

State of Arkansas }
 County of Saline }
 Jefferson } To the the Honorable Senate
 and house of Representatives
 in Congress assembled.

We the citizens of the State and counties af-
 = or said beg leave most respectfully to present to your
 honorable Body this our petition, praying that
 you grant us a continuation of our present mail
 route, or rather that you extend our present route
 established from Benton the County site of Saline Co.
 to Lost-Creek, on to Pine Bluff the County site of
 of Jefferson Co; crossing Hurricane Creek at Hesters
 Bridge via H. Carrs. The continuation of this
 route will supply this section of country with what
 mail facilities we need better than both of the
 routes established by the last Congress, ~~one~~ ^{or extension} from
 Benton to Warren in Bradley County and the other from
 Pine Bluff to Washington, Hemstead Co; the last of
 which we were informed was granted through mistake
 supposing it to be in Texas, and the former was grow-
 = ted on an old petition that had been forgotten by us
 and supposed it not in existence, hence since we con-
 = sidered the old petition as extinct, and indeed not
 at all suited to our present wants, the settlements
 roads &c having been changed, we petitioned for, and
 obtained the side route above named, fearing to
 ask for the whole route through to Pine Bluff
 for fear that we would fail to get any. But since
 we have learned that both of the routes established last
 session as above named have failed or been discon-
 = tinued we pray for the extension of our old route
 as by doing so two other neighborhoods, each of which
 are as populous as the Lost-creek neighborhood would
 be accommodated with mail facilities, by establishing two
 other offices in those neighborhoods, which we will
 petition for as soon as this our petition is granted. Thus two
 other offices can be supplied by the same carrier at only
 about double what it now costs to supply the one, as the
 distance would only be about ~~about~~ 34 & 5 miles or in all
 double the present distance from Benton to Lost-Creek.

Respectfully Submitted

Signed

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P. S. This petition was got up in a hurry as Congress
 being in session no time should be delayed, hence
 we transcribe a few names from a former petition
 partly got up, ^{but} upon learning of the other routes be-
 = ing granted we desisted. Could we have time we would
 swell our list to almost any required number but
 deem the above sufficient &c

Petition for
mail Route from
Lost Creek to
Pine Bluff