

Madison County Ditch Improvement Record.

The Lester Bidwell Ditch Improvement.

Record of proceedings in the matter of the Ditch Improvement petitioned for by Lester Bidwell and others and located in Jefferson Township, Madison County, Ohio.
Ditch Petition.

Filed December 21st 1901. B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

London, Ohio, December, 17th A. D. 1901. Petition for altering, tiling, deepening, straightening, locating, widening and construction of a ditch.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio:

The undersigned owners of lots and lands which will be benefited by the improvement herein prayed for, hereby make application to your honorable body, and now file with the Auditor of said County, this, their petition, and now and hereby pray for the altering, tiling, deepening, widening, straightening, location and construction of a ditch on the route hereinafter set forth.

The necessity for and the benefits of the improvement so prayed for is that it will drain and reclaim the lands along the line thereof and adjacent thereto, and will promote the public health convenience and welfare.

The following is the beginning, route and termini of said proposed improvement to wit:

Commencing at the mouth of a 12 inch tile on the lands of Marion Bidwell about 20 rods east of the line between said Marion Bidwell and Webster Bidwell heirs; thence through the lands of Marion Bidwell, Willis Clover, Lester Bidwell, (crossing the O. R. King Road); thence through the lands of James and Sarah Stanton to the Middle fike; thence along the west side of said fike; thence crossing said fike and through the lands of Anthony Paulus and H. W. Wilson to the Morgan fike; If a sufficient outlet can be obtained before reaching said Morgan fike, then to terminate at the point at which said outlet can be obtained. A general south-easterly direction.

Your petitioners pray that said ditch may be tiled to the point at which it crosses said Middle fike if your honorable board deem the same practical and also for the location, construction and tiling of all necessary laterals.

The names of all persons and corporations, either public or private, who in the opinion of the petitioners are in any way affected or benefited thereby, are as follows:

Marion Bidwell, Webster Bidwell heirs (Jno. Perry Guard.)
Monroe Bidwell, Elijah Bell, Lester Bidwell, Willis Clover,
O. R. King, J. W. King, Jas. + Sarah Stanton, Anthony Paulus,
H. W. Wilson, Madison County, Michael Brady, Board of Educa-
tion Jefferson Township, Edward Quinn.

Lester Bidwell
Anthony Paulus
Marion Bidwell } Petitioners

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Petitioners Bond.

Filed December 21st 1901. B. A. Taylor, Auditor.
Know all men by these presents, that Marion Bidwell as principal, and Lester Bidwell and Anthony Paulus as sureties, are firmly held and bound unto the State of Ohio in the penal sum of Two Hundred Dollars, good and lawful money, for which we bind ourselves, and our heirs, executors and administrators.

Signed by us and dated this 17th day of December, A. D. 1901
The condition of the above obligation is such, nevertheless, that whereas, on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1901, the above bounden Marion Bidwell made application to the Commissioners of Madison County, and on said day filed with the Auditor of said County a petition for altering, tiling, deepening, straightening, location, widening and construction of a ditch in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, on the following route and termini, to-wit:

Commencing at the mouth of a 12 inch tile on the land of Marion Bidwell, about 20 rods east of the line between said Marion Bidwell and Webster Bidwell heirs; Thence through the lands of Marion Bidwell, Willis Blover, Lester Bidwell (crossing the O. R. King fike) thence through the lands of James and Sarah Stanton to the middle fike; thence along the west side of said fike; thence crossing said fike and through the lands of Anthony Paulus and A. B. Wilson to the Morgan fike.

If a sufficient outlet can be obtained before reaching said Morgan fike then to terminate at the point at which said outlet can be obtained, a general south easterly direction of about 700 rods.

Your petitioners pray that said ditch may be tiled to a point at which it crosses said middle fike if your honorable board deems the same to be practical and also for the location, construction, tiling and altering of all necessary laterals.

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50[¢] Now, if the above bounden Marion Bidwell shall pay all costs, if the prayer of the said petition be not granted, or if for any other cause the same shall be dismissed, then this obligation shall be void.

Marion Bidwell
Lester Bidwell

Anthony Paulus.

The above bond and the sureties thereon, are approved by me this 21st day of December, A. D. 1901.

B. A. Taylor,

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Notice to Commissioners of Petition filed and time for hearing.
 Office of Auditor of Madison County, Ohio, December, 23rd A.D. 1901.
 To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of said County:
 Gentlemen: You are hereby notified that a petition
 and bond for a ditch improvement has been filed in this
 office on the 21st day of December, A.D. 1901; a copy of which
 petition is attached below; and as required by law, I
 have fixed the 16th day of January, A.D. 1902, at 10 o'clock,
 A.M. at the beginning of said proposed ditch described
 in said petition, for your hearing of said matter.
 B. A. Taylor, Auditor, per B.

Copy of Ditch Petition.

London, Ohio, December, 17th 1901. Petition for altering, tiling,
 deepening, straightening, location, widening and con-
 struction of a ditch.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Madison
 County, Ohio:

The undersigned owners of lots or lands which will
 be drained or benefited by the improvement herein
 prayed for, hereby make application to your honorable
 body, and now file with the Auditor of said County,
 this, their petition, and now and hereby pray for the
 altering, tiling, deepened, straightening, widening,
 location and construction of a ditch on the route here-
 inafter set forth.

The necessity for and the benefits of the improvement
 so prayed for is that it will drain and reclaim the lands
 along the line thereof and adjacent thereto and will
 promote the public health, convenience and welfare.

The following is the beginning, route and termini
 of said proposed improvement, to wit:

Commencing at the mouth of a twelve inch tile on the
 lands of Marion Bidwell about 20 rods east of the line between
 said Marion Bidwell and Webster Bidwell heirs; thence through
 the lands of Marion Bidwell, Willis Glover, Lester Bidwell, (cross-
 ing the O. R. King fike); thence through the lands of James
 and Sarah Stanton to the middle fike; thence along the
 west side of said fike; thence crossing said fike and through
 the lands of Anthony Paulus and H. B. Wilson to the Morgan
 fike. If a sufficient outlet can be obtained before reaching
 said Morgan Pike then to terminate at that point at which
 said outlet can be obtained.

A general south easterly direction of about 700 rods.

Your petitioners pray that said ditch may be tiled to a
 point at which it crosses said middle Pike if your Honor-
 able Board deem the same to be practical and also for the
 location, construction, tiling and altering of all necessary
 laterals. The names of all persons and corporations, either

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public or private, who in the opinion of the petitioners are in any way affected or benefited thereby are as follows:
 Marion Bidwell, Webster Bidwell heirs, (John Perry Guardian)
 Monroe Bidwell, Elijah Bell, Lester Bidwell, Willis Blower, O. R. King, J. W. King, Jas. and Sarah Stanton, Anthony Paulus, Elizabeth Paulus, H. B. Wilson, Madison County, Michael Brady, Board of Education Jefferson Township, Edward Dinn
 Lester Bidwell }
 Anthony Paulus } Petitioners.
 Marion Bidwell }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Ditch Petition filed in my office on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1901.
 B. A. Taylor, Auditor. per B.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,
 December 23rd A. D. 1901

In the matter of the }
 Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Copy of Notice to Lot or Land Owners.
 for by Lester Bidwell et al. }

To the Lot or Land Owners and to the Corporations, either public or private, affected by said Improvement:
 You and each of you, are hereby notified that on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1901, Lester Bidwell and others, filed a petition with the Auditor of Madison County, the prayer of which is for the altering, tiling, deepening, straightening, widening, location and construction of a ditch on the following starting point, route and terminus, to wit:

Commencing at the mouth of a 12 inch tile on the lands of Marion Bidwell about 20 rods east of the line between said Marion Bidwell and Webster Bidwell heirs, thence through the lands of Marion Bidwell, Willis Blower, Lester Bidwell, crossing the O. R. King fike, thence through the lands of Jas. + Sarah Stanton to the Middle fike, thence along the west side of said fike, thence crossing said fike and through the lands of Anthony Paulus and H. B. Wilson to the Morgan Road.

If a sufficient outlet can be obtained before reaching said Morgan Road then to terminate at the point at which said outlet can be obtained.

A general south easterly direction, of about 700 rods. The petitioners pray that said ditch may be tiled to a point at which it crosses said Middle fike if the Board of Commissioners deem the same practical, and also for the location, construction, tiling and altering of all necessary laterals.

You are also notified that the following time and place have been fixed when and where the Commis-

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sioners of said County will meet for the hearing of said petition, to-wit: Thursday, January, 16th 1902, at 10 o'clock A.M. at the beginning of said proposed ditch improvement, for the purpose of hearing any and all proof offered by any of the parties affected by said ditch improvement, whether the said ditch will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare; and whether the route described is the best route and any and all objections to said proposed ditch improvement.

Any application for compensation and damage, or for any change of route, must be in writing and filed with the Commissioners on or before the day set for hearing. No further notice of any proceedings in this matter will be given. B.A. Taylor, Auditor of Madison County. (per B.)

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London, Ohio, December 23rd 1901.

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Commissioners met today in regular session.
Present: H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. S. Markley.
In the matter of the Ditch Imp. Petitioned for by Lester Bidwell et al. Notice of filing of Petition and time fixed for view.

The County Auditor having delivered to this Board a certified copy of the petition filed with him on the 21st day of December, 1901, signed by Lester Bidwell et al, praying for the location, construction, straightening, widening, altering and tiling of a county ditch between the termini and along the route stated below, to-wit:
Commencing at the mouth of a twelve inch tile on the lands of Marion Bidwell about 20 rods east of the line between said Marion Bidwell and Webster Bidwell heirs; thence through the lands of Marion Bidwell, Willis Glover, Lester Bidwell, crossing the O. R. King fike; thence through the lands of James and Sarah Stanton to the middle fike; thence along the west side of said fike; thence crossing said fike and through the lands of Anthony Pauler and H. W. Wilson to the Morgan fike.

If a sufficient outlet can be obtained before reaching said Morgan fike then to terminate at the point at which said outlet can be obtained.

A general south easterly direction of about 700 rods.
The petitioners pray that said ditch may be tiled to a point at which it crosses said middle fike, if your honorable board deem the same practical, and also for the location, construction, tiling and altering of all necessary laterals. And it appearing that said petitioners have given bond as required by law, which has been approved by said Auditor, and said Auditor having fixed the 16th day of January, 1902,

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at 10 o'clock, A.M. as the time for hearing said petition, it is ordered that this board meet on said day at the place of beginning of said ditch as described in said petition, to hear proof offered by any of the parties affected by said proposed improvement, and other persons competent to testify, and to determine the necessity of said improvement.

