewer by C. M. Thorpe  
County Surveyor of Gallatin County, Montana, on the  
14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1898, to view and lay out a proposed road, as prayed  
for in the petition of H. M. Thompson and others, described as follows, to-wit:

Said Road to follow the base line between  
Townships one north and one south of  
Range two East and connecting the East and  
West side County roads in Madison Valley.  
In Road Dist No. 1 County & State aforesaid,  
a distance of about 1 1/2 miles.  
The Mt. Crest to be the starting point

You are hereby ordered to meet, to be sworn according to law and assume the duties of your office, in  
company with B. F. Bissel, who was duly appointed as a  
Viewer on said road by the Chairman of the Board of Co. Commissioners and by the  
County Surveyor, who is Chairman of said Board of Viewers, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, 1898, commencing at the place designated in said petition as the  
starting point of the road sought to be Established, and proceed to view and  
lay out the same by setting stakes, blazing trees, turning furrows, or other appropriate monuments to the  
terminus named in said petition, by the most practicable route that you in your judgment can find.  
You shall notify the resident owner or agent of land over which it passes, of the proposed route; ascertain  
whether such owner consents thereto and the amount of damages, if any, claimed or demanded for the  
right of way over the same. You shall estimate the actual damage to any land over which the proposed  
road passes and the cost of any bridges or grading necessary. You shall report the necessity for and the  
public convenience to be subserved by the highway, if opened, and whether the opening thereof or the  
change therein proposed should be made, and make and sign a report of your proceedings, as required by law.

Roads shall in all cases, when practicable, be laid out on subdivisional or section lines.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand, at my office this 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of March, 1898.

C. M. Thorpe  
County Surveyor.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

# WARRANT FOR ROAD VIEWERS.

County Surveyor's Office,  
Gallatin County, Montana.

MR. B. F. Bissel

You are hereby notified that you were duly appointed Road Viewer by J. L. Patterson Chairman Board of County Commissioners of Gallatin County, Montana, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Feb., 1898, to view and lay out a proposed road, as prayed for in the petition of H. M. Thompson and others, described as follows, to-wit:  
Said Road to follow the base line between Townships one North and one South of Range two East and connecting the East and West side County roads, in Madison Valley, in Road District No. 1, County & State aforesaid, a distance of about 1 1/2 miles. The West end to be the starting point.

You are hereby ordered to meet, to be sworn according to law and assume the duties of your office, in company with C. A. Darlington (who was duly appointed as a Viewer on said road by the County Surveyor) and by the County Surveyor, who is Chairman of said Board of Viewers, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1898, commencing at the place designated in said petition as the starting point of the road sought to be Established and proceed to view and lay out the same by setting stakes, blazing trees, turning furrows, or other appropriate monuments to the terminus named in said petition, by the most practicable route that you in your judgment can find. You shall notify the resident owner or agent of land over which it passes, of the proposed route; ascertain whether such owner consents thereto and the amount of damages, if any, claimed or demanded for the right of way over the same. You shall estimate the actual damage to any land over which the proposed road passes and the cost of any bridges or grading necessary. You shall report the necessity for and the public convenience to be subserved by the highway, if opened, and whether the opening thereof or the change therein proposed should be made, and make and sign a report of your proceedings, as required by law.

Roads shall in all cases, when practicable, be laid out on subdivisional or section lines.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand, at my office this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1898.

C. M. Thorpe  
County Surveyor.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

# ROAD VIEWERS' NOTICE.

Notice is hereby Given to all whom it may concern. That we the undersigned Road Viewers, appointed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gallatin, and by the County Surveyor of said County, Montana, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1898, to view and mark out a proposed County road as prayed for in the petition of H. W. Thompson et. al., will in company with the County Surveyor, who is chairman of said Board of Viewers, meet for such view on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1898, the time fixed by said Surveyor, and at the point designated in said petition, as the starting point of said proposed road, to-wit:

Said Road to follow the base line between Townships one north & one south of Range two East and connecting the East and West sides, County roads in Madison Valley. In Road District No. 1, County and State aforesaid, a distance of about 1 1/2 miles. The west end to be the starting point

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1898.

