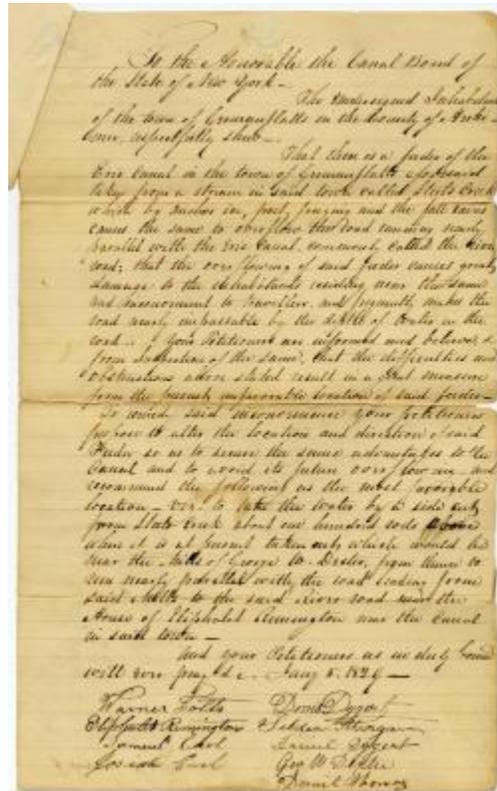


Petition from the Citizens of the Town of German Flatts



To the Honorable the Canal Board of the State of New York -
The undersigned inhabitants of the town of German Flatts in the County of Herkimer respectfully shew -
That there is a feeder of the Erie Canal in the town of German Flatts a feeder which flows from a stream in said town called State Brook which by banks in part frozen and the fall runs cause the same to overflow the road running north parallel with the Erie Canal, sometimes called the River Road; that the very overflow of said feeder causes great damage to the inhabitants residing near the same and necessitates to facilitate and improve the said road impassable by the depth of water in the road -
That the petitioners are opposed and believe in favor of the same, that the difficulties and obstructions above stated result in a great measure from the present impromper location of said feeder -
It is shew that the petitioners have taken pains to view the location and direction of said feeder so as to secure the same advantage to the Canal and to avoid its future overflow and improvement the following as the most eligible location -
viz. to take the water by a side cut from State Brook about one hundred rods above where it is at present taken out, which would be near the falls of George W. Berlin, from thence to run north parallel with the road leading from said falls to the said river road and the stream of Nicholas Steinmetz near the Canal in said town -
And your petitioners as we shew herein will very gratefully -
July 5, 1829 -
James Smith Daniel Rogers
Oliphant Livingston John Morgan
Samuel Cook Samuel Gilbert
Joseph Cook Samuel Thomas

This letter of appeal was written by the citizens of the town of German Flatts (sometimes written Germanflatts) in Herkimer County to the Canal Board. The petition describes how a feeder stream for the Erie Canal floods in fall and freezes over in winter, spilling onto the road into town. The water and ice cause damage to properties and create a hazard. The petitioners suggest an alternative source of water for the canal which will not flood the river road.

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