On the question of the adoption of the foregoing entries and orders relating to said petition and ditch, all members voted "aye."

	H. E. Bradley	} Commissioners of Madison County
	Jas. B. Anderson	
B. A. Taylor, Auditor & Clerk.	Chas. S. Markley	

Auditor's Office, Madison County,
December, 23rd A. D. 1901.

In the matter of the }
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Notice to Lot or Land Owners
for by Lester Bidwell et al.

To the Lot or Land Owners and to the Corporations, either public or private, affected by said improvement: You, and each of you, are hereby notified that on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1901, Lester Bidwell and others filed a petition with the Auditor of Madison County, the prayer of which is for the altering, tiling, deepening, straightening, widening, locating and constructing a ditch on the following starting point, route and terminus, to wit: Commencing at the mouth of a 12 inch tile on the lands of Marion Bidwell about 20 rods east of the line between said Marion Bidwell and Webster Bidwell heirs; thence through the lands of Marion Bidwell, Willis Glover, Lester Bidwell, (crossing the D. R. King fike; thence through the lands of James and Sarah Stanton to the Middle fike; thence along the west side of said fike; thence crossing said fike and through the lands of Anthony Paulus and H. B. Wilson to the Morgan fike. If a sufficient outlet can be obtained before reaching said fike then to terminate at the point at which said outlet can be obtained.

A general south easterly direction of about 700 rods. The petitioners pray that said ditch may be tiled to a point at which it crosses said Middle fike if the Board of Commissioners deem the same practical and also for the location; construction, tiling and altering of all necessary laterals.

You are also notified that the following time and place have been fixed when and where the Commissioners of said County will meet for the hearing of.

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said petition, to-wit: Thursday, January, 16th 1902, at 10 o'clock, A.M. at the beginning of said proposed ditch improvement, for the purpose of hearing any and all proof offered by any of the parties affected by said ditch improvement and others competent to testify, whether said ditch will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare; and whether the route described is the best route and any and all objections to said proposed ditch improvement. Any application for compensation or damage must be in writing and filed with the Commissioners on or before the day set for hearing.

No further notice of any proceedings in this matter will be given. B.A. Taylor, Auditor of Madison County.

The State of Ohio, } Proof of Notice.
Madison County ss. }

On this 7th day of January, A.D. 1902, personally appeared before the undersigned authority, Marion Bidwell, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he served the annexed and above notice on the respective parties herein named by delivering to each a true copy thereof, except such as have waived the service thereof by placing their signature hereto.

Name of Person Served.	How Served.	When Served.
Monroe Bidwell	In Person	Dec. 24 th 1901
John Penny	In Person	Dec. 24 th 1901
Ada Bidwell	In Person	Dec. 24 th 1901
Minnie Bidwell	In Person	Dec. 24 th 1901
Board of Education, John Murray, Clerk.	In Person	Dec. 24 th 1901
James Stanton	In Person	Dec. 24 th 1901
Anthony Paulus	In Person	Dec. 24 th 1901
Lester Bidwell	In Person	Dec. 24 th 1901
Lester Bidwell, Director	In Person	Dec. 24 th 1901
David Fitzgerald Dr.	Residence	Dec. 26 th 1901
Oren King	In Person	Dec. 26 th 1901
Michael Brady	In Person	Dec. 26 th 1901
Sarah Stanton	In Person	Dec. 26 th 1901
Elizabeth Paulus	In Person	Dec. 26 th 1901
Sarah Penny, Dover,	In Person	Dec. 26 th 1901
H. W. Wilson	In Person	Dec. 28 th 1901

And further this deponent saith not.
Marion Bidwell.

Sworn to by Marion Bidwell before me and by him subscribed in my presence this 7th day of January, A.D. 1902.

B.A. Taylor,
Auditor Madison County, Ohio.

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Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,
December 23rd A. D. 1901.In the matter of the
Ditch Imp. Petitioned
for by Lester Bidwell et al.Notice to Non-Resident Lot or Land Owners
for Publication.To the Lot or Land Owners and to the Corporations, either
public or private, affected by said Improvement:

You, and each of you are hereby notified that the 21st
day of December, A. D. 1901, Lester Bidwell and others, filed
a petition with the Auditor of Madison County, the pray-
er of which is for the altering, tiling, deepening, widen-
ing, straightening, location and construction of a Ditch
on the following starting point, route and terminus,
to wit:

Commencing at the mouth of a 12 inch tile on the lands
of Marion Bidwell about 20 rods east of the line between
said Marion Bidwell and Webster Bidwell heirs; thence
through the lands of Marion Bidwell, Willis Glover, Lester
Bidwell (crossing the O. R. King fike); thence through the
lands of James and Sarah Stanton to the Middle fike;
thence along the west side of said fike; thence crossing
said fike and through the lands of Anthony Paulus
and A. W. Wilson to the Morgan fike, then to terminate
at the point at which said outlet can be obtained.

A general south easterly direction of about 700 rods.
The petitioners pray that said ditch may be tiled to a point
at which it crosses said Middle fike if the Board of Com-
missioners deem the same practical and also for the lo-
cation, construction, tiling and altering of all necessary
laterals.

You are also notified that the following time and place
have been fixed when and where the Commissioners of
said County will meet for the hearing of said petition, to wit:
Thursday, January, 16th 1902, at 10 o'clock A. M. at the begin-
ing of said proposed improvement, for the purpose of
hearing any and all proof offered by any of the parties
affected by said ditch improvement, whether the said
ditch will be conducive to the public health, convenience
and welfare; and whether the route described is the best
route and any and all objections to said proposed
ditch improvement.

Any application for compensation or damage and
for any change of route must be in writing and
filed with the Commissioners on or before the day set
for hearing.

No further notice of any proceedings in this matter
will be given.

B. A. Taylor, Auditor of Madison County.

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Proof of Publication.

The State of Ohio, Madison County, ss:
W. E. Arbuckle, being duly sworn, says he is the Manager of the London Times, a weekly newspaper printed and in general circulation in said County, and that a notice, of which the annexed is a copy, was published in said newspaper for at least 2 consecutive weeks commencing on the 26th day of December, 1901.

W. E. Arbuckle.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of January, A. D. 1902.
B. A. Taylor, Auditor.

Printer's Fees \$7.13

Commissioner's Finding on the Petition.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.
January 20th A. D. 1902.
Finding on Petition.

In the matter of the Ditch Imp. Petitioned for by Lester Bidwell et al.

This day the Commissioners of Madison County being in Regular Session, members present, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley, and a copy of a petition for the location, construction, filling, widening, straightening, deepening and altering of a county ditch having been delivered to us by the County Auditor, and it appearing to us that proper bond has been filed with the Auditor and by him approved, conditioned for the payment of all costs if the prayer of the petition be not granted or be dismissed for any cause, we, therefore, on the 16th day of December, 1902, the day fixed by the Auditor for hearings, did meet at the place of beginning of said ditch, as described in the petition, and heard all proof offered by any of the parties affected by said improvement and other persons competent to testify and determine the necessity thereof; and we went over and along the line of said improvement and by actual view of said ditch and the premises along and adjacent thereto and to be drained or benefited thereby; and we do hereby find that said improvement is necessary and will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare, and a benefit to the lots and lands along the line thereof; and we do hereby find that said improvement is necessary and will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare and a benefit to the lots and lands along the line thereof by furnishing drainage thereto.

And we further find that the route described is the best, viz: Commencing at the mouth of a tile ditch on the lands of Marion Bidwell about 20 rods east of the

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line between said Marion Bidwell and the Webster Bidwell heirs; thence through the lands of Marion Bidwell, Willis Blover, Lester Bidwell, crossing the O. R. King pike; thence through the lands of James and Sarah Stanton to the Middle pike; thence along the west side of said pike; thence crossing said pike and through the lands of Anthony Paulus and H. B. Wilson to the Morgan pike; tile to terminate at the line between Anthony Paulus and H. B. Wilson about 20 rods east of the Middle pike. Tile to terminate at the line between Anthony Paulus and H. B. Wilson about 20 rods east of Middle pike.
 It is therefore ordered that said improvement be granted and the same be known as The Lester Bidwell Ditch Improvement.

The following laterals were located by us, viz: Lateral No. 1- Beginning on the lands of Marion Bidwell, running in a south easterly direction and entering main ditch near the line between the lands of said Marion Bidwell and Willis Blover. Tile all in.

Lateral No. 2- Beginning on the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence in a southerly direction to the lands of O. R. King; thence through the lands of O. R. King, J. W. King and the lands of Willis Blover, in an easterly direction and entering main ditch on lands of Willis Blover near the line between Willis Blover and Marion Bidwell. Tile in.

Lateral No. 3- Beginning on the lands of Willis Blover; running thence in a northerly direction and entering main ditch on the lands of Willis Blover, near the line between the lands of said Willis Blover and Lester Bidwell. Tile in.

Lateral No. 4- Beginning on the lands of Lester Bidwell; running thence in a south westerly direction on said lands and entering main ditch on said lands near the line between said Lester Bidwell and Willis Blover lands; Tile in.

Lateral No. 5- Beginning on the lands of Lester Bidwell; running thence in a south easterly direction and entering main ditch on said Lester Bidwell's land. Tile in.

Lateral No. 6- Beginning on the lands of Lester Bidwell; running thence in a southerly direction and entering main ditch on said Lester Bidwell's lands. Tile in.

Lateral No. 7- Beginning in school yard; thence running in a southerly direction on the lands of James and Sarah Stanton, and entering main ditch on said Stanton's lands. To be tiled with 4 inch tile.

Lateral No. 8- Beginning on the lands of Willis Blover; thence in an easterly direction onto the lands of Lester Bidwell; thence in a north easterly direction on said Bidwell's lands; thence in a south easterly direction

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crossing the O. R. King fike, thence in an easterly direction on the lands of James and Sarah Stanton, and entering main ditch on said Stanton's land. Tile in to near King fike; 4 inch tile to be used from said point to terminus.

Lateral No. 9 - Beginning on the lands of Michael Brady; thence in a general easterly direction through the lands of said Brady to the lands of James and Sarah Stanton, and entering main ditch on the lands of said Stanton near a point where the main ditch crosses Middle Pike; 10 inch and 12 inch tile to be used in the construction of said lateral.

Laterals 1 of 9, 2 of 9, 3 of 9, 4 of 9, 5 of 9, 6 of 9, 7 of 9, 8 of 9, 9 of 9th and 10 of 9 were also located by said Board. Tile all in said laterals.

Lateral No. 10 - Beginning on the lands of Edward Linn; running thence in a southerly direction onto the lands of Anthony Paulus and entering main ditch near the point where main ditch crosses the Middle fike.

