

## **Morris County Turnpike Company: inspection and licensing**

*From NJ State Archives, records of the Division of Revenue, Commercial Recording, File A-10802*

1807, nd

Petition of the Company Directors, to Gov Joseph Bloomfield.

Morris Turnpike having been complete, the Company Board requests a general license, instead of special licenses for sections of roadway which had been authorized/issued under 1801 chartering legislation.

*Note: reference to Co license expiring the following March. Original license in 1801 legislation was for seven years, to March 1808.*

August 1, 1807

Petition of the Company Directors, to Gov Joseph Bloomfield.

The turnpike between Morristown and Andover (18 miles) having been completed, the Directors ask that commissioners be appointed to inspect the roadway.

August 7, 1807

Commission of Gov Joseph Bloomfield, appointing John Ralston, Gen'l Cummings and Phineas Manning to inspect the Morris Turnpike. See also Bloomfield's letter to Jonathon Dayton, Nov. 12, 1804, same commissioners appointed. page 1 page 2

August 14, 1807

Report of the Commissioners to Gov Joseph Bloomfield, on the condition of the Morris Turnpike, "nineteen miles and upwards" .. "is executed in a workman like manner."

December 8, 1809

Report of the Commissioners on the condition of "12 miles, seventy chains and seventy-one links, over and above thirty six miles, for which five gates have been heretofore licensed ...".

Commissioners: John Ralston, William Edgar, Leonard Neighbour

Annotation, Gov. Joseph Bloomfield: "Let a license be drawn granted conformably as the forgoing application." January 2, 1810

*NJ Supreme Court brief (1818 NJ 191) mentions license granted January 3, 1810.*