

List of Bluemont Rail Extension Documents
 Judy Jones Anderson – family collection

number	filename	ID	Description
1	Rail.rt.of.way.list	Condemnation of Railroad on lands of Mahlon Thomas (?) Apparently personal notes by Volney Osburn on a torn scrap of paper.	Condemnation of Railroad on lands of Mahlon Thomas 8 a 1 R. 21 Rods (?) Amt Condemned \$516. Exclusive of fencing ^^ Loraver [??] James 2 a 2 B 10 ⁰⁰ \$153.75 ^^ G.W. Neill 12 a 2 B. 4 - \$1165.00 ^^ L.S. Morse 1 a.0-, 6 ⁰⁰ \$100.
2	Bluemont.Rail-Flyer	Call for Meeting April 7, 1900 Flyer	RAILROAD MEETING o - o - o - The Southern Railway have made a proposition to the citizens of Snickersville and vicinity, that If they will give the said Company right of way and money sufficient to construct a suitable depot, the Company will extend their road to Snickersville, in the near future. All interested in said extension will please meet in Snickersville, at 2 o'clock Saturday, April 7 1900 VOLNEY OSBURN JAMES F. OSBURN C.H. OSBURN DR. C.B. TURNER Dr. G.E. PASTER J.R. MARSHALL WM. L. HUMPHREY, JNO. W. SILCOTT ----- Telephone Pa.
3	Rail.Flyer.invoice.contrast	Invoice for flyer 4/2/1900	Hamilton, Va. 4 2 1900 Volney Osburn [hand written] To the Loudoun Telephone Dr., Yardley T. Brown Editor and Proprietor 100 Posters for Railroad Meeting 70 - Received Payment 4/2/1900
4	Rail.Edw.Nichols	Note to Edward Nichols or R.W. Lynn. Date April 3, on bottom dated April 16 th On half sheet note paper	"To Edward Nichols or R.W. Lynn Within ten days after the Southern Railway Company will have completed the proposed extension of its road as now located through the lands of Volney Osburn describe in deed from said Volney Osburn and wife to said Railway Company hereto attached

			to the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars to me, you are hereby requested and authorized to deliver to Chas P. Janney Atty for said Railway Company or some other person having authority to receive the same, the deed above desired. Should the extension of said Railway not be completed as above stated within four months from this date, the said Edward Nichols or R.W. Lynn shall return above described deed to me. April 16, 1900.”
5	Rail.WAThompson	Note to W.A. Thompson April 3 rd 125 dollars April 16 th 1900 Signed M Virginia James	To W.A. Tompson [To Edward Nichols or R.W. Lynn - struck over] Within sixty days after the Southern Railway Company will have completed the proposed extension of their road as now located through the lands of M. Virginia James described in deed from said M. Virginia James to Southern Railway Company hereto attached having date April 3 rd 1900 and upon the payment to her of the sum of one hundred twenty five dollars you are thereby authorized to deliver to Chas. P. Janney atty for said Railway Company or some other person having authority from said Railway company [to receive – crossed out] the deed above described. Should the said Railway not be completed as above stated and the said sum of \$125. ⁰⁰ dollars not be paid to me within four months from this date then the aid Edward Nichols or R. H. Lynn shall return above described to me. April 16 th 1900 M Virginia James
6	Bluemont.Rail-meeting	Newspaper article “Railroad Meeting”	“The citizens of Snickersville and vicinity met in Snickersville on Saturday April 7 1900 in behalf of the extension of the railroad from Round Hill to Snickersville. Dr. Geo.E. Plaster was elected Chairman, C.H. Osburn, Secretary. It was moved and seconded that a committee of three be selected by the Chair to meet on Tuesday, April 10 th and confer with Messrs J.R. Hill and Frank Purcell in regard to adjusting their damage. The following gentlemen were named: Mr. Townsend Frazier, Wm. L. Humphrey and O.I. Thomas. Also the following gentlemen were selected to act as canvassers in raising the required amount of money : Volney Osburn, Wm L. Humphrey, Richard Frazier, C.H. Osburn, T.B. James, John Gill. Ou motion the meeting adjourned. C.H. Osburn, Sec’y.
7	3 images: New.Agree.Rail-1 New.Agree.Rail-2 New.Agree.Rail-3????	Lined note paper, full sheet, with “seals” hand drawn. April 14, 1900	“This Agreement made April 14, 1900- between Mary Thomas, widow of Mahlon Thomas dec— Wm. L. Birdsall, & Margaret T. Birdsall, Isaac Piggott & Mary J. Piggott, Floyd Simpson & Tamer Simpson, Ruth Nixon, Samuel James & Martha James, his wife, Etta