C. M. Thorpe

B. F. Bisel

C. A. Darlington

} VIEWERS.

STATE OF MONTANA, }  
County of Gallatin. } SS.

C. A. Darlington

being first duly sworn deposes and says, that as the

viewer appointed he received from the County Surveyor of said County, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D., 1898, three copies of the annexed notice, and that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 1898 he posted a copy of said notice at each of the following points, on the line of road described in said notice, to-wit: One at the point of beginning on the base line at the west side Road, and one at the terminus as above described.

and further deponeth sayeth not.

C. A. Darlington

STATE OF MONTANA, }  
County of Gallatin. } ss.

*C. M. Thorpe* being first duly sworn deposes and says, that as the  
*County Surveyor of Gallatin County* ~~he received from~~  
~~the County Clerk of said County, on the~~ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D.,  
~~189~~ ~~three copies of the annexed notice, and that on the~~ *16<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* 1898 he posted  
a copy of ~~said notice at each of the following points, on the line of road described in said notice, to wit. One~~  
*at the County Clerk's Office.*

and further deponeth sayeth not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *7<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* A. D., 1898

*C M Thorpe*  
*W. J. Smith*  
*Notary Public*



# OATH OF ROAD VIEWERS.

STATE OF MONTANA, }  
County of Gallatin. } ss.

I, the undersigned, having been appointed a road viewer, do hereby solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially perform, according to law, the duties of ROAD VIEWER, as per instructions embodied in the notice of appointment by the Board of County ~~Commissioners~~ <sup>Surveyors</sup>

C. A. Darlington

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day

of April 1898

C. M. Thorpe

County Surveyor

This must be returned to the County Clerk after execution.

# OATH OF ROAD VIEWERS.

STATE OF MONTANA, }  
County of Gallatin. } ss.

I, the undersigned, having been appointed a road viewer, do hereby solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially perform, according to law, the duties of ROAD VIEWER, as per instructions embodied in the notice of appointment by the Board of County Commissioners.

Orrin E. Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day

of April 1898

C. M. Thorpe

County Surveyor

This must be returned to the County Clerk after execution.

# REPORT OF ROAD VIEWERS.

To the Honorable, the Board of County Commissioners of Gallatin County:

two of the C.M. Thorpe & C.A. D. Aultman

WE, the undersigned Road Viewers, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners at the

~~Term of said Board~~ to view a proposed road running from the west side road to the intersection of township

to intersection of townships ~~and~~ the south Range two ~~of~~ say,

That on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1898, we started from

described as the place designated in the petition as the starting point of such proposed road and proceeded to view and lay out the same, and submit the following report:

1. The course, termini, length and probable cost of constructing the proposed road, as follows:

The course of the proposed road is described as follows to wit:—Beginning at a point on <sup>the</sup> Base Line where the same is intersected by the centerline of the west side road in Madison Valley, said point being 30 feet East of the S. 14<sup>th</sup> Sec. 6<sup>th</sup> T. 25<sup>th</sup> N. R. 26<sup>th</sup> E. (See book of report)

2. The estimate of damages to the owner of any land over which it is proposed to run the highway, as follows: We consider that the claim of Mr J. B. Sloan of \$40<sup>00</sup> for the expense of wire for 1 mile of fence is reasonable and should be allowed as he lives on the east side road and has a good road to Logans (see book of report)

3. The names of land owners who consent to give the right of way, and we hereto attach their written consent, as follows: Mr. S.H. Parks

4. The names of land owners who do not consent and the amount of damages claimed by each, as follows: Stephen White, 10<sup>00</sup>, S.F. Morrison \$100<sup>00</sup>, Mr. F.O. Tier \$35<sup>00</sup>, John B. Sloan, \$40<sup>00</sup>

5. The following facts bearing upon the subject, which may be of importance to the Board: this proposed road is midway between two other cross roads which are 6 miles apart, the west side road is low and wet and would require much expense (see book of report)

We believe said road \_\_\_\_\_ to be practicable and \_\_\_\_\_ of public utility and necessity and do \_\_\_\_\_ recommend the establishment of the same.

