

## Madison County Ditch Improvement Record.

The J. J. Bill Ditch Improvement

Record of proceedings in the matter of the Ditch Improvement petitioned for by Jacob J. Bill et al, and located in Fairfield Township, Madison County, Ohio.  
Ditch Petition.

Filed Jan'y. 6<sup>th</sup> 1903.

B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

London, Ohio, Dec. 31, 1902. Petition for location, construction and tiling of a ditch.

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

Ditch  
Petition

The undersigned owners of lots and 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 location, construction and tiling of a ditch on the route hereinafter set forth.

The necessity for and the benefits of the improvements so prayed 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 a point near the north west corner of the lands of J. J. Bill in Fairfield Township; running thence in a southerly and south easterly direction a distance of about thirty three rods to the lands of Anna Young; thence through the lands of said Young a distance of about nine rods to the lands of Susan Chenoweth; thence through the lands of the said Chenoweth a distance of about forty six rods to the lands of Lyons; thence through the lands of said Lyons a distance of about fifty six rods to an open ditch on said Lyons lands and there terminating; being in all a distance of about one hundred and forty four rods.

Your petitioners also pray for the location construction and tiling of all necessary laterals; also for the location and construction of an open ditch beginning at the terminus of said proposed tile ditch on the lands of Lyons and continuing far enough to give good and sufficient outlet for the tile.

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:

Anna Young,	W. H. Fitzgerald,
Mary E. Lyons,	Flora Bass,
Susan Chenoweth,	Mary Goodson,
Oliver Chenoweth,	Massey Bartmell, (Wm. Steff, Agent.)



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The above bond and sureties,  
thereon, are approved by me  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Jan'y. A. D. 1903.

Jacob J. Hill  
Henry Hill  
J. W. Van Cleve.

B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Notice to  
Commissioners

Notice to Commissioners of Petition filed and time for hearing.  
Office of Auditor of Madison County, Ohio, Jan'y. 6<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1903.  
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 6<sup>th</sup> day of Jan'y. 1903, a copy of which  
petition is attached below; and as required by law  
I have fixed the 27<sup>th</sup> day of Jan'y. 1903, at 10 o'clock, A. M.  
at the beginning of said proposed ditch as described  
in said petition for your hearing of said matter.

B. A. Taylor, Auditor.

Copy of Ditch Petition.

London, Ohio, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 1902, Petition for location, construction  
and tiling of a ditch.

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

The undersigned owners of lots and 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 location, construction and tiling 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 a pond near the north west corner  
of the lands of J. J. Hill in Fairfield Township; running  
thence in a southerly and south easterly direction  
a distance of about thirty three rods to the lands of  
Anna Young; thence through the lands of said  
Young a distance of about nine rods to the lands  
of Susan Wheroweth; thence through the lands of  
the said Susan Wheroweth, a distance of about  
forty six rods to the lands of Mary C. Lyons;  
thence through the lands of said Lyons a distance  
of about fifty six rods to an open ditch on said  
Lyons lands and there terminating; being a distance  
in all of about one hundred and forty four rods;

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The petitioners also pray for the location, construction and tiling of all necessary laterals; also for the location and construction of an open ditch, beginning at the terminus of said proposed tile ditch on the lands of Mary E. Lyons and continuing far enough to give a good and sufficient outlet for the tile.

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:

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|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mary E. Lyons,    | Alfred Pringle, Agent. | Mary Oglesbee,          |
| Susan Chenoweth,  | W. H. Fitzgerald,      | Clark Van Buren, Tenant |
| Elmer Chenoweth,  | Flora Bass,            | on Chenoweth farm.      |
| Anna Young,       | Mary Goodson,          |                         |
| J. J. Hill,       | John Border, Tenant    | Barthmill Land.         |
| Wesley Edwards,   | Perry Boss, Tenant     | on Lyons land.          |
| Marcia Barthmill, | William Neff, Agent.   |                         |
|                   | Jacob J. Hill          | Petitioners,            |
|                   | Anna S. Young,         |                         |

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Ditch Petition filed in my office on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, A. D. 1903.

B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Commissioner's Office, Madison County,  
London, Ohio, January, 6<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Commissioners met today in special session,  
Present: Jas. B. Anderson, Chas. S. Markley<sup>2d</sup> & M. E. Bradley.  
In the matter of the }  
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Notice of filing of petition.  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al. }

The County Auditor having delivered to this Board a certified copy of a petitioned filed with him on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1903, signed by Jacob J. Hill et al, praying for the location, construction and tiling of a county ditch between the termini and along the route stated below, to wit:  
Commencing at a point near the north west corner of the lands of J. J. Hill in Fairfield Township; running thence in a southerly and south easterly direction a distance of about thirty three rods to the lands of Anna Young; thence through the lands of said Young about nine rods to the lands of Susan Chenoweth; thence through the lands of the said Susan Chenoweth a distance of about forty-six rods to the lands of Mary Lyons; thence through the lands of said Lyons a distance of about (56)

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fifty six rods to an open ditch on said Lyons lands and there terminating, being a distance in all of about one hundred and forty four rods.

The petitioners also pray for the location, construction and tiling of all necessary laterals; also for the location and construction of an open ditch beginning at the terminus of said proposed tile ditch on the lands of Mary Lyons and continuing far enough to give a good and sufficient outlet for said tile.

And it appearing that said petitioners have given bond as required by law, which has been approved by the Auditor, and said Auditor having fixed the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1903, as the day 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 improvement, and others competent to testify and to determine as to the necessity of said improvement.

On the question of the adoption of the foregoing entry and orders relating to said petition and ditch, Jas. B. Anderson, Chas. B. Markley and A. E. Bradley voted Aye. Board adjourned.

O. A. Taylor,  
Auditor and Clerk.

Chas. B. Markley,  
A. E. Bradley

Commissioners  
of  
Madison County

Auditor's Office, Madison County,

Notice to Lot  
or Land Owners

In the matter of the  
Ditch Imp. Petitioned  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al.