Lateral No. 11 - Beginning on the lands of Henry B. Wilson; running thence in an easterly direction crossing Middle fike and entering main ditch on said H. B. Wilson's lands. Tile in.

Lateral No. 12 - Beginning on the lands of Henry B. Wilson; running thence in an easterly direction on said lands, crossing Middle fike and entering main ditch on the lands of the said Henry B. Wilson. Tile in.

We also find that due and legal notice has been given for the length of time required by law, to each person and corporation benefited or affected by said proposed improvement.

And we do hereby order the Auditor to enter this our finding in writing on the Commissioner's journal; and we do further authorize the Auditor to enter upon said journal and order directing the County Surveyor, to go upon the line as described in the petition, as described above, and survey and level the same; and set a stake at every hundred feet numbering down stream; and to embody in said order direction to the said Surveyor, to make and return a schedule of all lots and lands and public or corporate roads or rail roads that will be benefited, and an apportionment of the estimated cost of location and construction of said improvement, in money, according to the benefits which will result to each, and to perform such other duties as are required in Sections 4454, 4455 and 4456 R. S. as now in force and effect, and to file his report with the County Auditor, on or before the time herein after fixed for hearing the same.

It is further ordered that the 18th day of February, A. D. 1902,

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at 10 o'clock, A.M. at the County Auditor's Office, is hereby fixed for the hearing of applications for any appropriations of land taken for said improvement, and damages said parties affected by said improvement, or any of them, may sustain thereby, and for the approval of the report of the Engineer.

The Engineer is also ordered to make a report of the amount and size of tile necessary and the estimated cost of the same.

Upon call of roll for the approval of the foregoing entry and orders relating to said petition and ditch, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. S. Markley voted "Aye".
B. A. Taylor, Auditor. H. E. Bradley, President Board of Commissioners.
Commissioners Finding on Petition - Copy for Surveyor.
Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

In the matter of the } January 20th A. D. 1902.
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Copy for Surveyor.
for by Lester Bidwell.

This day the Commissioners of Madison County being in regular session, members present, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. S. Markley, and a copy of a petition for the location, straightening, widening and altering, tiling, deepening and construction of a county ditch having been delivered to us by the County Auditor, and it appearing to us that the proper bond has been filed with said Auditor, and by him approved, conditioned for the payment of all costs if the prayer of the petition be not granted or be dismissed for any cause, we, therefore, on the 16th day of January, 1902, the day fixed by the Auditor for hearings, did meet at the place of beginning of said ditch, as described in the petition, and heard all proof offered by any of the parties affected by said improvement and others competent to testify, and we went over and along the line of said improvement, and by actual view of said ditch and the premises along and adjacent thereto and to be drained or benefited thereby and determined the necessity thereof. And we do hereby find that said improvement is necessary and will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare, and a benefit to the lots and lands along the line thereof by furnishing drainage thereto.

And we further find that the route described is the best, viz:

Commencing at the mouth of a twelve inch tile on the lands of Marion Bidwell, about 20 rods east of the line between said Marion Bidwell and Webster Bidwell heirs, thence through the lands of Marion Bidwell, Willis Glover, Lester Bidwell, crossing the O. R. King fike; thence

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through the lands of James and Sarah Stanton, to the middle fike; thence along the west side of said fike; thence crossing said fike; and through the lands of Anthony Paulus and H. B. Wilson to the Morgan fike;

Tile to terminate at the line between Anthony Paulus and H. B. Wilson about 20 rods east of Middle fike.

It is therefore ordered that said improvement be granted and the same be known as the Lester Bidwell Ditch Improvement.

The following laterals were located by us, viz:

Lateral No. 1 - Beginning on the lands of Marion Bidwell, running in a south easterly direction and entering main ditch near the line between the lands of the said Marion Bidwell and Willis Blover. Tile all in.

Lateral No. 2 - Beginning on the lands of Marion Bidwell, thence in a southerly direction, to the lands of O. R. King; thence through the lands of O. R. King, J. W. King and the lands of Willis Blover in an easterly direction and entering main ditch on the lands of Willis Blover, and near the line between Willis Blover and Marion Bidwell. Tile in.

Lateral No. 3 - Beginning on the lands of Willis Blover, running thence in a northerly direction and entering main ditch on the lands of Willis Blover near the line between the lands of said Willis Blover and Lester Bidwell. Tile in.

Lateral No. 4 - Beginning on the lands of Lester Bidwell, running thence in a south westerly direction on said lands and entering main ditch on said lands near the line between said Lester Bidwell and Willis Blover lands. Tile in.

Lateral No. 5. Beginning on the lands of Lester Bidwell, running thence in a south easterly direction and entering main ditch on said Lester Bidwell's land; Tile in.

Lateral No. 6 - Beginning on the lands of Lester Bidwell, running thence in a southerly direction and entering main ditch on said Lester Bidwell's lands - Tile in.

Lateral No. 7 - Beginning in school yard; thence running in a southerly direction on the lands of James and Sarah Stanton and entering main ditch on said Stanton's land. To be tiled with 4 inch tile.

Lateral No. 8 - Beginning on the lands of Willis Blover; thence in an easterly direction onto the lands of Lester Bidwell; thence in a north easterly direction on said Bidwell's lands; thence in a south easterly direction crossing the O. R. King fike; thence in an easterly direction on the lands of James and Sarah Stanton and entering main ditch on said Stanton's land. Tile in to near King fike; 4 inch tile to be used from said point to terminus.

Lateral No. 9 - Beginning on lands of Michael Brady; thence in a general easterly direction through the lands

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of said Brady to the lands of James and Sarah Stanton and entering main ditch on the lands of said Stanton near a point where the main ditch crosses the Middle fike; 10 inch and 12 inch tile to be used in the construction of said lateral.

Laterals 1 of 9, 2 of 9, 3 of 9, 4 of 9, 5 of 9, 6 of 9, 7 of 9, 8 of 9, 9 of 9 and 10 of 9 were also located by said Board. File all in said laterals.

Lateral No. 10 - Beginning on the lands of Edward Linn; running thence in a southerly direction onto the lands of Anthony Paulus and entering main ditch near the point where main ditch crosses the Middle fike;

Lateral No. 11 - Beginning on the lands of Henry B. Wilson; running thence in an easterly direction, crossing Middle fike and entering main ditch and said H. B. Wilson's lands; File in.

Lateral No. 12 - Beginning on the lands of Henry B. Wilson; running thence in an easterly direction on said lands, crossing Middle fike and entering main ditch on the lands of the said Henry B. Wilson. File in.

We also find that due and legal notice has been given to each person and corporation benefited or affected by said proposed improvement.

And we do hereby order the Auditor to enter this, our finding in writing on the commissioners journal.

And we do further authorize the Auditor to enter upon said journal an order directing the County Surveyor to go upon the line of said improvement as described in the petition, as described above, and survey and level the same and set a stake at every hundred feet numbering down stream, and to embody in said order direction to the said Surveyor to make and return a schedule of lots or lands, and public or corporate roads or rail roads that will be benefited, and an apportionment of the estimated cost of locating and constructing said improvement, in money, according to the benefits which will result to each, and to perform such other duties as are required in Sections 4454, 4455 and 4456 A.S. as now in force and effect, and to file his report with the County Auditor on or before the time hereinafter fixed for hearing the same.

It is further ordered that the 18th day of February, A.D. 1902, at 10 o'clock A.M. at the County Auditor's Office is hereby fixed for the hearing of applications for any appropriation of land taken for said improvement, and damages said parties affected by said improvement, or any of them may sustain thereby, and for the approval of the report of the Surveyor.

Upon call of roll for the approval of the foregoing entry and

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orders relating to said petition and ditch, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley voted "aye".
 B. A. Taylor, H. E. Bradley,

County Auditor,

President of Board of Commissioners.

I certify the foregoing to be correctly copied from the record of the proceedings of the Board. B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Commissioners Office, Madison County,
 London, Ohio, January 20th A. D. 1902.

Board of Commissioners met today in regular session.

Commissioners Present: H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley.

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Commissioners Finding on Petition

This day the Commissioners of Madison County being in regular session, members present, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley, and a copy of a petition for the location, straightening, widening, altering deepening and construction of a county ditch having been delivered to us by the County Auditor and it appearing to us that the proper bond has been filed, with the Auditor, and by him approved, conditioned for the payment of all costs if the prayer of the petition be not granted, or be dismissed for any cause, we, therefore, on the 16th day of January, A. D. 1902, the day fixed by the Auditor for hearings, did meet at the place of beginning of said ditch, as described in the petition, and heard all proof offered by any of the parties affected by said improvement, and others competent to testify, and we went over and along the line of said improvement, and by actual view of said ditch and the premises along and adjacent thereto and to be drained or benefited thereby, and determine the necessity thereof. And we do hereby find that said improvement is necessary and will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare; and a benefit to the lots and lands along the line thereof, by furnishing drainage thereto. And we further find that the route described is the best, viz: Commencing at the mouth of a twelve inch tile on the lands of Marion Bidwell, about 20 rods east of the line between said Marion Bidwell and the Webster Bidwell heirs; thence through the lands of Marion Bidwell, Willis Glover, Lester Bidwell, crossing the O. R. King fike; thence through the lands of James and Sarah Stanton to the Middle fike; thence along the west side of said fike; thence crossing said fike and through the lands of Anthony Paulus and H. C. Wilson to the Morgan fike. Tile to terminate at the point near the line between Anthony

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Carlus and H. W. Wilson, about 20 rods east of Middle
pike;

It is therefore ordered that said improvement be granted
and the same be known as The Lester Bidwell Ditch Im-
provement.

The following laterals were located by the Board, viz:

Lateral No. 1 - Beginning on the lands of Marion Bidwell,
running in a south easterly direction and entering
main ditch near the line between the lands of the
said Marion Bidwell and Willis Glover. Tile all in.

Lateral No. 2 - Beginning on the lands of Marion Bidwell,
thence in a southerly direction to the lands of O. R. King;
thence through the lands of O. R. King, J. W. King and
the lands of Willis Glover, in an easterly direction
and entering main ditch on the lands of Willis Glover
near the line between Willis Glover and Marion Bidwell.
Tile all in.

Lateral No. 3 - Beginning on the lands of Willis Glover,
running thence in a northerly direction and entering
main ditch on the lands of Willis Glover, near the line
between the lands of the said Willis Glover and Lester
Bidwell. Tile in.

Lateral No. 4 - Beginning on the lands of Lester Bidwell,
running thence in a south westerly direction on said
lands and entering main ditch on said lands near
the line between said Lester Bidwell and Willis Glover
lands. Tile in.