Dated April 13<sup>th</sup>, A. D., 1898

C.A. Aultman  
Orren E. Thomas  
C.M. Thorpe } Road Viewers.

No 1 Continued said point being marked by a stake, thence run east along said Base line to the center of the East side road in said valley the same being one hundred and thirty two +  $\frac{75}{10}$  (132  $\frac{75}{10}$ ) feet west of the South East corner of section 35 said township, and thence the same being the terminus as described in the petition. The above described line is for the center of a 20 foot road and the length of the proposed road to be  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

The probable cost of constructing the proposed road would be about \$400.00. An appropriation of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of this amount would be sufficient to open the road for travel at present, the balance could be made later. (see No. 2)

No. 2 Continued The property along the proposed road, owned by Mrs. Tice, Mrs. White, and Mrs. Morrison, which has no outlet to the said East side road is now greatly benefited, and while the benefits may equal the damages we believe that the simplest way to settle for the right of way would be to allow the claim of Mrs. Morrison for \$100.00 in the sum of 50.00 which would cover the cost of fence material, and that the claim of Mrs. J. White for \$10.00 be allowed in full, to partly cover the expense of fence material, and that the claim of Mrs. Tice for \$35.00 be allowed for the cost of fence material.

No. 5 Continued to make a good road, at times it is rendered impassible on account of ice and we believe the most economical way to provide good outlets for people living near the river is by cross roads leading to the East side road which is a good road at all times.

As this road is on the Base Line, and as a road has been laid out on this line for a greater portion of the distance between 15th and 130th + Boynton and is traveled from the terminus of the proposed road, it will provide the most direct road to towns East of here.

I hereby agree and consent to  
give 30 feet for a right of way for a County  
Road along the north side of the NW 1/4 of  
Sec. 4 T 1 S. R 2 E as viewed on map  
by C. G. Dahlstrom O. E. Thomas & Co. therefore  
on the 12th day of April, 1906 and hereby

agree to place my fence on either side  
for the sum of \$35.00

Thos. D. Fice

Apr 13 1906

To the County of Gallatin, State of Montana:

I Hereby Agree, and consent to give 30 feet for a Right of Way, for a County Road, through or along the North side of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 4, T. 1 S. R. 2 E., as viewed and surveyed by C. A. Darlington O.E. Thomas + C. M. Thorpe on the 12th day of April, 1898. And hereby agree to place my fences on said lines without charge to the County.

Signed: S. H. Perks

Dated at this 12th day of April 1898.

To the County of Gallatin, State of Montana:

I Hereby Agree, and consent to give 30 feet for a Right of Way, for a County Road, ~~through or~~ along the South side of Sec. 33, T. 1 N. R. 2 E., as viewed and surveyed by C. A. Darlington O.E. Thomas + C. M. Thorpe on the 12th day of April, 1898. And hereby agree to place my fences on said lines ~~without charge to the County.~~ for the sum of (40 =) the sum being cost of wire

Signed: John B. Sloan

Dated at this 12th day of April 1898.

To the County of Gallatin, State of Montana:

I Hereby Agree, and consent to give 30 feet for a Right of Way, for a County Road, ~~through or~~ along the North side of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 5, T. 1 S. R. 2 E., as viewed and surveyed by C. A. Darlington O.E. Thomas + C. M. Thorpe on the 12th day of April, 1898. And hereby agree to place my fences on said lines ~~without charge to the County.~~ for the sum of \$10.00

Signed: Stephen White

To the County of Gallatin, State of Montana:

I Hereby Agree, and consent to give 30 feet for a Right of Way, for a County Road, ~~through~~ along the South side of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 22, T 1 N R 7 E, as viewed and surveyed by O.E. Thomas (A. Durlington & C.M. Thomas) on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1898. And hereby agree to place my fences on said lines for the sum of \$100.00 ~~without charge to the County~~

Signed: A. J. Morrison

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1898.

