

Valley Road (Rideout Road)

Undated

To the inhabitants of the town of Cumberland in town meeting assembled -

The undersigned Selectmen of said town of Cumberland ask leave to report that agreeable to a request of a number of the inhabitants of this town they have laid out a road as follows, viz:

Beginning 2 rods northwest from the east corner of Lot No. 92, thence south 45 degrees west 53 rods across the land of Reuben Rideout; thence south $1\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west 68 rods; thence south 19 degrees west 40 rods across the land of Moses P. Thomas; thence south $17\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west 40 rods; thence due south 33 rods 17 links across Benjamin Rideout's land to the road leading to Walnut Hill; the road to be two rods on each side of said line.

The following estimation of damages is made by the persons injured by the said road, viz: Reuben Rideout, 00,; Moses P. Thomas, \$183.; Benjamin Rideout, \$90. The estimation of damages made by the undersigned is as follows: Reuben Rideout, 00,; Moses P. Thomas, \$129.50; Benjamin Rideout, \$88.50.

All of which is humbly submitted.

William Buxton, James Prince - Selectmen

September 12, 1825

Town Meeting Voted that the road as reported by the Selectmen be accepted on the condition that the town shall be at no more expense than to pay the sum which the Selectmen have awarded and that to be paid out of the next assessment in 1826; and that the owners of the land have no more demands on the town for damages.

May 8, 1926

Town Meeting Voted to raise the sum of \$118 to pay Benjamin Rideout and

Moses P. Thomas for a road laid through their land.

1945 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported cutting bushes.

1953 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported Valley Road widened and graveled from Blanchard Road to Vaughan Sprague's.

(Note: Valley Road used to include the piece of Bruce Hill Road from Blanchard Road to the present Valley Road, the present Valley Road, plus Pleasant Valley Road from Valley Road to Orchard Road. Vaughan Sprague's house still stands at the southeast intersection of Valley Road and Pleasant Valley Road.)

March 1, 1954

Town Meeting Voted a sum of money to surface and tar Valley Road beginning at Blanchard to as far as money permits.

1954 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported Valley Road ditched, resurfaced and tarred from Blanchard to Vaughan Sprague's house.

1955 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported new culvert replaced.

1956 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported shoulders removed, ditched and graveled.

March 1, 1957

Town Meeting Voted to pass over article to resurface and tar strip of road rebuilt last Fall.