]		Notes added Nov. 6, 1900	<p>A. Thomas, Hannah J. Thomas, & Agnes Thomas, parties of the first part and Dr. George E. Plaster, John W. Silcott & Volney Osburn, parties of the 2nd part.”</p> <p>Witnesseth, that it is proposed to extend the Southern Railway from Round Hill to Snickersville through the land now occupied by the parties of the first part formerly owned by Mahlon Thomas dec^d :</p> <p>And whereas the parties of the first part claim that the original damages have not been paid and they demand the sum of \$ <u>516.00</u>, for the same which amount the parties of the second part bind themselves to pay to the parties of the first part within four months from this date unless within said time the Railroad Company can show the settlement of said original damages & provided within that time the said Railway shall be built through said land: And the said Railway is to erect & maintain a crossing overhead at the cut through said land & to put up all necessary fending with cattle guards on said land & permit the parties of the first part to remove the Timber now growing on the said right of way.</p> <p>[page 2]</p> <p>And on the payment of the damages agreed upon, or upon the showing of the original payment of damages & the completion of said road through said land the parties of the first part agree to make a proper deed to said Railway Company for the land taken for said Right of way.</p> <p>Witness the following signatures and seals.</p> <table data-bbox="1302 909 1722 1315"> <tr><td>Mary Thomas</td><td>(seal)</td></tr> <tr><td>Ruth Nixon</td><td>(seal)</td></tr> <tr><td>Margaret T. Birdsall</td><td>(seal)</td></tr> <tr><td>W. Birdsall.</td><td>(seal)</td></tr> <tr><td>Mary J. Piggott</td><td>(seal)</td></tr> <tr><td>Isaac Piggott</td><td>(seal)</td></tr> <tr><td>J. Floyd Simpson</td><td>(seal)</td></tr> <tr><td>Tamar [Farmer?] Simpson</td><td>(seal)</td></tr> <tr><td>Samuel R. James</td><td>(seal)</td></tr> <tr><td>Martha T. James</td><td>(seal)</td></tr> <tr><td>Etta D. Thomas</td><td>(seal)</td></tr> <tr><td>Hannah J. Thomas</td><td>(seal)</td></tr> <tr><td>Agnes Thomas</td><td>(seal)</td></tr> </table> <p>[Note: the word “seal” is written and encircled in curliques]</p>	Mary Thomas	(seal)	Ruth Nixon	(seal)	Margaret T. Birdsall	(seal)	W. Birdsall.	(seal)	Mary J. Piggott	(seal)	Isaac Piggott	(seal)	J. Floyd Simpson	(seal)	Tamar [Farmer?] Simpson	(seal)	Samuel R. James	(seal)	Martha T. James	(seal)	Etta D. Thomas	(seal)	Hannah J. Thomas	(seal)	Agnes Thomas	(seal)
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			<p>[Added Nov. 6th on side, written in red ink:]</p> <p>To D^o Geo.E. Plaster, J.W. Silcott & Volney Osburn The +516 provides for to be paid to Mahlon Thomas' heirs, in this agreement having been fully settled with said heirs, by the Southern Railway Co. this day, you are hereby <u>fully released</u> from all responsibility under this agreement this agreement this Nov 6th 1900 Wm G. Birdsall agnt for Mahlon Thomas heirs</p>
8	<p>3 images: Rail.copy.of.April14.agrmt-1 Rail.copy.of.April14.agrmt-2 Rail.copy.of.April14.agrmt-3 Must recopy p. 1 & 2 – cut off at bottom</p>	<p>Lined note paper, full sheet April 14, 1900</p>	<p>Hand-written copy of above agreement, April 14, 1900.</p> <p>“This Agreement made April 14, 1900 between Mary Thomas, widow of Mahlon Thomas deceased, Wm. L. Birdsall, & Margaret T. Birdsall, Isaac Piggott & Mary J. Piggott, Floyd Simpson & Tamer Simpson, Ruth Nixon, Samuel James & Martha James, his wife, Etta A. Thomas, Hannah J. Thomas, & Agnes Thomas, parties of the first part and Dr. George E. Plaster, John W. Silcott & Volney Osburn, parties of the second part.”</p> <p>Witnesseth, that it is proposed to extend the Southern Railway from Round Hill to Snickersville through the land now occupied by the parties of the first part formerly owned by Mahlon Thomas dec^d : And whereas the parties of the first part claim that the original damages have not been paid and they demand the sum of \$ <u>516.00</u>, for the same which amount the parties of the</p> <p>[page 2]</p> <p>second part bind themselves to pay to the parties of the first part within four months from this date unless within said time the Railroad Company can show the settlement of said original damages & provided within that time the said Railway shall be built through said land: And the said Railway is to erect & maintain a (crossing overhead at the cut through said land and to put up all necessary fending with cattle guards on said land and permit the parties of the first part to remove the Timber now growing on the said right of way. And on the payment of the damages agreed upon, or upon the showing of the original payment of damages and the completion of said road through said land the parties of the first part agree to make a proper deed to said Railway Company for the land taken for said Right of way.</p>