REGISTRY RECEIPT.

~~Bozeman, Mont.~~

Post Office at

Registered Letter Parcel

No. 237

Rec'd Mar 16 1898

of *Om Thope*

Bozeman, Mont.

addressed to

*W. D. Dunnington  
Logan Mont.*

P. M.

REGISTRY RECEIPT.

~~Bozeman, Mont.~~

Post Office at

Registered Letter Parcel

No. 238

Rec'd Mar 16 1898

of *Om Thope*

Bozeman, Mont.

addressed to

*B. A. Bissel  
Bozeman Mont*

W. E. BURKET.

P. M.

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**REGISTERED.**

**Post Office Department,**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

POST OFFICE AT

MAR 21 1898

RETURN TO:

BOZEMAN, MONT

Name of Sender,

*C. M. Phelps*

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box.

Bozeman, Mont.

Post Office at

County of

State of

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Stamp here name of Post Office

RETURN TO:

and date of delivery

Name of Sender,

*C. M. Phelps*

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box.

Bozeman, Mont.

Post Office at

County of

State of



Form 1000  
**REGISTRY RETURN RECEIPT** sent Mar 16, 1888

Reg. No. 238 from Post Office at Bozeman, Mont.

\*Reg. Letter / Reg. Parcel Addressed to B.A. Bice  
Bozeman 9 MT.

After obtaining receipt below, the Postmaster will mail this Card, without cover and without postage, to address on the other side.

**RECEIVED THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REGISTERED** { **\*LETTER. PARCEL.**

(Sender's name on other side.)

**SIGN ON DOTTED LINES TO THE RIGHT.** B.A. Bice

When delivery is made to other than addressee, the name of both addressee and recipient must appear.

\* Cross letter or parcel according to which is sent.

Form 1000  
**REGISTRY RETURN RECEIPT** sent 3-16, 1888

Reg. No. 237 from Post Office at Bozeman, Mont.

\*Reg. Letter / Reg. Parcel Addressed to W. Darlington  
Bozeman 9 MT.

After obtaining receipt below, the Postmaster will mail this Card, without cover and without postage, to address on the other side.

**RECEIVED THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REGISTERED** { **\*LETTER. PARCEL.**

(Sender's name on other side.)

**SIGN ON DOTTED LINES TO THE RIGHT.** W. Darlington

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Bozeman, Montana, July 21st 1900

The County Clerk, of Gallatin County,

Road

Fund warrant of Gallatin County, No. 655

for \$40.<sup>00</sup>  
on the Washington Road

in favor of John B. Sloan for damage  
See Con Journal 8. Page 561

John B. Sloan



To the Hon. Board of Commissioners of  
Gallatin County.

Bozeman.

Montana.

Logan Mich 4<sup>th</sup> 1899

Hon Board of Commissioners of Gallatin Co  
Bozeman Mont.

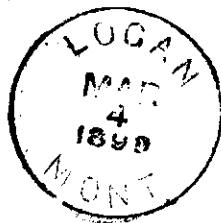
Dear Sirs

I take the liberty of writing you to urge upon you the necessity of taking some action on the road petition we sent you last winter and to correct a statement that we understand was made at your Sept. Meeting. That is that Mr White was the only party in this neighborhood that wanted the road or took any interest in the matter.

Nothing could be farther from the facts - You will see by referring to the petition that all the petitioners with one exception were Ranchmen, that live between the two cross roads and are directly interested.

While parties living on the east side of the Valley could not be expected to take the same interest that we who are shut in for a distance of six miles do yet I have not heard one of them mention the matter that did not express the hope that the Commissioners would grant our petition and open the road as early a date as possible.

The road should not only



To the Hon- Board of Commissioners of  
Gallatin County.