London, Ohio, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1903.  
Notice to Lot or Land Owners.

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of Jan. 1903, Jacob J. Hill et al filed a petition with the Auditor of Madison County, the prayer of which is for the location, construction and tiling of a ditch on the following starting point, route and terminus, to wit:  
Commencing at a pond near the north west corner of the lands of J. J. Hill in Fairfield Township; running thence in a southerly and south easterly direction a distance of about thirty three rods to the lands of Anna Young; thence through the lands of said Young a distance of about nine rods to the lands of Susan Chenoweth; thence through the lands of the said Susan Chenoweth a distance of about forty six rods to the lands of

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Mary C. Lyons; thence through the lands of said Lyons a distance of fifty six rods to an open ditch on said Lyons land and there terminating; being in all a distance of about one hundred and forty four rods.

The petitioners also pray for the location, construction and tiling of all necessary laterals; also for the location and construction of an open ditch beginning at the terminus of said proposed tile ditch on the lands of Mary C. Lyons and continuing far enough to give a good and sufficient outlet for the tile.

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: Tuesday, Jan'y, 17<sup>th</sup> 1903, 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 or 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 Madison County, Ohio.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,

In the matter of the } January 6<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1903.  
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Copy of Notice to Lot or Land Owners  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al.

To the Lot and 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1903, Jacob J. Hill et al filed a petition with the Auditor of Madison County, the prayer of which is for the location, construction and tiling of a ditch on the following starting point, route and termini, to wit:

Commencing at a point near the north west corner of the lands of J. J. Hill in Fairfield Township;

Copy of Notice  
to Lot or Land  
Owners

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running thence in a southerly and south-easterly direction a distance of about thirty three rods to the lands of Anna Young; thence through the lands of said Young a distance of about nine rods to the lands of Susan Chenoweth; thence through the lands of the said Susan Chenoweth a distance of about forty six rods to the lands of Mary Lyons; thence through the lands of said Lyons about fifty six rods to an open ditch on said Lyons lands and there terminating; being a distance in all of about one hundred and forty four rods.

The petitioners also pray for the location, construction and tiling of all necessary laterals; also for the location and construction of an open ditch beginning at the terminus of said proposed tile ditch on the lands of Mary Lyons and continuing far enough to give a good and sufficient outlet for the tile.

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: Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 1903, 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 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 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. D. A. Taylor, Auditor Madison County, Ohio.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio

January 14<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1903.

Proof of Personal Service.

In the matter of the  
Ditch Imp. Petitioned  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al.

The State of Ohio, Madison County, ss:

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, A. D. 1903, personally came E. E. Young, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that on the days hereinafter named, he served the annexed notice on the persons herein after named, by delivering to each person a true copy of the annexed notice or leaving the same at their usual place of residence.

Proof of  
Personal  
Service

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Name of Person Served.	When Served.	How Served.
Alfred Pringle, Agent for Mary C. Lyons,	January 9 <sup>th</sup> 1903.	Personally
Elmer Chenoweth,	January 9 <sup>th</sup> 1903	Personally
Elmer Chenoweth, Agent for Susan Chenoweth,	January 9 <sup>th</sup> 1903	Personally
Anna Young,	January 8 <sup>th</sup> 1903	Personally
J. J. Hill,	January 8 <sup>th</sup> 1903	Personally
Wesley Edwards,	January 8 <sup>th</sup> 1903	Personally
Wm. Neff, Agent for Marcia Bostwell,	January 9 <sup>th</sup> 1903	Personally
W. S. Fitzgerald,	January 9 <sup>th</sup> 1903	Personally
Gloria Bass,	January 9 <sup>th</sup> 1903	Personally
Mary Woodson,	January 8 <sup>th</sup> 1903	Personally
Andrew Edwards, Tenant,	January 8 <sup>th</sup> 1903	Personally
John Border, Tenant,	January 9 <sup>th</sup> 1903	Personally
Perry Bass, Tenant,	January 9 <sup>th</sup> 1903	Personally
Clark Van Blevie,	January 8 <sup>th</sup> 1903	Personally
Murray Oglesby,	January 8 <sup>th</sup> 1903	Personally

And further this deponent saith not.  
E. C. Young.

Sworn to by E. C. Young before me and by him subscribed in my presence this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, A. D. 1903.

B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Filed January 14<sup>th</sup> 1903. B. A. Taylor, Auditor.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,

Notice by Publication

In the matter of the Ditch Imp. Petitioned for by Jacob J. Hill et al. } January 6<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1903.  
Notice to Non-Resident Lot or Land Owners.

Is 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1903, Jacob J. Hill et al, filed a petition with the Auditor of Madison County, the prayer of which is for the location, construction and tiling of a ditch on the following starting point, route and terminus, to wit:

Commencing at a point near the north west corner of the lands of J. J. Hill in Fairfield Township; running thence in a southerly and south easterly direction a distance of about thirty three rods to the lands of Anna Young; thence through the lands of said Young a distance of about thirty three rods to the lands of Susan Chenoweth; thence through the lands of the said Susan Chenoweth a distance of about forty six rods to the lands of Mary C. Lyons; thence through the lands of said Lyons a distance of about fifty six rods to an open ditch on said Lyons

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lands and there terminating, being a distance in all of about one hundred and forty four rods: The petitioners also pray for the location, construction and tiling of all necessary laterals; also for the location and construction of an open ditch, beginning at the terminus of said proposed tile ditch on the lands of Mary E. Lyons and continuing far enough to give a good and sufficient outlet for the tile.

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: Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 1903, 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 or 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 Madison County.