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9	Virginia.James.Agree-1 Virginia James-Agree-back-2	Agreement, April 16, 1900 Appears to be handwriting of Charles P. Janney. Unlined paper	<p>This agreement, made April 16' 1900 between M. Virginia James, party of the first part, and Volney Osburn & Charles N. Osburn (on behalf of themselves & other subscribers) parties of the second part:</p> <p>Witnesseth, that it is proposed to extend the Southern Railway from Round Hill to Snickersville, through a part of the land formerly owned by Cravan [?] James dec' & which now belongs to the party of the first part; and a doubt arising whether the original damages through said land have been paid, and the said M. Virginia James demanding the sum of \$ _____, the parties of the second part hereby agree to pay to her said sum, within four months from this date, provided within that time the said Extension be built to Snickersville, & provided the Company shall not be able, within said time, to show the payment of the damages originally assessed, The said payment is to be made out of the amounts subscribed by the parties of the second part and their associates, for the payment of damages and for a depot; but it is understood & agreed that no part of said subscription shall be expended for depot purposes until the above amount is settled, if not already paid. And the said Southern Railway Company is to erect and maintain along the right of way (one hundred feet wide) all necessary fencing to allow any</p>

			<p>necessary crossing for farm purposes.</p> <p>And on the payment of the money aforesaid the said party of the first part is to make a proper deed conveying said right of way through the land aforesaid to the said Railway Company.</p> <p>And if the said Extension shall not be made to Snickersville this agreement is null and void.</p> <p>On the back is written: M. Virginia James</p> <p>And} agreement.</p> <p>Volney Osburn Chas. N. Osburn (for subscribers)</p>
10	<p>Bluemont.Rail-4 Rail.receipt.Osburn+April14?? Rail-4-16- 0.rt.of.ways.Osburn.Agent</p>	<p>Typed receipt/memo— Signed by Chas. P. Janney</p>	<p>“Received April 16th, 1900 of Volney Osburn, Agent of the grantors, the following papers related to the extension of the Southern Railway from Round Hill to Snickersville, Va. :”</p> <p>1st. A deed from Volney Osburn and wife to the Southern Railway Co., dated April 3rd, 1900, conveying right of way.</p> <p>2nd. A deed from Miss Virginia James to the Southern Railway Company, Dated April 3, 1900, conveying right of way.</p> <p>3rd. A deed from Owen Thomas and wife to the Southern Railway Company, dated April 3, 1900, conveying right of way through three tracts of land.</p> <p>These deeds are not delivered for record but for inspection and are to be returned to the said Volney Osburn in the event the said extension is not made during the Spring of 1900, - and the second paper is not to be delivered for record until the said extension is made as aforesaid and until the said Volney Osburn shall be paid out of the fund subscribed by the citizens for the said extension to the sum of \$125.00, for said Virginia James, - and the first paper shall not be delivered for record until he shall receive from the same source the sum of \$150.00 damages agreed upon as coming to him on the right of way mentioned on the first paper.</p> <p>Chas P. Janney [signed] Atty So. Ry. [signed]</p>
11	<p>Rail.Janney.bill.Osburn</p>	<p>Typescript memo/form, blank filled in as Volney Orburn Snickersville Va. Signed by Janney? Undated</p>	<p>“Kindly favor our treasurer with a remittance of \$100.00 to cover the amount of your subscription to the extension of the W. & O. Division from Round Hill to Bluemont...”</p>