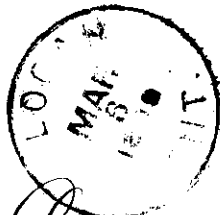
Bozeman.

Montana.

be opened as far as petitioned for but it would be a great benefit to residents of this section if it were continued on to a junction with the road you laid out on this same Base line running west from the Gallatin. When that is done and a direct road opened from the Madison Valley to Bozeman the mileage fees saved on Jurors and Witnesses would pay the cost of building the road in a few years. Our people attending Court go via Logan an average distance of about 10 miles and when they get there they are but little if any nearer Bozeman than they were when they started and the County has to pay the extra mileage both ways.

Trusting you will grant our petition and afford us the relief petitioned for we remain

Very Respectfully yours  
C. A. Dartinton



How. Board Co. Commissioners  
 of Gallatin Co.  
 Bozeman  
 Mont

Logan, Mont. March 4<sup>th</sup> 1899

How. Board of Co. Commissioners  
 Helena, Mont.

I have figured the expense of building the half mile of fence on the Darlington road as low as possible, and I find it will cost me \$55<sup>00</sup> fifty five dollars. Besides the work of building the fence and the land, and the land and the work of building the fence ought to be worth \$15<sup>00</sup> more, making a total of \$70<sup>00</sup> for the fence & land. I have built more than twice the amount of fence that any other man in the valley has for public roads without remuneration according to the amount of land I own and I think I ought to have what the material & land is worth. If I can not get that amount I shall be obliged to ask the Co. to build me a lawful fence & pay me for my land, I am not able to come up to meet the board, the price of wire has raised. Yours respectfully,  
 at Logan S. F. Morrison

Logan Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1878

Mr W. Thorpe Bigeman  
Dear Sir

In reply to your favor of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst - will say that the road you spoke of was never opened for the reason that it goes for a long distance through an almost bottomless alkali swamp. At the time it was petitioned for all the valley was going to Gallatin and the people of the upper valley wanted it, to get over onto this road - after the Depot was moved to Logan the necessity for a road that way was passed. The Commissioners failed to appropriate the \$30000 asked for by the Director to open the road and it was by common consent abandoned.

The way the road was laid out was a stupid piece of business for, for quite a distance it makes three roads running parallel with each other in less than a mile and a half - At the time we were chaining to locate N E corner of sec 32 we went for some distance along that road and I called your

Attention to the swampy condition of that section  
in the driest time of the year - If you remember  
you replied that it would be next to impossible  
to build a road through such a place. It would  
take more grading and bridging to build that road  
than it would to build the road we petition for  
twice over and it would not answer the purpose  
of a cross road then

I remain

Very truly yours

C A Jarrinton

Logan Mont Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1898

Mr C. M. Phelps

Bozeman Mont

Dear Sir - I enclose you petition for opening  
a road across the valley at this place.