Auditor's Office, Madison County,  
London, Ohio, Jan'y, 27<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Proof of  
Publication

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

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, A. D. 1903, personally came before me the undersigned authority, M. H. Wallace, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that the annexed notice was published in the "London Enterprise" a newspaper printed in and of general circulation in Madison County, Ohio, for two consecutive weeks, the first publication being on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1903, and that he has personal knowledge of such publication being made as herein alleged.

M. H. Wallace.

Sworn to by M. H. Wallace before me and by him subscribed in my presence this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1903.  
B. A. Taylor, Auditor Madison County, Ohio.

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Finding on  
Petition

The Commissioners Finding on the Petition  
In the matter of the } Auditor's Office, Madison County  
Ditch Improvement Petitioned } Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> A. D. 1903.  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al.

This day the Commissioners of Madison County being in regular session, members present, Jas. B. Anderson, Chas. S. Markley and W. E. Bradley; and a copy of a petition for the location, construction and tiling 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1903, the day fixed by the Auditor for hearing, 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 we went over and along the line of said improvement, and by actual view of the said ditch and the premises along and adjacent thereto and to be drained or benefited thereby, 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 a point near the north west corner of the lands of J. J. Hill in Fairfield Township; running thence in a southerly direction and south easterly direction a distance of about thirty rods to the lands of Anna Young; thence through the lands of the said Young a distance of about nine rods to the lands of Susan Chenoweth; thence through the lands of the said Susan Chenoweth a distance of about forty six rods to the lands of Mary Lyons; thence through the lands of said Lyons a distance of about fifty six rods to an open ditch on said Lyons lands; we order that the tile be extended from said point (named in the petition as the terminus of said tile) through the lands of Mary C. Lyons and the lands of William Cox to a point about

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200 feet north of the south line of said William Cox land; thence continuing as an open ditch to a point on the lands of Samuel Lawrence about 400 feet south of said Samuel Lawrence north line;

It is therefore ordered that said improvement be granted and the same be known as "The Jacob J. Hill Ditch Improvement";

The following laterals were located by us, viz:

Location of  
Laterals

Lateral No. 1 - Beginning on the lands of Wesley Edwards; running thence in a south westerly direction through the lands of Anna Young; thence onto the lands of J. J. Hill and entering main ditch on the lands of said Hill at a point near the beginning of said main ditch.

Lateral No. 2 - Beginning on the lands of Mary E. Lyons; running thence in a south easterly direction onto the lands of Anna Young entering main ditch near the line between the lands of J. J. Hill and Susan Chenoweth;

Lateral No. 3 - Beginning on the lands of Susan Chenoweth; running thence in a westerly direction and entering main ditch on said Chenoweths lands.

Lateral No. 4 - Beginning on the lands of Mary E. Lyons; running thence in a south easterly direction and entering main ditch on said lands at a point about 500 hundred feet from line between Susan Chenoweth and said Lyons lands.

Lateral No. 5 - Beginning on the lands of Mary E. Lyons; thence running in a south easterly direction and entering main ditch on said lands at a point about 700 feet north of Lyons south line.

Lateral No. 6 - Beginning on the lands of Mary E. Lyons; running thence in a south easterly direction and entering main ditch on said lands about 250 feet north of Lyons south line.

Lateral No. 7 - Beginning on the lands of Susan Chenoweth; thence in a south westerly direction onto the lands of Mary E. Lyons and entering main ditch on said Lyons lands at a point about 100 feet north of said Lyons south line.

Lateral No. 8 - Beginning on the lands of William Cox; running thence in a south westerly direction and entering main ditch on said lands at a point about 400 feet south of said Cox north line.

We also find that due and legal notice has been given to each person or corporation benefited or

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Order to  
County Surveyor

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 as described in the petition, 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 the lots of lands or public or corporate roads or 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1903, 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 Surveyor.

D. A. Taylor, County Auditor. Jas. B. Anderson, President Board of Commissioners.

Finding on the Petition - Copy for Surveyor.  
Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

Finding on Petition  
Copy for Surveyor

In the matter of the } February 2<sup>nd</sup> A. D. 1903.  
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Copy for Surveyor.  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al.

This day the Commissioners of Madison County being in regular session, members present, Jas. B. Anderson, Chas. B. Martley and H. E. Bradley, and a copy of a petition for the location, construction and tiling 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1903, the day fixed by the Auditor for hearings, did meet at the

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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 we went over and along the line of said improvement, and by actual view of the said ditch and the premises along and adjacent thereto, and to be drained or benefited thereby, 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 a point near the north west corner of J. J. Hill in Fairfield Township, running thence in a southerly direction and south easterly direction a distance of about thirty rods, to the lands of Anna Young; thence the lands of said Young a distance of about nine rods to the lands of Susan Chenoweth; thence through the lands of said Susan Chenoweth a distance of about 46 rods to the lands of Mary Lyons, thence through the lands of said Lyons a distance of about fifty six rods to an open ditch on said Lyons lands; we order that the tile be extended from said point named in the petition as the terminus of said tile through the lands of Mary E. Lyons and the lands of William Cox to a point about 200 feet north of the south line of said William Cox; thence continuing as an open ditch to a point on the lands of Samuel Lawrence about 400 feet south of Samuel Lawrence north line.

It is therefore ordered that said improvement be granted and the same be known as "The Jacob J. Hill Ditch Improvement".

The following laterals were located by us, viz:

Lateral No. 1 - Beginning on the lands of Wesley Edwards; running thence in a south westerly direction through the lands of Anna Young; thence through the lands of J. J. Hill and entering main ditch on the lands of said Hill at a point near the beginning of main ditch.

Lateral No. 2 - Beginning on the lands of Mary E. Lyons running thence in a south easterly direction on to the lands of Anna Young; entering main ditch near the line between the lands of

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Lateral No. 3- Beginning on the lands of Susan Chenoweth; running thence in a westerly direction and entering main ditch on said Chenoweth's lands.