Lateral No. 5 - Beginning on the lands of Lester Bidwell,
running thence in a south easterly direction and
entering main ditch on said Lester Bidwell's lands. Tile in.

Lateral No. 6 - Beginning on the lands of Lester Bidwell,
running thence in a southerly direction and enter-
ing main ditch on said Lester Bidwell's lands. (Tile in.)

Lateral No. 7 - Beginning in school yard; thence running
in a southerly direction on the lands of James and
Sarah Stanton and entering main ditch on said Stanton's
lands. To be tiled with 4 inch tile.

Lateral No. 8 - Beginning on the lands of Willis Glover,
thence in an easterly direction onto the lands of Lester
Bidwell; thence in a north easterly direction on said
Bidwell's lands; thence in a south easterly direction
crossing the O. R. King fike; thence in an easterly
direction on the lands of James and Sarah Stanton,
and entering main ditch on said Stanton's lands; Tile
in to near King fike; 4 inch tile to be used from said
point to terminus.

Lateral No. 9 - Beginning on the lands of Michael
Brady; thence in a general easterly direction through

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the lands of said Brady, to the lands of James and Sarah Stanton and entering main ditch on the lands of said Stanton's near a point where the main ditch crosses Middle fike; 10 inch and 12 inch tile to be used in the construction of said lateral.

Laterals 1 of 9, 2 of 9, 3 of 9, 4 of 9, 5 of 9, 6 of 9, 7 of 9, 8 of 9, 9 of 9 and 10 of 9 were also located by said Board. (File all in said laterals)

Lateral No. 10 - Beginning on the lands of Edward Quinn; running thence in a southerly direction onto the lands of Anthony Paulus and entering main ditch near the point where said main ditch crosses the Middle fike;

Lateral No. 11 - Beginning on the lands of Henry O. Wilson; running thence in an easterly direction, crossing Middle fike and entering main ditch on said H. O. Wilson's lands. (File in)

Lateral No. 12 - Beginning on the lands of Henry O. Wilson; running thence in an easterly direction on said lands, crossing Middle fike and entering main ditch on the lands of the said Henry O. Wilson. (File in)

We also find that due and legal notice has been given to each person and corporation benefited or affected by said proposed improvement.

And we do hereby order the Auditor to enter this, our finding, in writing, on the Commissioner's journal. And we do further authorize the Auditor to enter upon said journal and order directing the County Surveyor to go upon the line as described in the petition, as described above, and survey and level the same; and set a stake at every hundred feet numbering down stream, and to embody in said order direction to the said order direction to the said Surveyor to make and return a schedule of all lots and lands and public or corporate roads and railroads, that will be benefited and an apportionment of the estimated cost of locating and constructing said improvement, in money according to the benefits which will result to each, and to perform such other duties as are required in Sections 4454, 4455 and 4456 R. S. as now in force and effect, and to file his report with the County Auditor on or before the time hereinafter fixed for hearing the same.

It is further ordered that the 18th day of February, A. D. 1902, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the County Auditor's Office is hereby fixed for the hearing of applications for any appropriation of land taken for said improvement, and damages said parties affected by said improvement, or any of them may sustain thereby and for the approval of the report of the Surveyor. The Engineer is also ordered to make a

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report of the amount and size of tile necessary and the estimated cost of the same.

Upon call of roll for the approval of the foregoing entry and orders relating to said petition and ditch, H. C. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. S. Markley voted "aye",
H. C. Bradley, }
Jas. B. Anderson, } Commissioners
Chas. S. Markley, } of
B. A. Taylor, Auditor and Clerk. } Madison County.

Waiver of Notice.

January 16th 1902.

I hereby waive service of notice in the matter of the ditch petitioned for by Lester Bidwell and others
Edward Braithwaite.

Claims for Damages.

London, Ohio, February 18th 1902.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio:

I object to my part of the D. R. Lucas Ditch being drained through the Lester Bidwell Ditch. It is a great damage to same Lester Bidwell Ditch. I ask \$500. Damages against said Lucas Ditch by parties concerned in said ditch.

Signed, Marion Bidwell.

Filed February 18th 1902. B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

In the matter of the }
Ditch Imp. Petitioned }
for by Lester Bidwell. } Report and Schedules of Engineer.
February 18th A. D. 1902.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio:

The undersigned engineer, in obedience to the direction of your Honorable Body, made on the 16th day of January, A. D. 1902, has proceeded in the above matter, and has made a level and survey of the line of said proposed ditch improvement, and set a stake at every hundred feet numbering down stream; and I have made a note of the intersection of lines and boundaries of lands, township and county lines, land marks, bench marks, and road and rail road crossings; and I herewith make report of same with profile and plat and an estimate of the number of cubic yards of earth or other substance to be removed, and the cost per cubic yard for each working section on said report indicated and of each section of one hundred feet. I have also made and return

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herewith, a schedule of all lots or lands, and public and corporate roads and rail roads, together with the name of the owners of such rail road companies, and the names of the lessees operating the same, that will be benefited by said improvement, and an apportionment of the cost of location and construction, in money, to each lot and tract of land, road and railroad, according to the benefits which will result to each from the said improvement, and in apportioning the costs of such improvement, the benefits to any lots or lands by diking the same in whole or in part, have been by me considered with other benefits; and a specification of the manner in which the improvement shall be made and completed; the number of flood gates, water ways, farm crossings and bridges, including kinds and dimensions thereof and such other matters as the undersigned deems important. The said surveys, levels reports and schedules are herewith attached and made a part thereof.

The following is an itemized cost bill, made by me, in the proper discharge of my duty, under your order.

J. H. Asher,	Engineer,	15 days,	at \$4.00 =	\$60.00
Jesse Baine	Rodman,	1 " "	\$1.25 =	\$1.25
Charles M. Boy.	Chairman,	2 " "	\$1.25 =	\$2.50
Wilson Bidwell,	Chairman,	2 " "	\$1.25 =	\$2.50
Henry Smith,	Marker,	1 " "	\$1.25 =	\$1.25
Ralph Asher,	Marker,	1 " "	\$1.25 =	\$1.25
Luther McBlond,	Arman,	1 " "	\$1.25 =	\$1.25
Marion Bidwell	Arman,	3 " "	\$1.25 =	\$3.75
Other Expenses:				
E. R. Florence,	Stakes,			\$4.20
A. B. Difrit,	Beam,			\$3.00
Total				\$80.95

J. H. Asher, Engineer, Schedule "A"

Report of Engineer

Stake number and number of corner from down stream	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Total fall from Station	Entire Depth	Dist.	Course & Distance	Remarks
0	100.00	96.50		3.50	1.05	0 to 4+85	Main Ditch begins on the lands
1	100.75	96.25	.25	3.50	2.60	S. 76 E. = 485'	of Marion Bidwell
2	100.55	96.00	.50	4.55	2.65		347 feet east of the
B.M.	100.40						Ash Tree A.
3	99.75	95.75	.75	4.00	2.90		line between the
4	100.95	95.50	1.00	5.45	5.45		lands of Sarah Penny
+85	100.56	95.29	1.21	4.27	4.27	4+85 to 11	and Marion Bidwell.
5	100.65	95.25	1.25	5.40	5.40	N. 81 1/2 E. = 615	
6	98.45	95.00	1.50	3.45	3.45		

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Report of Engineer

Schedule "A"

Stake number from beginning of line	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Vertical Curve from Station 0	Curve Depth	Dist Ditch	Course and Distance	Remarks
7	99.40	94.75	1.75	4.65	4.65		
8	99.45	94.50	2.00	4.95	4.95		
9	97.00	94.25	2.25	2.75	2.75		
10	97.70	94.00	2.50	3.70	3.05		
11	97.44	93.75	2.75	3.69	3.00	11 to 15,	
12	97.30	93.50	3.00	3.80	3.15	S. 79 1/2 E. = 400'	
13	96.70	93.25	3.25	3.45	2.95		
14	96.35	93.00	3.50	3.35	3.45		
15	96.80	92.75	3.75	4.05	3.43	15 to 17 + 45	Marion Bidwell } Willis Blower } = 1584' line
16	96.87	92.50	4.00	4.37	3.45	S. 66 1/2 E. = 245'	
17	96.57	92.25	4.25	4.32	3.30	17 + 45 to 19 + 80	
+ 45	97.50	92.14	4.36	5.36	3.30	Nr. 89 E. = 235'	
18	96.58	92.00	4.50	4.50	2.90		
B.M.	98.07						Maple Tree R.
19	96.15	91.75	4.75	4.40	3.55	19 + 80 to 22 + 40	
+ 80	97.38	91.55	4.95	5.83		Nr. 74 E. = 260'	
20	97.20	91.50	5.00	5.70	2.90		
21	97.00	91.25	5.25	5.75	2.95		
22	95.80	91.00	5.50	4.80	2.70	22 + 40 to 23 + 70	
+ 40	95.60	90.90	5.60	4.70		S. 66 1/2 E. = 130'	
23	95.85	90.75	5.75	5.10	2.55	23 + 70 to 25 + 25	Willis Blower } Lester Bidwell } 2363' = line
+ 70	95.30	90.58	5.92	4.72		S. 54 E. = 155'	
24	95.35	90.50	6.00	4.85	2.85		
25	95.58	90.25	6.25	5.33	2.70	25 + 25 to 27	
+ 25	94.70	90.19	6.31	4.51		S. 42 3/4 E. = 175'	
26	92.85	90.00	6.50	2.85	2.50		
27	93.30	89.75	6.75	3.55	2.75	27 to 28	
28	93.83	89.50	7.00	4.33	2.90	S. 62 1/2 E. = 100'	
29	92.15	89.25	7.25	2.90	2.65	28 to 30	
30	94.30	89.00	7.50	5.30	2.15	Nr. 85 E. = 200'	
B.M.	93.95					30 to 38, Nr. 62 E. = 800'	Oak R.
31	92.85	88.70	7.80	4.15	2.20		
32	93.40	88.40	8.10	5.00	2.25		
33	92.35	88.10	8.40	4.25	2.75		
34	93.30	87.80	8.70	5.50	2.75		
35	92.55	87.50	9.00	5.05	2.65		
36	90.75	87.20	9.30	3.55	2.45		
37	91.55	86.90	9.60	4.65	2.75		
38	90.10	86.60	9.90	3.50	2.75	38 to 40	
39	90.64	86.30	10.20	4.34	2.65	S. 83 E. = 200'	
40	89.50	86.00	10.50	3.50	3.00	40 to 43	
41	90.10	85.70	10.80	4.40	2.75	S. 41 1/4 E. = 300'	
42	88.35	85.40	11.10	2.95	2.70		
43	87.75	85.10	11.40	2.65	2.65	43 to 46	Lester Bidwell } Jan. + Sarah Stanton } 4313' = line S. 36 1/2 E. = 300'

