

To the Honorable the House of
Representatives and Senate in Congress
of the United States -

Whereas the people of the Honeyogee and
part of the Genesee valleys Part in
the County of Potter and State of Penn
sylvania and part in the County of
Allegany and State of New York
are subjected to great inconvenience
on account of there being no Post Office
convenient of Access (The most of the
people having to travel from seven to
fifteen miles to a Post Office) We the
undersigned Inhabitants of said valleys
petition your Honorable body to grant
that a mail route be established in
manner described as follows - That is
to commence in the town of Sharon
near the intersection of the Honeyogee
valley road with the Post road from
Olean to Conduitsburg Thence to the vicin
ity of McKays grist mill near the Genesee
See forks Thence to Wellsville intersecting
the mail route from Angelica to Whites
ville making a distance in all of about
twenty seven miles For which your
petitioners will ever pray -

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A description of the Honeyoage and part of
the Gunnesse valleys -

Near the mouth of the Honeyoage valley is a
noted landing place for lumber denominated
the shingle house There is one store ~~and~~ probably
there is some millions of feet of lumber rafted in
at this place for Pittsburgh market every spring
It is about 16 miles from Chan on the Post road
leading from that place to Caudersport the
county seat of Potter From this place to the
Honey^{age} forks is between 6 and 7 miles and in the
distance there is saw mills on the main creek and
two on a branch that comes in at the forks
as the place is called At this place is a store
and it is quite a central place for business
It is eight miles to Bolivar Post Office -

At each of the mills alluded to there is a
huddle of from two to five families besides
farmers living on the road The mills all do
a good business some a heavy business and
are capable of cutting from one to two millions
of feet in a year

From the forks to the upper mill on the stream
is 5 miles from which place to the mouth
the creek is a lawful public highway
There are 6 mills in the distance about the
main stream and its branches some propelled
by water and some by steam the most of
which are doing a fair business - People talk
of putting up some steam mill back from
the stream another season The valley above
the forks is settled about as it is below

Near the upper mill is a road leading off
south to a new settlement of something
over fifty families Their nearest Post Office
is at Bolivar or Wellsville a distance
averaging about 15 miles

On the summit about 4 miles from the last mentioned mill is ~~another~~ road to the same settlement. It ^{is} but about four years since the settlement commenced. There is also another road from the settlement to the river above McGay's mill which place is from two to three miles from the summit before mentioned. About this ^{mill} is a considerably dense population. At the North and east the country has been settled considerable time and ~~and~~ the people are forward in improvements. At the South and West the country is new and the settlement ^{is} fast increasing. They are dependant on McGay's mill for their grinding in that direction for ten or twelve miles. There is a store near the mill. From this place to Wellsville about 8 miles there is a road on both sides of the river the most of the way inhabited by farmers. There are also some saw mills on the river doing a good business.

In connection with this description is a kind of river map but sufficiently correct to show where the mail route runs around us and dotted line will show the contemplated route from the Shingle house to Wellsville.

We believe the above description to be essentially correct.

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Catawagus County

Allegany New York

Ulster County

State Line

Tioga County

Potter County Pennsylvania

Post Office

Road

Mail road

would be mail road

No roads marked but Post roads except along the Honeyeye creek and its vicinity and the one from McCaysville to Whitesville To give the names of Post Offices farther than are here business are thought unnecessary—

From Wellsville to the State line are five bridges across the river—

New York.
Petition of inhabitants
of Potter County, State
of Allegany Co. N.Y. for a
post road from Honey
Valley to Wellsville in
State of N.Y.

February 2, 1848 Referred to the
Committee on Post Office
and Post Roads

~~For Henry~~

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~~Chairman Post Office
& Post Roads~~

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