Lateral No. 4- Beginning on the lands of Mary E. Lyons; running thence in a south easterly direction and entering main ditch on said lands at a point about 500 feet from line between Susan Chenoweth's and Lyons' lands.

Lateral No. 5- Beginning on the lands of Mary E. Lyons; thence running in a south easterly direction and entering main ditch on said lands at a point about 700 feet north of Lyons' south line.

Lateral No. 6- Beginning on the lands of Mary E. Lyons; running thence in a south easterly direction and entering main ditch on said lands about 250 feet north of Lyons' south line.

Lateral No. 7- Beginning on the lands of Susan Chenoweth; thence in a south westerly direction onto the lands of Mary E. Lyons and entering main ditch on said Lyons' lands at a point about one hundred feet north of said Lyons' south line.

Lateral No. 8- Beginning on the lands of William Cox; running thence in a south westerly direction and entering main ditch on said lands at a point about 400 feet south of said Lyons' north line.

We also find that due and legal notice has been given to each person or 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 an order directing the County Surveyor to go upon the line described in the petition 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 or lands, or public or corporate roads or 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.

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It is further ordered that the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1903, 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 Surveyor.

B. A. Taylor, Auditor. Jas. B. Anderson, President Board of Commissioners.

I certify the foregoing to be correctly copied from the record of the proceeding of the board.

B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Commissioners' Office, Madison County, London, Ohio, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1903.

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Petition Granted

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

In the matter of the Ditch Imp. Petitioned for by Jacob J. Hill et al. } Commissioners view ditch and grant petition.

This day the Commissioners of Madison County being in regular session, members present Jas. B. Anderson, Chas. S. Markley and H. E. Bradley; and a copy of a petition for the location, construction and tiling 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 cost if the prayer of the petition be not granted or be dismissed for any cause, we, therefore on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1903, 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 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, determined the necessity thereof. And we further 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 a point near the north west

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corner of the lands of Jacob Hill in Fairfield Township; running thence in a southerly and south easterly direction a distance of about thirty three rods to the lands of Anna Young; thence through the lands of said Young a distance of about nine rods to the lands of Susan Chenoweth; thence through the lands of the said Susan Chenoweth a distance of about forty six rods to the lands of Mary Lyons; thence through the lands of said Lyons a distance of about fifty six rods to an open ditch on said Lyons lands; we order that the tile be extended from the said point (named in the petition as the terminus of said tile) through the lands of Mary Lyons and the lands of William Cox to a point about 200 feet north of the south line of said William Cox land; thence continuing as an open ditch to a point on the lands of Samuel Lawrence about 400 feet south of said Samuel Lawrence north line.

It is therefore ordered that said improvement be granted and the same be known as "The Jacob J. Hill Ditch Improvement".

Said board find that due and legal notice has been given for the length of time required by law to all persons or corporations benefited or affected by said proposed improvement, notifying them of the substance, expediency and prayer of the petition for said improvement;

The following laterals were located by us, viz:

Location of  
Laterals

Lateral No. 1 - Beginning on the lands of Wesley Edwards; running thence in a south westerly direction through the lands of Anna Young; thence on to the lands of J. J. Hill and entering main ditch on the lands of said Hill at a point near the beginning of said main ditch.

Lateral No. 2 - Beginning on the lands of Mary E. Lyons; running thence in a south easterly direction onto the lands of Anna Young, entering main ditch near the line between the lands of J. J. Hill and Susan Chenoweth.

Lateral No. 3 - Beginning on the lands of Susan Chenoweth; running thence in a westerly direction and entering main ditch on said Chenoweth lands.

Lateral No. 4 - Beginning on the lands of Mary E. Lyons; running thence in a south easterly direction and entering main ditch on said lands at a point about 500 feet from line between Susan Chenoweth and said Lyons lands.

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Lateral No. 5- Beginning on the lands of Mary E. Lyons; thence running in a south easterly direction and entering main ditch on said lands at a point about 700 feet north of Lyons south line.

Lateral No. 6- Beginning on the lands of Mary E. Lyons; running thence in a south easterly direction and entering main ditch on said Lyons lands about 250 feet north of Lyons south line.

Lateral No. 7- Beginning on the lands of Susan Chenoweth; thence in a south westerly direction onto the lands of Mary E. Lyons and entering main ditch on said Lyons lands at a point about 100 feet north of said Lyons south line.

Lateral No. 8- Beginning on the lands of William Cox; running thence in a south westerly direction and entering main ditch on said lands at a point about 400 feet south of said Cox north line.

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 as described above and survey and level the same, and set a stake at every hundred feet numbering down stream, and to exhort in said order direction to the said Surveyor, to make and return a schedule of all lots or lands, and public or corporate roads, or 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 from the making of said improvement, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1903, at 10 o'clock, A. M. at the County Commissioners Office, in London, Ohio, 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 Surveyor.

The vote being taken for the approval of the above entry, all members voted "aye". Board adjourned to meet Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 1903.

B. A. Taylor,  
Auditor and Clerk.

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

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Adjourned Hearing  
on Engineer's Report

Commissioner's Office, Madison County,  
London, Ohio, February, 18<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Commissioners met today in special session.  
Present: Jas. B. Anderson, Chas. S. Markley<sup>2d</sup> and H. E. Bradley.

In the matter of the }  
Ditch Impf. Petitioned } Adjourned Hearing on  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al. } Engineer's Report.

This being the day fixed by the Board for the hearing of the Engineer's Report in the above styled matter, and said Engineer not being ready to make said report, it was moved by H. E. Bradley and seconded by Chas. S. Markley, that the hearing on said report be adjourned to Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 1903, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The above motion carried - All members voting "aye"  
Board adjourned.  
B. A. Taylor, Auditor and Clerk. }  
Jas. B. Anderson, }  
Chas. S. Markley, }  
H. E. Bradley, }  
Commissioners of Madison County

Applications  
to pay assess-  
ments in cash

London, Ohio, March 7<sup>th</sup> 1903.