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Report of Engineer

Schedule "A"

Grade at beginning of section	Grade at end of section	Grade at center of section	Grade at center of section	Grade at center of section	Grade at center of section	Course & Distance	Remarks
B.M. 92.75	91.65	85.04	11.44	6.61	6.61		N.E. 1/4 of culvert
Center of Pike							
44	87.65	84.80	11.70	2.85	2.85		
45	87.65	84.50	12.00	3.15	2.85		
46	88.20	84.20	12.30	4.00	2.90	46 to 50	
47	87.03	83.90	12.60	3.13	2.85	S. 55 1/2 E = 400'	
48	87.35	83.60	12.90	3.75	2.75		
49	87.67	83.30	13.20	4.37	2.65		
50	86.36	83.00	13.50	3.36	2.90	50 to 55 + 47	
51	88.00	82.65	13.85	5.35	2.85	S. 23 E = 547'	
52	87.70	82.30	14.20	5.40	3.20		
53	87.20	81.95	14.55	5.25	3.75		
54	86.00	81.60	14.90	4.40	2.70		
55	85.40	81.25	15.25	4.15	2.65	55 + 47 to 63	
+47	84.75	81.08	15.42	3.67	2.27	S. 49 E = 753'	Jas. & Sarah Stanton } 5543' = line Middle Pike } Middle Pike } 5680' = line A. Paulus }
56	87.30	80.90	15.66	6.40	6.40		
57	84.60	80.50	16.00	4.10	4.10		
58	83.75	80.10	16.40	3.65	3.60		
59	83.40	79.70	16.80	3.70	2.20		
60	83.50	79.30	17.20	4.20	2.20		
61	83.50	78.90	17.60	4.60	2.45		
62	82.85	78.50	18.00	4.35	2.65		
63	82.25	78.10	18.40	4.15	3.15	63 to 66 + 72	A. Paulus } 6367' = line St. W. Wilson }
64	83.60	77.90	18.60	5.70	5.70	S. 52 1/2 E = 372'	
65	82.55	77.70	18.80	4.85	4.85		
B.M.	81.35						
66	82.45	77.50	19.00	4.95	2.25	66 + 72 to 70 + 60	
+72	81.30	77.35	19.15	3.95	2.30	S. 63 1/2 E = 388'	
67	82.35	77.30	19.20	5.05	1.95	70 + 60 to 74 + 73	terminates on the lands
68	82.00	77.10	19.40	4.90	4.90	S. 33 3/4 E = 413'	of St. W. Wilson
69	81.83	76.90	19.60	4.93	4.93		1683 feet below
70	81.19	76.70	19.80	4.49	4.49		his north line.
+60	81.30	76.58	19.92	4.72	4.72		
71	81.23	76.50	20.00	4.73	4.73		
72	79.35	76.30	20.20	3.05	1.50		
Lateral No. 7 at 45.							
0	88.60	85.60		3.00	3.00		Begins in school yard.
1	87.65	84.75		2.90	2.90		school lot } 5' = line J. & S. Stanton } extends 95' on Stanton's lands.
Lateral No. 8.							
0	100.00	96.50		3.50	3.50		Begins on lands of
1	99.65	96.20	.30	3.45	3.45		Willie Glover
B.M.	99.55						Ash Tree L.
2	99.00	95.90		3.10	3.10		Willie Glover } 220' = line Lester Bidwell }
3	98.80	95.60		3.20	3.20		

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Stake every hundred feet from station down the line	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Total fall from station	Center Depth	Dist.	Course & Distance	Remarks	
+30	98.43	95.50		2.93	2.93			
4	98.85	95.30		3.55	3.55			
5	98.42	95.00		3.42	3.42			
+50	98.10	94.85		3.25	3.25			
6	98.32	94.70		3.62	3.62			
7	97.18	94.40		2.18	2.18			
+56	98.70	94.25		4.45	4.45			
8	96.25	94.10	2.40	2.15	2.15			
B.M.	99.60							
Lateral No. 9.								
0	98.00	94.00		4.00	.65	0 to 1+43	Begins on lands of Michael Brady.	
1	96.80	93.75		3.05	.90	S. 83 E. = 142'		
+42	98.30	93.65		4.65	1.75			
2	98.05	93.50		4.55				
3	97.65	93.25		4.40	1.40			
4	97.55	93.00		4.55	1.50	1+42 to 4+85		
+85	97.65	92.80		4.85		S. 80 E. = 343'		
5	96.19	92.75		3.44	1.20			
6	96.82	92.50		4.36	1.95			
+75	96.72	92.31		4.41		4+85 to 6+75		
7	96.55	92.25	1.75	4.30	1.10	Sr. 62 E. = 190'		
8	95.95	91.85		4.10	1.40			
9	95.10	91.45		3.65	1.80			
10	95.00	91.05		3.95	1.45	6+75 to 10+85		
+85	94.95	90.71		4.24		S. 77 1/2 E. = 410		
11	93.60	90.65		2.95	2.10			
12	93.55	90.25		3.30	2.50	10+85 to 12	Michael Brady } 1200' = Line Jas. + Sarah Stanton }	
13	94.30	89.85		4.45	4.45	Sr. 64 1/2 E. = 115		
14	93.95	89.45		4.50	4.50			
15	92.93	89.05		3.88	2.40			
16	91.65	88.65		3.00	2.20			
17	92.80	88.25		4.55	4.55			
18	90.80	87.85		2.95	1.80	12 to 18		
19	90.55	87.45		3.10	2.70	S. 84 1/2 E. = 600'		
20	90.75	87.05		3.70	1.70			
21	90.55	86.65		3.90	1.90			
22	90.05	86.25		3.80	2.50			
23	89.15	85.85		3.30	2.50	18 to 23		
24	89.95	85.45		4.50	4.50	Sr. 62 1/2 E. = 500'		
25	89.60	85.05		3.55	3.55			
26	87.70	84.65		3.05	2.40	23 to 26+80		
+80	87.95	84.33		3.62	2.42	Sr. 67 1/2 E. = 380'		
27	87.85	84.25		3.60	3.60			
28	86.90	83.85		3.05	3.05	26+8 to 28+80		

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Stationing marked for main section	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Total fall from Station 0	Centre Depth	Dist.	Course and Distance
+80	86.75	83.53		3.22	3.22	St. 30 E. = 200'
29	86.22	83.45		2.77	2.77	
30	85.40	83.05		2.35	2.35	
31	85.05	82.65		2.40	2.40	
B.M.	86.80					
32	86.70	82.25		4.45	3.00	28+80 to 33
33	84.80	81.85		2.95	3.20	St. 51 7/4 E. = 420'
34	85.55	81.45		4.10	2.50	33 to 34+58
+58	84.75	81.21	12.79	3.54	1.50	St. 56 E. = 158'

Report of Engineer.

Schedule "AA"

Statement of Working Sections of the Lester Bidwell Ditch Improvement

No. of Working Sections	No. of Stakes		No. of Linear Feet.	No. of Cubic Yards.	Price per Yd.	Amount		Remarks.
	From	To				D.	C.	
I.	80+50	63+67	1483	444	.12	53	28	Open ditch.
II.	63+67	50	1367	82.8	.80	66	24	Pile Ditch.
		15"	Pile	50.00	2.75	137	50	Average cutting 3 ft., 2 inches.
		12"	Pile	32.80	1.60	52	48	
						256	22	
III.	50	25	2500	151.50	.50	75	75	Pile ditch
		12"	Pile	151.50	1.60	242	40	Average cutting 2 ft., 4 inches.
						318	15	
IV.	25	0	2500	151.50	.60	90	90	Pile ditch
		12"	Pile	151.50	1.60	242	40	Average cutting 3 ft., 3 inches
						333	30	
V.	Lateral no. 7.	0	100	6	.30	1	80	Pile ditch
		4"	Pile	6.	.25	1	50	Average cutting 3 feet, 3 inches.
		8	800	48.5	.30	14	55	
		4"	Pile	48.5	.25	12	13	
						29	98	
VI.	34+58	12	2258	137.	.45	61	65	Pile Ditch
		12"	Pile	137.	1.60	219	20	Average cutting 2 feet, 10 inches.
						280	85	
VII.	12	0	1200	72.75	.30	21	83	Pile ditch
		10"	Pile	72.75	1.15	83	66	Average cutting 1 ft., 6 inches.
						105	49	

Recapitulation.

Main Ditch		
Pile	\$674.78	
Excavation	\$286.17	\$960.95
Laterals, 7+8.		
Pile	\$13.63	
Excavation	\$16.35	\$29.98
Lateral no. 9		
Pile	\$302.86	
Excavation	83.48	\$386.34
		\$1377.27

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Owner's Name as Found on Duplicate	No. of Entry	Description	Acres Owned	Acres Drained	Estimated cost of construction	Estimated cost of location	Total Cost Apportioned	
		Main Ditch			#	cts	#	cts
✓ Marion Bidwell	7216		72.75	40.	185 00	10 91	195 91	
✓ John Perry, Guardian of Webster Bidwell heirs.	12273		64.	3.	5 00	29	5 29	
✓ Monroe Bidwell	12273+e		384.50	100.	123 00	7 25	130 25	
Lester Bidwell	12149	Main Ditch	121.75	25.	185 00	10 91	212 90	
" "	10701	Lateral No. 8			16 05	9 4		
✓ Willis Glover.	7216 6000.	Main Ditch	359.5	359.5	105 00	6 19	118 95	
		Lateral No. 8.			7 33	4 3		
✓ O.R. King	2985	Main Ditch	76.	10.	8 00	4 7	66 71	
" " "	7216	Lateral No. 9	76.	66.	55 00	3 24		
✓ J.W. King	7216	Main Ditch	35.	15.	10 00	5 9	39 18	
" " "		Lateral No. 9	35.	20.	27 00	1 58		
✓ Jas. + Sarah Stanton	6643 4885	Main Ditch	96.28	96.28	75 00	4 42	263 41	
		Lateral No. 9	49.88	49.88	173 75	10 24		
Anthony Paulus.	6643		111.90	10.	55 00	3 24	58 24	
✓ Henry B. Wilson	6643 4904		200.55	50.	25 00	1 47	26 47	
✓ Michael Brady.	4885	Main Ditch	50.65	50.65	15 00	8 8	111 81	
✓ " " "		Lateral No. 9	50.65	50.65	90 59	5 34		
Edward Quin	6643		100.	10.	12 00	7 0	12 70	
Board of Education Jefferson Township.					5 60	3 3	5 93	
Edward Braithwaite	3157	Main Ditch	114.93	35.	15 00	8 8	58 24	
" " "	2985	Lateral No. 9	114.93	35.	40 00	2 36		
✓ David Patton	2985		140.70	8	10 00	5 9	10 59	
Madison County		Main Ditch, King + Middle files			43 65	2 37	49 51	
" " "		Lateral No. 8 + King file			3 30	1 9		
✓ Sarah Perry	12273 12874 10295		100.	35.	87 00	5 13	92 13	

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Report of Engineer-

Schedule "B".

