



To the Commissioners for the Propriety of William Penn Esq, for the Province of Pennsylvania &c.
The humble petition of sundry the inhabitants in Chestnut street in Philadelphia whose names are hereunto
Subscribed;

Sheweth: Whereas y^e petitioners have built sundry tenements on a street lot from the Front street to the 2^d
street, in the 5^d Chestnut Street) for w^{ch} building wee had but 20 foot breadth of ground, whereby wee are
extreamly streightned; and without trespass cannot come to the backside of our buildings; for repairs, or in case
of fyre; And for the better ornament of the street; and our conveniency; wee are building; And have built, in
small house lots, wall to wall, and have no roome to lay our wood or for other house conveniencies.
And for as much as there lyeth before you the disposall; Of a ten foot lot next adjoyning to the back of our buildings;
of the proprietors right (wherre wth yourselves wee have good reason to believe: That upon due information; will not
expose our necessity to be prejud upon; by Passing it to any one man w^{ho} can no ways make valluable im-
provement without unreasonable tearmes upon us: (there being next to it ~~no passage into~~ D^r Goodson's 20
foot lot and no passage into this 10 foot lot of the Proprietors; but through the 2 fronts; in the Front street; & 2^d Street)

Humbly pray that the sayd 10 foot lot may be granted to us at as reasonable tearmes as you & all see meet: And that the same
may be apportioned to each of us: according to the contents of our Front ground; in the sayd Chestnut Street; by Patent; Soe
as that wee may all equally participate of y^e goodness alike; And be all equally accommodated. And as in duly bound & all ever
pray &c: Wth Bevon: Thomas Harris; Nathaniel Edgcom; Elizabeth Killcop, in betraffe of the rest.

IN TESTIMONY that the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in the Department of
Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, made conformably to an Act of Assembly
approved the 16th day of February, 1833, I have hereunto set my Hand
and caused the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg, this

twentieth day of June 1911.

Henny Houck
Secretary Internal Affairs.