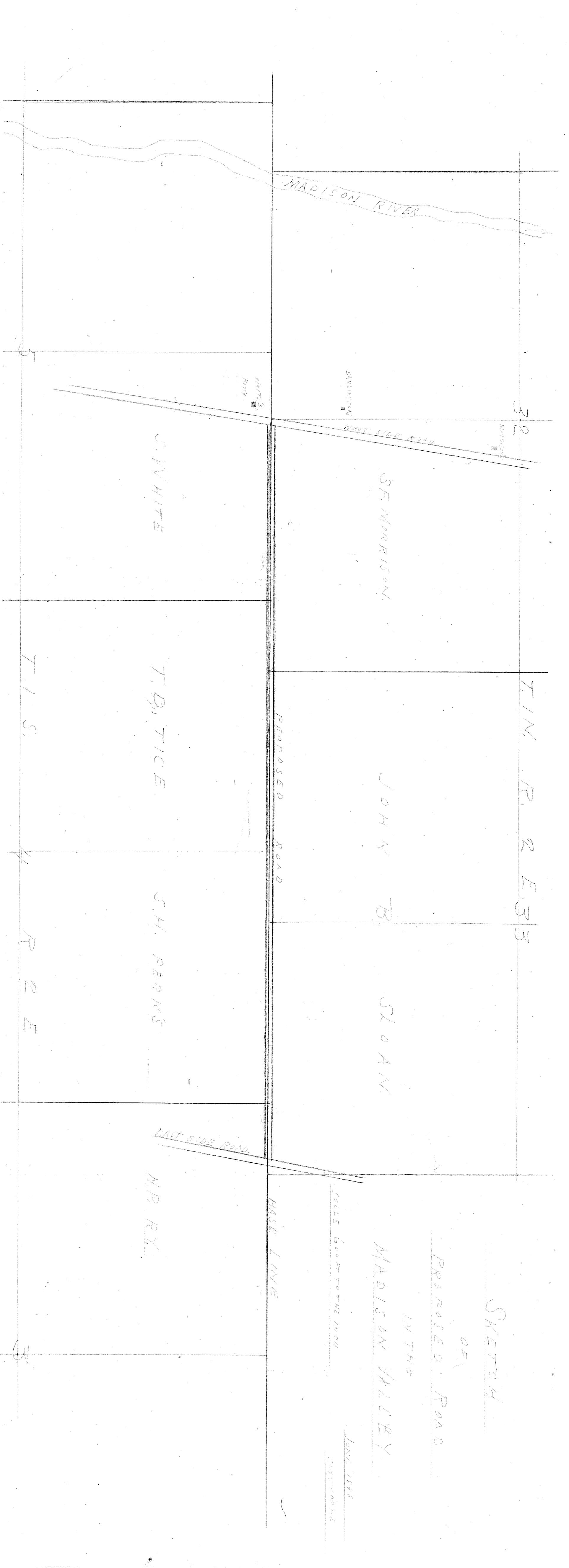
The Damages Claimed are greatly in  
excess of the actual damages or amount  
that the viewers would allow. The petition  
is signed by property owners on both sides  
of the valley in the immediate neighborhood  
of the proposed road and they are unanimous  
in saying that the road should be opened.

Trusting you will give the matter  
your attention as soon as you can conveniently  
do so. I remain.

Very truly yours

C. A. Dorchester





MADISON RIVER

DARLINGTON

WHITES  
KNOB

WEST SIDE ROAD

S.F. MORRISON

J. WHITE

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TIN R. 2 E 3 B

JOHN B.

SLOAN

T.D. TICE

S.H. PERKINS

PROPOSED ROAD

T. 1 S.

R 2 E

EAST SIDE ROAD

BASE LINE

M.P. RY

SKETCH

PROPOSED ROAD

MADISON VALLEY

SCALE 600 FT TO THE INCH

JUNE 1858  
CANTUORRE

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# Notice of Opening Public Road.

Notice is hereby given that after sixty days from the date of posting this notice, a public highway will be opened over the following route, to-wit: Commencing at a point on the <sup>line</sup> where the same is intersected by the center line of the West side road in Madison Valley. Said point being 30 feet East of the S. 1/4 Sec. 32 T. 1 N. R. 2 E. Thence due East along said line to the center of the East side road in said Valley. The same being one hundred and thirty two & 7/10 (132.7) feet West of the South East corner of section 33, said T. & R.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners of Gallatin County, Montana.

Dated March 29th 1899

E. D. Blaukenship  
Clerk,

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

Date of Posting April 24<sup>th</sup> 1899

STATE OF MONTANA, }  
County of Gallatin. } SS.

C. A. Dartinton being first duly sworn deposes and says, that as the party herein mentioned he received from the County Clerk of said County, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April A. D., 1899, three copies of the annexed notice, and that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1899, he posted a copy of said notice at each of the following points, on the line of road described in said notice, to-wit: One a Both ends and one near the center on the line of said road

and further deponeth sayeth not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D., 1899

C. A. Dartinton  
Oren B Thomas  
Justice of the Peace  
in & for Gallatin Co.  
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