In the matter of the Ditch
Improvement petitioned for
by Lester Bidwell et al.

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February, 18th A. D. 1902.
Specifications of the Manner of Construction

Main Ditch.

From Station 63+67 to 80+50 this improvement is to be an open ditch, 2 feet wide in the bottom and slopes of banks to be 1 1/2 to 1. From Station 63+67 to 55+47, 15 inch tile are to be used, and from 55+47 to 0, 12 inch tile. Lateral No. 7 is to be tiled with 4 inch tile; also No. 8, with 4 inch tile. Lateral No. 9 is to be tiled with 12 inch tile from Station 34+58 to Station 12, and from Station 12 to 0 with 10 inch tile.

The trenches in main ditch and all laterals to be cut down to grade as shown in this report and indicated on the profile filed herewith and which is made a part of this report. All tile to be evenly laid and jointed as closely as practicable. Tile must not be covered until after inspection by the Engineer in charge of the work.

The contractors must make connections of all laterals which are now in; the land owners on whose lands they occur to furnish the tile if any is needed, to extend them to the point of connection. If in making any connections it is necessary to take up and relay any part of the lateral exceeding 1/2 rod the contractor shall have a reasonable compensation therefor.

All tile to be first class and must be delivered along the line of the ditch, each size in its proper place. Any tile put in the wrong place will be removed by the contractor and charged to the tile contract. Contractors for furnishing tile must furnish all to the extent of their contracts.

In the matter of the County
Ditch Improvement Petitioned
for by Lester Bidwell et al.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,
Feby. 18th A. D. 1902.

Commissioners Finding on Report of Engineer.

This day the Board of Commissioners being in special session, present: H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. H. Markley, and this being the day adjourned to by said Board for the hearing of the report and apportionment of the Engineer of the above styled matter, the Board, after proper examination, do find that due notice has been given, for the length of time required by law, to all lot and land owners, and to the authorities of all municipal and private corporations affected by said improvement, notifying them of the pendency, substance and prayer of the petition for said improvement.

Said Board also find that Marion Bidwell has made application, in writing for damages; which application is order.

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ed. to be filed.

And it further appearing to the Board that the said Marion Bidwell agrees to withdraw said claims for damages, on the conditions that Monroe Bidwell disconnect the Lucas Ditch from the Lester Bidwell Ditch on said Monroe Bidwell lands; and that said Bidwell remove at least a rod of tile at the Lucas Ditch, on that part which connects the above mentioned ditches.

The said Monroe Bidwell hereby agreeing to disconnect said ditches, and remove said tile, it is ordered that no further action be taken on the aforesaid claims for damages. After having examined the report of the Engineer, with the apportionment by him made, do find that said report and apportionments are in all respects fair and just, according to the benefits to be derived from the proposed improvement by the owner of each lot and tract of land, and by municipal and private corporations and rail road companies. It is therefore ordered that said report and apportionment be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed, and that all exceptions, both written and verbal, be and the same are hereby overruled.

B. A. Taylor,
County Auditor.

H. E. Bradley,
President Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner's Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, February, 18th 1902.

Board of Commissioners met today in special session,
Present: H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley.

In the matter of the }
Lester Bidwell Ditch } Commissioner's Finding on Report of Engineer.
Improvement. }

This day the Board of Commissioners being in special session, and this being the day adjourned to by said Board, for the hearing of the report and apportionment of the engineer of the above styled matter, the Board, after proper examination, do find that due notice has been given for the length of time required by law, to all lot and land owners, and to the authorities of all municipal and private corporations affected by said improvement, notifying them of the pendency, substance and prayer of the petition for said improvement.

Said Board also find that Marion Bidwell has made application, in writing, for damages, which application is ordered to be filed.

And it further appearing to the Board that the said Marion Bidwell agrees to withdraw said claims for damages on the conditions that Monroe Bidwell dis-

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disconnect the Lucas Ditch from the said Lester Bidwell Ditch on said Monroe Bidwell lands; at that said Monroe Bidwell remove at least a rod of tile at the Lucas Ditch, on that part which connects the above mentioned ditches. The said Monroe Bidwell hereby agreeing to disconnect said ditches and remove said tile, it is ordered that no further action be taken on the aforesaid claim for damages.

After having examined the report and apportionment of Engineer, do find that said report and apportionment are in all respects fair and just, according to the benefits to be derived from the proposed improvement by the owner of each lot and tract of land, and by municipal and private corporations and rail road companies.

It is therefore ordered that said report and apportionment be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed, and that all exceptions, both written and verbal be and the same are hereby overruled.

It is now and therefore ordered that the 4th day of March, A. D. 1907, at 10 o'clock, A. M. of said day, be fixed as the time for commencing the sale of the work of constructing said improvement, and that the same be sold at public outcry. The place of said sale is fixed on the line of said ditch, and said sale to commence with the working section constituting the mouth of said improvement, at the hour above named, and from that point to continue to the starting point, each section shall be offered at public outcry, until all the sections are offered, said work shall be sold in sections of not less than one hundred feet nor more than twenty five hundred feet; and it is also ordered that the Auditor of said County give notice of said sale by circulating hand bills. And it is also ordered and directed that the County Surveyor, J. S. Asher, attend at the time and place of sale, and conduct the same and receive all bids for the construction of said work, and that he make contracts with the lowest responsible bidder and take good and sufficient bonds for the labor of said improvement, conditioned for the faithful performance of said contract so to be made, and for the completion of the work within the time fixed by said contract, and for all damage which may occur by reason of a failure to complete the same within the time stipulated in said contract, in a sum not less than double the estimated value of the work and labor of constructing the portion bid off by said contracting party.

It is further ordered that for the purpose of raising money necessary to pay for the expense of the above named

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improvement, that bonds of the County be issued for amounts to be hereinafter determined.

Bonds to run three (3) years.

The roll being called for the approval of the foregoing order and findings relating to said ditch improvement,

H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. S. Markley,

B. A. Taylor,

Auditor and Clerk.

H. E. Bradley,

Jas. B. Anderson,

Chas. S. Markley,

Commissioners
of
Madison County

Auditors Office, Madison County, Ohio.

In the matter of the County

Ditch Improvement petitioned
for by Lester Bidwell et al.

Feb. 18th A. D. 1902.

Order to Sell the Labor of Construction

This day this matter came before the Board of Commissioners in special session, present H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. S. Markley, and it appearing to the Board that no appeal has been taken. It is now and therefore ordered that the 4th day of March, A. D. 1902, at 10 o'clock, A. M. of said day, be fixed as the time for commencing the sale of the work of constructing said improvement, and that the same be sold at public outcry. The place of said sale is fixed on the line of said ditch, and said sale to commence with the working section constituting the mouth of said improvement, at the hour above named, and from that point to continue to the starting point; each section shall be offered at public outcry until all the sections are offered, said work shall be sold in sections of not less than one hundred feet nor more than twenty five hundred feet in length.

It is also ordered that the Auditor of said County give notice of said sale by circulating hand bills.

And it is also ordered and directed that the County Surveyor, J. H. Asher, attend at the time and place of sale, and conduct the same and receive all bids for the construction of said work; and that he make contracts with the lowest responsible bidder and take good and sufficient bonds for the labor of said improvement, conditioned for the faithful performance of said contract so to be made, and for the completion of the work within the time fixed by the contract, and for all damage which may occur by reason of failure to complete the same within the time stipulated in said contract, in a sum not less than double the estimated value of the work and labor of constructing the portion bid off by said contracting party.

B. A. Taylor,

County Auditor.

H. E. Bradley,

President of Board of Commissioners
of Madison County, Ohio.

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Ditch Sale.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Engineer, will sell at public outcry at the County Surveyor's office, in London, Ohio, on Tuesday, March, 4, 1902, at 10 o'clock, A.M. (standard time) of said day, to the lowest responsible bidder therefor, the work of furnishing the tile and constructing the Lester Bidwell Ditch Improvement, located in Jefferson Township. Said work will be sold in sections as follows and then may be offered as a whole:

main Ditch.

Section I.	From station 80.50 to station 63.67	
	Open ditch 444 cubic yards excavation, at 12¢	\$53.28
Section II.	From 63.67 to Station 50	
	50 rods, 15-inch tile, at \$2.75	\$137.50
	32.8 rods, 12-inch tile, at \$1.60	\$52.48
	82.8 rods excavation, at .80	\$66.24
		<u>\$256.22</u>
Section III.	From station 50 to station 25	
	151.5 rods 12-inch tile, at \$1.60	\$242.40
	151.5 rods excavation, .50	\$75.75
		<u>\$318.15</u>
Section IV.	From station 25 to station 0	
	151.5 rods 12-inch tile, at \$1.60	\$242.40
	151.5 rods excavation, at .60	\$90.90
		<u>\$333.30</u>
Section V.	Laterals Nos. 7 and 8.	
	Lateral No. 7, from station 1 to station 0.	
	6 rods, 4-inch tile, at .25¢	\$1.50
	6 rods excavation, at .30¢	\$1.80
	Lateral No. 8 from station 8 to station 0	
	48.5 rods 4-inch tile at .25¢	\$12.13
	48.5 rods of excavation, at .30¢	\$14.55
		<u>\$29.98</u>
Section VI.	From station 34.58 to station 17	
	137 rods 12-inch tile, at \$1.60	\$219.20
	137 rods excavation, at .45	\$61.65
		<u>\$280.85</u>
Section VII.	From station 12 to station 0.	
	72.75 rods 10-inch tile, at \$1.15	\$83.66
	72.75 rods excavation, at .30	\$21.83
		<u>\$105.49</u>

Specifications are now on file at the Auditor's office in London. Bidders desiring to view the ditch should do so prior today of sale. Said ditch is located in Jefferson Township, near the residence of Lester Bidwell, on the Middle Pike, about 4 miles north of West Jefferson. A cash deposit of \$20.00 (no checks taken) will be required as a guarantee of good faith before any bid will be entertained.

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The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.
 Bond must be given within five days from date of sale.
 By order of the Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio,
 B. A. Taylor, Auditor. J. H. Asher, Engineer.

