been a road publicly travelled as far back as my recollection goes say 50 years I have travelled it as a boy to the Old Iron works mill and have ridden on many bags of corn to the mill, it was always considered a neighborhood road and was used as such until closed by Latchford I resided when a boy west of the pike about a mile or so from Muntirk furnace at the time of my earliest recollection the road was a plain road bore the marks of being travelled I have seen ore hauled from the banks near Latchfords this way I dont remember except within the last 20 years or there abouts of ore being hauled this way

Cross examined by Defendant's Counsel

When I first knew the land I think the land was owned by the Snowden family after that I think it went into the hands of Mr. Ellicott thence to Semmon & Glenn after into the hands of Jno. D Latchford, I have travelled it a many a time from the turnpike to the old Iron works mill from the time I was a boy till it was stopped up he has frequently travelled over the road till it was stopped by Latchford the tract of land was open and unenclosed from the pike to the works mill it was used as a neighborhood road by all persons going from this section to the old Iron works mills there was also a road running through Mr. Contees it was travelled by persons with their permission they never admitted it to be a public road, during the time I speak of there was a road running from the old furnace through the lands of Snowdens and run north of Latchfords and crossing into Montgomery County I should suppose that the point where the road crossed about one mile from this road in dispute it was never kept up at public expense I never knew of any repairs on it as a public road I mean as a County road the land over which the road past was unenclosed till Latchford bought it. He does not know from what ore banks the ore was hauled from to the furnace it was used by all the neighborhood it was used principally to haul ore by persons owning the land there was one main road passing through it and various paths and roads made by hauling ore the main road bore marks as the turnpike does now of being travelled when I used to travel it.

Re-direct by Plaintiffs Counsel

The road that I speak of running into Montgomery County is the same as Mr. Contee speaks of, the land along the road through Latchfords from the pike was old fields

thence to Dr. Jenkins was woods & Old fields.

Jno. Snowden Redirect by

Defendant Counsel

There was complaint about Latchfords closing the road. I do not know who did so, I came through there once & tore down the fence but not on the road. the reason that he told Mr Latchford he tore the fence down because it was Latchfords land & did not like pulling his fencing down without notifying him of it & Latchford said he was welcome I put up the fence I tore down, this is the first time I ever travelled it since Latchford purchased it. The people around here went to the old Iron works mill until the mill was built at Laurel when I was a boy & I went to both places

William B. Robey, Sworn

I think I know the road describing the first interrogatory the first I recollect of the road was when Elliott was raising ore the nearest bank to Latchfords it has been 26 or 28 years since it was used as a road for hauling ore & I used it for that purpose I heard of no objection of travelling over it it seemed to be a public place no end to the eastern side of it it was not stopped only by open gates it led to Patuxent Furnace the hauling of ore was before the rail road was built the ore was hauled both ways on the pike in both directions. I came into the neighborhood before the cars run on the rail road the same season I am confident that the neighbors past through without any interruption nor never heard of any objection

Cross Examined by Defendant Counsel

I do not know when Latchford bought it or how long he bought, cant say whether it was enclosed when Latchford bought it there were various roads passing through the land indiscriminately used by every body previous to Mr. Latchford coming into possession of it about the first he became acquainted with it was 26 or 28 years ago it was partly enclosed by Thomas Green if the tract contained 160 acres he thought about 60 or 70 was enclosed I do not know the lines of Mr Latchford or the whole tract of land I never used it as a public road until he hauled ore for Ellicott & I believe the land belonged to Ellicott at that time I dont know that the road had been a public road since it came into Latchfords possession or used as such nor he has not travelled or used it as such I have no knowledge of persons hauling Merchandise or anything of that kind over nor foreigners travelling over it as a public road except