In the matter of the }  
Ditch Impf. Petitioned } Applications to pay  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al. } Assessments in Cash.

In the matter of the Ditch Improvement Petitioned for by Jacob J. Hill et al.

Wesley Edwards, }  
E. J. Chenoweth, }  
J. J. Hill,  
E. C. Young,

Report of  
Engineer

Report and Schedules of Engineer,  
Filed March 6<sup>th</sup> 1903. B. A. Taylor, County Auditor,  
Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,  
March 7<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1903.

In the matter of the }  
Ditch Impf. Petitioned } Report and Schedules of Engineer,  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al. }

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

The undersigned Engineer, in obedience to the direction of your honorable body, made on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1903, 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 every hundred feet running 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 the same, with profile and plat, and an estimate of the number of cubic

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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 herewith, a schedule of all the lots and lands, and public and corporate roads and rail roads, together with the owners of such railroad 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 cost 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 survey, level reports and schedules are herewith attached and made a part thereof.

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

J. H. Asher,	Engineer,	8 days,	at \$4.00 per day =	\$32.00
J. J. Dill,	Rodman,	2 days,	at \$1.25 per day =	\$ 2.50
Elzie Young,	Chairman,	1 day,	at \$1.25 per day =	\$ 1.25
Young,	Chairman,	1 day,	at \$1.25 per day =	\$ 1.25
Jesse Paine,	Assman,	1 day,	at \$1.25 per day =	\$ 1.25
Other expenses:				
J. W. Van Cleve,	Stakes,			\$ 1.50
Total.				\$39.75

The foregoing cost bill is allowed by us this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1903.

Jas. B. Anderson, } Commissioners  
 Chas. H. Markley, } of  
 H. E. Bradley, } Madison County  
 J. H. Asher, }  
 Engineer.

Filed March 6<sup>th</sup> 1903,

B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

For plat see plat record page.

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Report of Engineer	Report of Engineer						Schedule "A"	
	State and number by name of town street	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Total fall from station 0.	Corr. Ditch	Dist.	Course and Distance	Remarks.
	0	100.00	95.95		4.05	4.05	0 to 3 S. 20 W. = 300'	
	1	98.70	95.70	.25	3.00	3.00		
	2	100.85	95.45	.50	5.40	5.40		
	B.M.	102.47						
	3	100.17	95.20	.75	4.97	4.97	3 to 10 + 90	Sun - Elm R. J. J. Hill Anna Young } 370' line
	4	99.89	94.95	1.00	4.94	4.94	S. 17 1/2 W. = 790'	
	5	99.54	94.70	1.25	4.84	4.84		
	6	99.75	94.45	1.50	5.30	5.30		Anna Young } 635' line Susan Shemwell
	7	99.20	94.20	1.75	5.00	5.00		
	8	98.55	93.95	2.00	4.60	4.60		
	9	98.45	93.70	2.25	4.75	4.75		
	10	98.30	93.45	2.50	4.85	4.85		
	+ 90	98.29	93.23	2.72	5.06	5.06	10 + 90 to 14	
	11	98.20	93.20	2.75	5.00	5.00	S. 77 W. = 310'	
	12	98.03	92.95	3.00	5.08	5.08		
	13	97.60	92.70	3.25	4.90	4.90		
	B.M.	98.38						
	14	97.50	92.45	3.50	5.05	5.05	14 to 16	Rail in fence part S. Susan Shemwell } 1394' line Mary C. Lyons.
	15	97.35	92.20	3.75	5.15	5.15	S. 50 1/2 W. = 200'	
	16	96.40	91.95	4.00	4.45	4.45	16 to 17 + 90	
	17	95.85	91.70	4.25	4.15	4.15	S. 68 W. = 190'	
	+ 90	95.70	91.48	4.47	4.22	4.22	17 + 90 to 21	
	18	95.65	91.45	4.50	4.20	4.20	S. 31 W. = 310'	
	B.M.	97.05						Dead stump S.
	19	95.	91.04	4.91	3.96	3.96		
	20	94.32	90.63	5.32	3.69	3.69		
	21	94.22	90.22	5.73	4.00	4.00	21 to 23 + 40	
	22	94.03	89.81	6.14	4.22	4.22	S. 8 W. = 240'	
	23	92.53	89.39	6.56	3.14	3.14		
	+ 40	93.10	89.09	6.86	4.01	4.01	23 + 40 to 31	
	24	92.85	88.64	7.31	4.21	4.21	S. 23 E = 760'	
	25	92.59	87.89	8.06	4.70	4.70		
	26	91.40	87.14	8.81	4.26	4.26		
	27	92.10	86.39	9.56	5.71	5.71		
	28	90.12	85.64	10.31	4.48	4.48		
	29	89.91	84.89	10.06	5.02	5.02		
	B.M.	90.80						
	30	90.20	84.14	11.81	6.15	6.15		
	31	88.44	83.84	12.11	4.60	4.60	31 to 37 + 27	Pin oak - Left. Mary C. Lyons } 3060' line. William Cox
	32	89.30	83.54	12.41	5.76	5.76	S. 17 1/2 W. = 627'	
	33	88.05	83.24	12.71	4.81	4.81		
	34	87.05	82.94	13.01	4.11	4.11		
	35	86.40	82.64	13.31	3.76	3.76		
	36	86.25	82.34	13.61	3.91	3.91		