Auditor's Office, Madison County,

In the matter of the ditch }
 Improvement petitioned for }
 by Lester Bidwell et al. } Report of Sale of Labor of Construction
 March 4th A. D. 1902.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio,
 Gentlemen: In obedience to your direction and also in
 pursuance of the notice, duly given by the Auditor, of the
 sale of the work of constructing the above styled improve-
 ment, at the time and place therein specified, I offered
 the said several working sections for sale to the lowest
 responsible bidder at public outcry, and sold the same
 to the persons hereinafter named, at the prices herein-
 stated, and took their contracts and bonds respectively
 conditioned according to law, and return the same herewith
 for your approval.

Working Sections Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 -

The furnishing of tile for the above sections was sold to
 The Van Olve Clay Manufacturing Company for the sum
 of Six hundred and seventy and $\frac{5}{100}$ Dollars. (\$670.⁵⁰)

To be delivered on or before the 1st day of September, A. D. 1902.

The furnishing of tile for Working Section No. 2, was
 sold to J. W. Van Olve, for the sum of

One hundred and twenty nine and $\frac{5}{100}$ Dollars. (\$129.⁵⁰)To be delivered on or before the 1st day of May, A. D. 1902.

The work of constructing Working Sections Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 + 7
 was sold to Leonard Morgan for the sum of

Three hundred and Thirty Dollars. (\$330.⁰⁰)To be completed on or before the 1st day of September, A. D. 1902.

The furnishing of tile for Working Section No. 7, was sold
 to J. H. Grant for the sum of

Seventy Two Dollars. (\$72.⁰⁰)To be delivered on or before the 1st day of September, A. D. 1902.

J. H. Asher, Engineer.

Contract for Drain Tile.

Auditor's Office, Madison County Ohio,

In the matter of the }
 Ditch Imp. petitioned }
 for by Lester Bidwell et al. }

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 Contract for Drain Tile.

Whereas, the above styled improve-
 ment has been duly ordered and advertised for sale ac-
 cording to law, and the furnishing of Tile for Working Sections

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nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, sold by the County Surveyor, on the 4th day of March, A. D. 1902, to The Van Blevé Clay Manufacturing Company, now, in consideration of the premises, it is agreed by me, to and with whomsoever may be interested therein, that I will furnish 472.8 rods of 12 inch tile from Station 0 to Station 55+4, Main Ditch and from station 12 to 34.58 of Lateral 9; and 6 rods of 4 inch Drain Tile from Station 0 to Station 1 of Lateral No. 7; and 48.5 rods 4 inch tile from 0 to 8 of Lateral 8; delivered on line of above styled improvement in lots as needed; the same to be delivered on or before the 1st day of September, A. D. 1902, provided this contract shall be of no force and effect until approved by the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio.

J. H. Asher, County Surveyor. The Van Blevé Clay Manufacturing Company, Contractor.

Contractor's Bond for Drain Tile.

Auditors Office, Madison County, Ohio.

March 4th A. D. 1902.

In the matter of Ditch
Imp. Petitioned for by
Lester Bidwell, et al.

Contractor's Bond.

Know all men by these presents, that The Van Blevé Clay Manufacturing Company, as principal and Clark Van Blevé, J. R. Skidmore, J. R. Marsh as sureties are firmly held and bound unto the State of Ohio, in the penal sum of Thirteen hundred and forty one Dollars, good and lawful money.

Signed and dated this 4th day of March, A. D. 1902.
The condition of the above obligation, is such however, that whereas, the above bounden principal contractor, has bid off the furnishing and delivering the drain tile for constructing working section nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, has duly entered into the annexed contract, subject to the condition, that the same shall be approved by the Commissioners of said County.

Now, if the said Van Blevé Clay Manufacturing Company shall well and truly perform all the obligations of their said contract, and complete the same within the time fixed by said contract, and pay all damage which may occur by reason of a failure to complete the same within the time agreed upon in said contract, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to be in full force and effect in law.

The Van Blevé Clay Mfg. Co.

Clark Van Blevé

J. R. Skidmore

J. R. Marsh.

H. E. Bradley

Jas. B. Anderson

Chas. B. Markley.

.25¢ Stamp

.25¢ Stamp

Commissioners
of
Madison County

This Contract and Bond and
Sureties on said Bond approv-
ed this 10th day of March, A. D. 1902.

J. H. Asher,
County Surveyor.

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Contract for Drain Tile.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

In the matter of the } March 4th A. D. 1902.
Ditch Imp. petitioned } Contract for Drain Tile.
for by Lester Bidwell et al. }

Whereas, the above styled improvement has been duly ordered and advertised for sale according to law, and the construction of working section No. 2 (Tile) of 1367 feet, sold by the duly appointed Engineer, on the 4th day of March, A. D. 1902, to J. W. Van Blevé for \$129.⁰⁰. Now, in consideration of the premises, it is agreed by me, to and with whomsoever may be interested therein, that I will furnish 50 rods of 15 inch tile from station 50 to station 63.67; delivered on line of above styled improvement in lots as needed; the same to be delivered on or before the 1st day of May, A. D. 1902, provided this contract shall be of no force and effect until approved by the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio.

J. H. Asher, Engineer.

J. W. Van Blevé, Contractor.

Contractor's Bond for Drain Tile.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

In the matter of the } March 4th A. D. 1902.
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Contractor's Bond.
for by Lester Bidwell et al. }

Know all men by these presents, That J. W. Van Blevé as principal and Clark Van Blevé and B. W. Crable as sureties, are firmly held and bound unto the State of Ohio in the penal sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Nine Dollars, good and lawful money.

Signed and dated this 4th day of March, A. D. 1902.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas, the above bounden principal contractor has bid off the furnishing and delivering the Drain Tile for constructing working section No. 2 (Tile) has duly entered into the annexed contract, subject to the condition that the same shall be approved by the Commissioners of said County.

Now, if the said J. W. Van Blevé shall well and truly perform all the obligations of his said contract, and complete the same within the time agreed upon in said contract and pay all damage which may occur by reason of a failure to complete the same within the time agreed upon in said contract, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to be in full force and effect in law.

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Clark Van Blevé.

J. W. Van Blevé.

B. W. Crable.

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This Contract and Bond and Sureties on said Bond approved this 10th day of March, A. D. 1902.

J. H. Asher,
Engineer.

H. E. Bradley
Jas. B. Anderson
Chas. B. Markley } Commissioners
of
Madison County

Contract for Labor of Construction.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

In the matter of the
Ditch Imp. Petitioned
for by Lester Bidwell et al.

March, 4th A. D. 1902.
Contract for Labor of Construction

Whereas, The above styled improve-
ment has been duly ordered, and advertised for sale ac-
cording to law, and the construction of Working Section
Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 was sold by the County Surveyor
on the 4th day of March, A. D. 1902, to the undersigned
for Three hundred and thirty dollars, pursuant to said
order and notice. Now, in consideration of the premises,
it is agreed by me, to and with whomsoever may be
interested therein, that I will do and perform all the
labor of constructing said improvement, in accordance
with the specifications for constructing the same, as
shown in the record of the proceedings thereof, the
same to be completed on or before the 1st day of Septem-
ber, A. D. 1902.

Provided however, this contract shall be of no force
and effect until approved by the Board of Commissioners
of Madison County, Ohio.

J. H. Asher, County Surveyor, Leonard Morgan, Contractor.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

In the matter of the
Ditch Imp. Petitioned
for by Lester Bidwell et al.

March 4th A. D. 1902.
Contractor's Bond.

Know all men by these presents that
Leonard Morgan as principal B. J. Frey and D. A. Fitzgerald
as sureties, are firmly held and bound unto the State
of Ohio in the penal sum of Six hundred and sixty dollars
good and lawful money.

Signed and dated this 4th day of March, A. D. 1902.
The condition of the above obligation is such, that
whereas, the above bounden principal contractor has
bid off the labor of constructing working section nos.
2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, has duly entered into the annexed con-
tract, subject to the condition that the same shall be
approved by the Commissioners of said Madison County,
and has agreed to fully do and perform all labor of con-
structing said improvement, in accordance with the plans

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and specifications for said improvement, as shown on the record of said proceedings, on or before the 1st day of September, A. D. 1901.

Now, if the said Leonard Morgan shall well and truly perform all the obligations of his said contract, and complete the same within the time fixed by said contract, and pay all damage which may occur by reason of a failure to complete the same within the time agreed upon in said contract, and pay for all labor and material and for all debts incurred in the performance of this contract, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to be in full force and effect in law.

This Contract and Bond and
 Sureties on said Bond approved
 this 10th day of March A. D. 1902.

Leonard Morgan.
 G. J. Frey.
 D. A. Fitzgerald.

H. E. Bradley }
 Jas. B. Anderson, } Commissioners
 Chas. S. Mackley. } of
 Madison County.

J. H. Asher,
 County Surveyor.

Contract for Drain Tile.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,
 March 4th A. D. 1902.
 In the matter of the }
 Ditch Imp. Petitioned }
 for by Lester Bidwell et al. } Contract for Drain Tile.

Whereas, the above styled improvement has been duly ordered and advertised for sale according to law, and the construction of Working Section No. 7 (Tile) sold by the County Surveyor on the 4th day of March, A. D. 1902, to J. N. Grant. Now, in consideration of the premises, it is agreed by me, to and with whomsoever may be interested therein, that I will furnish 72.75 rods of 10 inch Drain Tile for Seventy Five Dollars, delivered on the line of the above styled improvement in lots as needed; the same to be delivered on or before the 1st day of September A. D. 1902; provided this contract shall be of no force and effect until approved by the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio.

J. H. Asher, County Surveyor. J. N. Grant, Contractor.

Contractor's Bond for Drain Tile.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,
 March 4th A. D. 1902.
 In the matter of the }
 Ditch Imp. Petitioned }
 for by Lester Bidwell et al. } Contractor's Bond.

Know all men by these presents, That J. N. Grant as principal and E. A. Blaugher and Wm. Stone as sureties, are firmly held and bound unto the State of Ohio, in the penal sum of One hundred and Forty Four

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Dollars, good and lawful money.

Signed and dated this 4th day of March, A. D. 1902.

The condition of the above obligation is such, however, that whereas, the above bounden principal contractor, has bid off the furnishing and delivering the drain tile for constructing working section no. 7, has duly entered into the annexed contract, subject to the condition that the same shall be approved by the Commissioners of said County.

Now, if the said J. V. Grant, shall well and truly perform all the obligations of his said contract and complete the same within the time fixed by said contract, and pay all damage which may occur by reason of a failure to complete the same within the time agreed upon in said contract, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to be in full force and effect in law.

J. V. Grant.

E. A. Blaugher,

Wm. Stone.