12		Chas P. Janney, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Leesburg April 28, 1900 Half sheet stationary	“Rec’d Apl. 28’ 1900. of Volney Osburn for himself and other subscribers. Three original subscription papers executed by the Citizens of Snickersville & parties interested in the Extension of the Railroad –said papers showing the amounts subscribed by each. I am to hold these papers until such time as the payment to be made &for the convenience of the parties making payment, Chas P. Janney Atty So. Ry Co”
13	Rail.Southern2Volney11.12.1900	E.F. Parkam, Southern Railway Co. to Volney Osburn Nov. 12, 1900	“Nov. 12 th , 1900. Eam Mr. Volney Auburn, Bluemont, Va. Dear Sir:— I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 7 th .inst., enclosing check for \$100 to cover amount of your subscription to the Bluemont Extension.” Yours truly [signed] E.F. Packam Asst. Treasurer.
14	Rail.Nov14.Janney2Osburn [Note, should be Nov 6]	Chas. Janney Leesburg, to Volney Osburn, Nov. 6 th , half sheet stationary handwritten	“ Leesburg, VA., Nov.’ 6 th 1900 Volney Osburn Esq Dear sir Wm. G. Birdsall Agent for Maklon Thomas’ heirs was here to-day with the deed, all properly acknowledged, by the parties & I paid him the money & settled with him in full. I enclose this agreement which you & Dr. Plaster & John W. Silcott signed, & by this endorsement in red-ink, signed by Mr. Birdsall as agent for the heirs, you will see you are <u>fully discharged</u> from all liability. You can hold the old agreement, which was <u>surrendered & cancelled</u> . (Please keep it for a time as we might want to refer to it.) This action will enable you all to pay your subscriptions to the Treasurer of the Southern Ry Co & it is desired now that all the other parties shall pay up also.” Yours Truly, Chas. P Janney Atty for So. Ry Co
15	Rail.Janney.Bills.Osburn Rail.to.Volney.\$100n.d.bk	Janney to Osburn Form letter with blank for name	“ To reply refer to K-1 Mr. <u>Volney Osburn</u> <u>Snickersville</u>

			<p>Dear Sir: - Kindly favor our treasurer with remittance of \$100 to cover the amount of your subscription to the extension of the W & O. Division from Round Will to Belemont, Virginia, in accordance with understanding had 2with you</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yours very truly A.T. ?????? [signed] Auditor</p> <p>“</p>
16	BluemontRail-18.jpg	Washington and Old Dominion Stationary to Volney Osburn April 21, 1914	<p>April 21st, 1914 “Dear Sir: We have yours of the 17th ultime relative to the fencing of land adjoining our property belonging to you and the Misses Turner. We were delayed in handling the matter because it was necessary for us to get certain information from the Southern Railway and this is to advise that we will proceed without delay to make necessary repairs to the fending. Yours truly, W. B. Emmet [signed] General Manager</p>
17	Rail.Station.early.photo	Photo-Railway station and train – early Handwriting on back	<p>Postcard printed “Southern R.R. Station, Bluemont, Va.” Handwriting says: “Picture by David G. Hunter, 9/82. Post Card. Original card copied [?] by C. Dennis Howard, F.C. VA</p>
18	Volney.Osburn.carriage.photo	Early 1900s?	<p>Photo of Volney Osburn, standing in coat, tie, boots, holding rein of fine open one-horse carriage, Blue Ridge in background.</p>

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