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Report of Engineer.						Schedule No. 1		
Statement of Working Sections of the J. J. Hill Ditch								
No. of Working Section	No. of Stakes		No. of Lined Feet.	No. of Cubic Yards	Price Per Yard	Amount		Remarks.
	From	To.				Dollars	Cents	
I	50	44	600	800	12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	96	00	Open Ditch
II.	44	23+40	2340	Rods 131.98	Per Rod 90	118	78	
Lateral No. 5.	1+18	0	118					
	12"	Tile		131.98	160	211	17	
						329	95	
III.	23+40	0	2340	141.81	.65	92	18	
	7"	Tile		141.81	.70	99	27	
						19	45	
IV.	3+37	0	337	20.42	.50	10	21	
	6"	Tile		20.42	.50	10	21	
						20	42	
V.	5' x 4 1/2' x 3' and Apron 4 1/2' x 2' x 1 1/2'		Protection Wall.			25	00	
			Recapitulation					
I.	Excavation					96	00	Tile \$211.17
II.	Excavation					118	78	* 99.27
III.	Excavation					92	18	* 10.21
IV.	Excavation					10	21	
V.	Constructing Wall.					25	00	
						\$342.17		\$320.65
	Total					\$662.82		

Report of Engineer

Schedule "b"

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio

Specifications

In the matter of the Ditch Imp. Petitioned for by Jacob J. Hill et al. } March 7<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1903. Specifications of the Manner of Construction.

The ditch in this improvement is to be tiled from Station 0 to 23+40 with 7 inch tile and from Station 23+40 to Station 44 with 12 inch tile and from Station 44 to Station 50 to be made an open ditch with side slopes of 1 1/2 to one.

Lateral No. 5 will be tiled with 12 inch tile and Lateral No. 7 with 6 inch tile.

The trench for the tile must be cut down to the grade line at all points as indicated in Schedule "a" of this report and as shown on the profile filed herewith. The tile must be evenly laid and continued on next page.

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Report of Engineer	Report of Engineer		Description	Schedule "B"						
	Owner's Name as Found on Duplicate	Original Entry		Acres	Drains	Cent. Cont. #	Construction Cont. Cont. #	Est. Cont. of Location	Total Cont. of Location	Cont.
J. J. Hill.	5433	Fairfield Township	52.12	11.	53	00	3	78	56	78
Anna Young.	5433	" "	13.59	13.59	45	00	3	20	48	20
Wesley Edwards.	5433	" "	13.59	13.	14	00		98	14	98
Mary Goodson.	5433	" "	12.59	10.59	12	00		90	12	90
Mary E. Lyons.	5433	" "	200.	183.	75	00	6	30	96	72
J. F. R. Welch.	5433	" "	31.35	28.	25	00		185	26	85
Marcia Bartnell.	5433	" "	175.10	65.	60	00		420	64	20
William Cox.	5433	" "	154.24	65.	160	00		1120	171	20
Lusan Chenoweth.	5433	" "	50.	49.	20	00		140	21	40
Samuel Lawrence.	5433	" "	239.80	35.	54	13		380	57	93
Wm. H. Fitzgerald.	5433	" "	352.50	27.50	30	00		214	32	14
Total					563	55			603	30
									Subt.	20.42
										582.88

Specifications

closely jointed so as to prevent sediment from entering the tile. The tile must not be covered until after inspection by the engineer in charge of the work; After acceptance by the Engineer, the trench must be filled. Any brush within 10 feet of the tile ditch must be grubbed and trees deadened.

The tile now in from 0 to 23+40 must be taken up, cleaned and relaid; if any part of them are unfit to be used again they will be replaced by new tile and the same charged to the lands on which said defective tile are found.

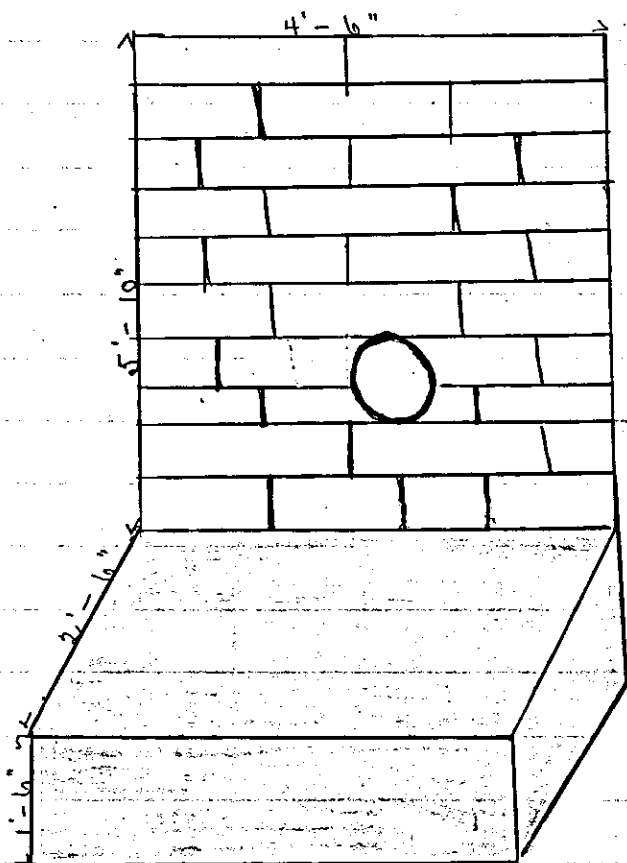
All other tile must be first class drain tile or a good grade of second class sewer pipe.

The contract for tile will include the furnishing of Y's to the extent of the tile contract and all tile must be delivered on the line of the ditch, each size in its proper place and any expense caused by improper delivery will be charged against the tile contract and deducted therefrom at time of settlement. The open ditch must be cut down to grade on a slope of 1 1/2 to 1 and all dirt moved at

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least 15 feet from the edge of banks and well scattered. A clear right of way of 33 feet, 16 1/2 feet on each side of the line of ditch for the delivery of tile and construction of ditch.

Elevation



Protection Wall with Apron

At the mouth of the 12 inch tile on the lands of William Cox there shall be constructed a protection wall 5 x 4 1/2 x 3 of large sized hand stone laid in regular courses, with cement mortar composed of one part Portland Cement and two parts of clean sharp sand. For pointing the mortar must be 1 part Portland Cement and 1 part sand.