This Contract and Bond and Sureties on said Bond approved

this 10th of March, A. D. 1902.

J. H. Asher,
Engineer.

H. E. Bradley,
President of Board of Commissioners.

Approval of Contracts and Bonds.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

In the matter of the Ditch Imp. Petitioned for by Lester Bidwell et al.

March 4th and 10th A. D. 1902.

Approval of Contracts and Bonds.

J. H. Asher, the County Surveyor, having made his report of the sale of work of constructing said improvement, and having within the time required by law, filed the contracts entered into with J. V. Grant, Leonard Morgan, J. W. Van Blevie and The Van Blevie Manufacturing Company, for doing said work, and the bonds of said contractors, which contracts and bonds have all been examined and approved by this board and they are ordered to be filed according to law.

The Auditor is hereby ordered to notify each of said contractors of the approval of his contract and bond and that he is required to comply therewith.

B. A. Taylor, County Auditor, H. E. Bradley, President of Board of Commissioners

Commissioner's Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, March. 4th 1902.

Board of County Commissioners met today in regular session.

Present: H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. H. Markley.

In the matter of the Lester Bidwell Ditch Improvement.

Entry approving Contracts and Bonds.

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J. H. Asher, the County Surveyor, having made his report of the sale of the work of constructing said improvement, and having within the time required by law, filed the contracts entered into with J. W. Grant for furnishing tile for a portion of said improvement, and the bond of said contractor, which contract and bond have been examined and approved by this board, and they are ordered to be filed according to law.

The Auditor is hereby directed to notify said contractor of the approval of his contract and bond and that he is required to comply therewith.

The roll being called for the approval of the above entry, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley voted "aye".

H. E. Bradley }
Jas. B. Anderson } Commissioners
Chas. B. Markley }
B. A. Taylor, Auditor and Clerk. }
of
Madison County.

Commissioner's Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, March 10th 1902.

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Commissioners met today in regular session.
Present: H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley.

In the matter of the }
Lester Bidwell County } Entry approving contracts and bonds.
Ditch Improvement. }

J. H. Asher, the County Surveyor having made his report of the sale of the work of constructing said improvement, and having within the time required by law filed the contracts entered into with the Van Blevé Clay Manufacturing Company, J. W. Van Blevé, and Leonard Morgan for doing said work, and the bonds of said contractors, which contracts and bonds have all been examined and approved by this board and they are ordered to be filed according to law.

The Auditor is hereby directed to notify said contractors of the approval of said contracts and bonds and that they are required to comply therewith.

The roll being called for the approval of the above orders, all members voted "aye".

H. E. Bradley }
Jas. B. Anderson } Commissioners
Chas. B. Markley }
B. A. Taylor, Auditor and Clerk. }
of
Madison County.

Notice of Approval of Contract and Bond for Constructing Ditch
Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio, March, 11th 1902.

To Leonard Morgan, Contractor:
You are hereby notified that the Contract and Bond made and taken between you and the Engineer for constructing Working Sections, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Ditch Improve.

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ment petitioned for by Lester Bidwell et al, now on file with the Auditor of said County, have been duly approved by the Commissioners. B.A. Taylor, County Auditor, per B.

Notice of Approval of Contract and Bond for Constructing Ditch.
Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio, March 5th 1902.

To J. W. Grant, Contractor:

You are hereby notified that the contract and bond, made and taken between you and the Engineer for furnishing tile for working section No. 7, of the Ditch Improvement, petitioned for by Lester Bidwell, now on file with the Auditor of said County, have been duly approved by the Commissioners.

B.A. Taylor, County Auditor, per B.

Notice of Approval of Contract and Bond for Constructing Ditch.
Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio, March 11th 1902.

To Van Blevé Clay Manufacturing Company, Contractors:

You are hereby notified that the Contract and Bond made and taken between you and the Engineer, for furnishing tile for furnishing tile for working sections Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Ditch Improvement petitioned for by Lester Bidwell et al, now on file with the Auditor of said County, have been duly approved by the Commissioners.

B.A. Taylor, County Auditor, per B.

Notice of Approval of Contract and Bond for Constructing Ditch.
Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio, March 11th 1902.

To J. W. Van Blevé, Contractor:

You are hereby notified that the Contract and Bond made and taken between you and the Engineer for furnishing tile for working sections No. 2 of the Ditch Improvement petitioned for by Lester Bidwell et al, now on file with the Auditor of said County, has been duly approved by the Commissioners. B.A. Taylor, County Auditor, per B.

Order of Issue and Sale of Bonds.

Regular Session. May, 12th 1902.

This day the Commissioners considered the matter of issuing and selling county bonds to meet the expense of the Lester Bidwell Ditch Improvement. It was moved by Charles H. Markley and seconded by Jas. B. Anderson that for the purpose of raising money necessary to pay for said improvement, that in pursuance of Sections 4479, 4481, + 4482 Revised Statutes of Ohio and the laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto that Bonds of the County be issued for The Lester Bidwell Ditch Improvement as follows:

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- One Bond for \$235, due January 1st 1903.
- One Bond for \$235, due July 1st 1903.
- One Bond for \$235, due January 1st 1904.
- One Bond for \$235, due July 1st 1904.
- One Bond for \$235, due January 1st 1905.
- One Bond for \$235, due July 1st 1905.

Total amount of said Bonds fourteen hundred and ten dollars.

Said Bonds to bear date of July 1st 1902, and bear interest at the rate of four (4) per cent per annum, represented by Coupons payable as follows: First installment due January 1st 1903, and payable semi-annually thereafter and due January 1st and July 1st of each year. Said bonds are issued in pursuance of the authority granted by sections 4479, 4481 and 4482 Revised Statutes of Ohio, and the laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. Bids to be received for the entire issue or any part thereof and no bond will be sold for less than their face value. Bidders to be required to state the gross amount they will pay for said bonds or any portion or part thereof. Bonds and interest payable at the County Treasurer's Office in London, Ohio, and said bonds will be delivered to the successful bidder or bidders upon payment of purchase price together with accrued interest. Each bidder will be required to deposit cash to an amount at least equaling five (5) per cent of the bid to bind the purchase; the deposited amount of any unsuccessful bidder will be returned to the owner. Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids. The County Auditor is directed to cause legal notice of such proposed bond sale to be published in "The London Times", a newspaper of general circulation in Madison County, Ohio.

B. A. Taylor.

Auditor & Clerk.

H. C. Bradley }
 Jas. B. Anderson }
 Chas. H. Matley }
 Commissioners of Madison County

Proof of Publication of Bond Sale.

The State of Ohio, Madison County ss:
 W. D. Bacone, being duly sworn, says he is the Manager of "The London Times" a weekly newspaper printed and of general circulation in said County, and that a notice of which the annexed is a copy, was published in said newspaper, for at least 5 consecutive weeks prior to the 21st day of June, 1902.

W. D. Bacone.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of June 1902. B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

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Notice of Bond Sale.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio, will receive sealed bids, filed with the Auditor of said County, up to twelve o'clock noon (standard time) on Saturday June 21st 1902, for the purchase by the highest bidder of certain bonds. Said bonds are for the purpose of raising money for the purposes hereinafter mentioned and are specifically described as follows: The L. Bidwell Ditch Improvement: Six Bonds of \$235 each, due January 1st and July 1st of each year. Said Bonds will bear date of July 1st 1902, and will bear interest at the rate of four (4) per cent, represented by coupons payable as follows: First installment due January 1st 1903 and payable semi annually thereafter and due January 1st and July 1st of each year. Said Bonds are issued in pursuance of the authority granted by Sections 4479, 4481 & 4482 of the Revised Statutes of Ohio and the laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. Bids will be received for the entire issue or any part thereof and no bonds will be sold for less than their face value. Bidders will be required to state the gross amount they will pay for said bonds or any portion or part thereof. Bonds and interest payable at the County Treasurer's Office, in London, Ohio, and said bonds will be delivered to the successful bidder or bidders at said Treasurer's Office, upon the payment of purchase price together with any accrued interest. Each bidder will be required to deposit cash to an amount at least equaling five (5) per cent of the amount of the Bonds bid for to bind the purchase. The deposited amount of the unsuccessful bidder will be returned to the owner. Commissioner reserve the right to reject any or all bids. By order of County Commissioners,
G.A. Taylor, Auditor Madison County, Ohio.

Sale of County Bonds.

Special Session. June 21st 1902.
This being the day fixed by the Board for the sale of the Lester Bidwell Ditch Improvement Bonds, which bonds are specifically described in the order for the sale of the same, dated May, 17th 1902, and described on page 505 this volume of the proceedings of the Commissioners. And the board being satisfied that said sale of Bonds had been duly and legally advertised, proceeded to conduct the same in accordance with the afore said order. Bids were received and recorded as follows:

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The Madison National Bank, London, Ohio.
 The Central Bank, London, Ohio.
 After due consideration of all the bids, it was
 moved by Chas. H. Markley and seconded by Jas. B.
 Anderson, that the bid of the Madison National
 Bank, London, Ohio, be accepted, and that the
 County Auditor be directed to prepare the bonds so called

B. A. Taylor, Auditor & Clerk. }
 H. E. Bradley, }
 Jas. B. Anderson, } Commissioners
 Chas. H. Markley, } of Madison County

Assessments.

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Regular Session. September 8th 1901.
 The Lester Bidwell Ditch Improvement having
 been provided for according to law, and the Board
 of County Commissioners having determined to
 raise money necessary to pay for the expense
 of the Lester Bidwell Ditch Improvement, it is
 hereby ordered that assessments shall be made
 upon the lots and lands benefited, payable as
 follows, to wit:
 The Lester Bidwell Ditch Improvement payable in three
 annual installments. And that assessments
 for the year 1901, sufficient to pay the cost of
 location, the bonds and interest due, and the
 first and all claims for compensation and dam-
 ages allowed, be made in proportion to the
 estimate made on the said improvement.
 It is further ordered that the County Auditor
 be directed to make and furnish to the Treasurer
 of the County, a special duplicate for the year
 1901, charging each of the lots and lands assessed,
 for the Lester Bidwell Ditch Improvement 33 1/3
 per cent of the gross assessment.
 And that assessments shall be made annually
 hereafter sufficient to pay the bonds and in-
 terest due each year until paid.
 The roll being called for the approval of the
 foregoing entry relating to the assessments
 on the Lester Bidwell Ditch Improvement, H. E.
 Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. H. Markley
 voted "aye."

H. E. Bradley }
 Jas. B. Anderson } Commissioners
 Chas. H. Markley } of Madison County

B. A. Taylor, Auditor & Clerk.

Recorded, September 22nd 1901.
 B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.