An apron at bottom of, and in front of wall shall be constructed 4 1/2 x 2 1/2 x 1 1/2 of concrete composed of 1 part best Portland Cement and 3 parts clean sharp sand and 5 parts broken stone or good clean gravel. The top and sides of apron to have a coat 1 inch in thickness composed of 1 part cement and 1 part sand.

Finding on  
Engineer's Report.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.  
In the matter of the } March 7<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1903.  
Ditch Imp. Petitioned }  
for by Jacob J. Bill et al. } Finding of Commissioners  
on Report of Engineer

This day the Board of Commissioners being in special session, present, Jas. B. Anderson, Chas. S. Markley and A. E. Bradley; 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

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all municipal and private corporations, notifying them of the pendency, substance and prayer of the petition for said improvement.

Said Board also find that no persons have made application in writing for compensation and damages; and that no person has made application in writing for a change in the line of the ditch through his premises.

After having examined the Report of the Engineer with the apportionment by him made, said Board 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.

By request of Mary E. Lyons and Susan Chenoweth Lateral No. 7 is ordered dropped, reducing the assessment of Mary E. Lyons \$15.<sup>40</sup> and the assessment of Susan Chenoweth \$5.<sup>00</sup>

Said assessments as above changed are as follows:

Mary E. Lyons's assessment \$81.<sup>30</sup>

Susan A. Chenoweth's assessment \$16.<sup>40</sup>

It was moved by W. C. Bradley and seconded by Chas. W. Markley that said assessments as above changed be approved and confirmed.

Motion carried - All members voting "aye."

Commissioners Office, Madison County,  
London, Ohio, March 7<sup>th</sup> 1903.

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

In the matter of the  
Ditch Imp. Petitioned  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al.

Hearing on Engineer's Report.

This day the Board of Commissioners being in 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,

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substance and prayer of the petition for said improvement.

After having examined the report of the Engineer with the apportionment by him made, 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.

It is therefore ordered that said report and apportionment be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.

By request of Mary E. Lyons and Susan A. Chenoweth interested parties, Lateral No. 7 is ordered dropped, reducing the assessment of Mary E. Lyons \$15.<sup>42</sup> and the assessment of Susan A. Chenoweth \$5.<sup>00</sup>.

Said assessments as above changed are as follows:

Mary E. Lyons' assessment \$81.<sup>00</sup>

Susan A. Chenoweth's assessment \$16.<sup>40</sup>

It was moved by H. E. Bradley and seconded by Chas. H. Markley that said assessments as above changed be approved and confirmed.

Motion carried - all members voting "aye".

It is further ordered and directed that the assessments on the lots and lands benefited be paid in one installment.

It is ordered that the County Auditor be directed to place said assessments on a special duplicate in two semi-annual installments, viz: December, 1903 and June, 1904.

The Board find that J. J. Hill, E. E. Young, Wess. Edwards and E. J. Chenoweth have made application to pay their entire assessment in cash, which applications are ordered to be filed.

It is now and therefore ordered that the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1903, 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 at the place of beginning of said ditch and 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

Approval of  
Report of Engineer

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County Auditor 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 said 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.

The roll being called for the adoption of the foregoing entries and orders relating to said ditch improvement, Jas. B. Anderson, Chas. B. Markley and H. E. Bradley voted "Aye".  
B. A. Taylor, Auditor and Clerk.  
Jas. B. Anderson, }  
Chas. B. Markley, } Commissioners  
H. E. Bradley, } of Madison County.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,  
March 7<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1903.

Order of  
Sale of Ditch

In the matter of the }  
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Order to Sell the Labor of Construction  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al. }

This day the matter came before the Board of Commissioners in special session, present Jas. B. Anderson, Chas. B. Markley and H. E. Bradley, and it appearing to the Board that no appeal has been taken,

It is now and therefore ordered that the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1903, 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 at the beginning of said ditch improvement, 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 nor more than twenty five hundred feet. And it is also

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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 said 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 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 that portion bid off by said contracting party.

B. A. Taylor, County Auditor. Jas. B. Anderson, President Board Commissioners

Ditch Sale

## Ditch Sale.

## Notice to Contractors.

The undersigned Engineer will sell at public outcry on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 1903, at 10 o'clock A.M. standard time, to the lowest responsible bidder, the work of furnishing material and constructing the J. J. Will Ditch Improvement, located in Fairfield Township. Said work will be sold in sections as follows and may be offered as a whole.

## Open Ditch

Section I. From station 50 to Station 44  
800 cubic yards, at 12¢ per cubic yard \$96.00  
To be completed April 20<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Section II. From Station 44 to 23.40 and Lateral No. 5 Station 1 to 1.18  
131.98 rods excavation, at 90¢ \$118.78.  
131.98 rods 12 inch tile, at \$1.<sup>60</sup> \$211.17  
\$329.95  
To be completed May 15<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Section III. From Station 23.40 to Station 0  
141.81 rods 7 inch tile to be taken up and relaid at 65¢ \$92.18  
To be completed June, 10<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Section V. Protection wall, 5 feet x 4½ feet x 3 feet  
with apron 4½ feet x 2½ feet x 1½ \$25.00  
To be completed June 20<sup>th</sup> 1903.

A cash deposit of \$10.00 (no checks taken) will be required as a guarantee of good faith before any bid

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will be entertained. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

Specifications are now on file in the Auditor's Office at London.

Bidders will meet at the head of ditch near the residence of J. J. Hill, near Big Plain.

Any who desire to view the line of the ditch should do so before the time for sale to begin.

By order of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio.

B. A. Taylor,

Auditor.

J. H. Asher,

Engineer.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

Report  
of Sale

In the matter of the } March 25<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1903.  
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Report of the Sale of the Labor  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al. } of Construction.

To the Honorable 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 improvement, 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 section No. 1 was sold to J. W. Van Blevé for the sum of Ninety six (\$96.<sup>00</sup>) Dollars.

Amount for which it was estimated, Ninety six (\$96.<sup>00</sup>) Dollars.

To be completed April 20<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Working Section No. 2 - (Fill and construction) was sold to J. W. Van Blevé for the sum of Three hundred and twenty nine dollars and seventy eight cents (\$329.<sup>78</sup>)

Amount for which it was estimated Three hundred and twenty nine dollars and ninety five cents (\$329.<sup>95</sup>)

To be completed May, 15<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Working Section No. 3 - (Construction) was sold to J. W. Van Blevé for the sum of Ninety Two Dollars and eighteen cents (\$92.<sup>18</sup>)

Amount for which it was estimated Ninety two dollars and eighteen cents (\$92.<sup>18</sup>)

To be completed June 10<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Working Section No. 5 was sold to J. W. Van Blevé for the sum of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.<sup>00</sup>) Amount for which it was estimated Twenty five dollars (\$25.<sup>00</sup>) To be completed June 10<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. H. Asher,

Engineer

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Contract for Drain Tile

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio

Contract for  
Drain Tile

In the matter of the } March 25<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1903.  
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Contract for Drain Tile  
for by Jacob J. Hill 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 of 2178 feet was sold by the County Surveyor, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D. 1903, to J. W. Van Blevé for Two hundred and eleven dollars (\$211.<sup>00</sup>)

Now, in consideration of the premises, it is agreed by me, to and with whomsoever may be interested therein, that I will furnish 132 rods of 12 inch drain tile from Station 4+ to Station 23+40 on main ditch and from Station 1 to Station 1+18 on Lateral No. 5 to be delivered on line of above styled improvement as needed, the same to be delivered on or before the 15 day of May, A. D. 1903; 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. W. Van Blevé,  
Contractor.

Contractor's Bond for Drain Tile

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio

Contractor's  
Bond.

In the matter of the } March 25<sup>th</sup> 1903.  
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Contractor's Bond for Drain Tile  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al.

Know all men by these presents, that J. W. Van Blevé as principal and J. J. Hill and P. B. Van Blevé as sureties are firmly held and bound unto the State of Ohio in the penal sum of Four hundred and twenty two dollars, good and lawful money.

Signed and dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D. 1903.

The condition of the above obligations 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. 2 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 fixed by said contract, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to be in full force and effect in law.

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This contract and bond,  
and sureties on said bond,

J. W. Van Blevé,

J. J. Hill

P. W. Van Blevé.

Approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1903.

J. H. Asher,  
County Surveyor.

Chas. S. Markley,  
H. C. Bradley.

Board of Commissioners  
Madison County, Ohio

Contract for Labor of Construction.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

Contract for  
Labor of  
Construction

In the matter of the  
Ditch Imp. Petitioned  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al.

March 25<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1903.

Contract for Labor of Construction.

Whereas, the above styled improvement has been  
duly ordered and advertised for sale according to law,  
and the construction of Working Section nos. 2 + 3  
of 5118 feet and the protection wall (Section 5) was sold  
by the County Surveyor, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1903,  
to the undersigned for three hundred and thirty one  
and 9/100 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  
construction of 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, A. D. 1903; 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.

J. W. Van Blevé,  
Contractor.

Contractor's Bond.

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Contractor's  
Bond.

In the matter of the  
Ditch Imp. Petitioned  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al.

March 25<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1903.

Contractor's Bond.

Know all men by these presents, that J. W.  
Van Blevé as principal and J. J. Hill and P. W. Van Blevé  
as sureties, are firmly held and bound unto the State  
of Ohio in the penal sum of Six hundred and sixty  
three and 9/100 Dollars, good and lawful money.

Signed and dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1903.

The condition of the above obligation is such, how-  
ever, that whereas, the above bounden principal  
contractor has bid off the labor of constructing  
working sections nos. 1, 2, 3 + 5, has duly entered into  
the annexed contract, subject to the condition that  
the same shall be approved by the Commissioners

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of said Madison County, Ohio, and has agreed to fully do and perform all the labor of said improvement in accordance with the plans and specifications of said improvement, as shown on the record of the proceedings thereof, on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1903.

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 fixed by said contract, and pay all damage which may accrue 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.

J. W. Van Blevé,  
J. J. Hill,  
C. B. Van Blevé.

This contract and bond and sureties on said bond approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1903.

J. S. Asher,  
County Surveyor,

Chas. B. Markley } Board of Commissioners  
H. C. Bradley } Madison Co. Ohio.

Approval of Contracts and Bonds.

Auditors Office, Madison County, Ohio,

In the matter of the } March 31<sup>st</sup> A. D. 1903.  
Ditch Imp. Petitioned for } Entry approving Contracts and Bonds.  
by Jacob J. Hill et al. }

J. S. 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. Van Blevé for doing said work, and the bonds of said contractor which contract 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. Jas. B. Anderson, President Board of Commissioners.

Approval of  
Contracts and Bonds

Commissioners Office, Madison County  
London, Ohio, March 30<sup>th</sup> 1903.

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Board of Commissioners met today in regular session.  
Present: Jas. B. Anderson, Chas. B. Markley and H. C. Bradley.  
In the matter of the ditch improve- } approval of  
ment petitioned for by Jacob J. Hill et al. } Contractor's Bond.

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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. Van Olive for doing said work, and the bonds of said contractor, which contracts and bonds have all been examined and approved by this Board and they are ordered to be filed according to law.

And the County Auditor is hereby ordered to notify said contractors of the approval of his contract and bond and that he is required to comply therewith. Upon call of roll for the approval of the above entry, Chas. W. Markley and H. C. Bradley voted Aye.

Notice of Approval of Contracts and Bonds.

Auditor's Office, Madison County,

London, Ohio, March 31<sup>st</sup> 1903.

To J. W. Van Olive, Contractor.

You are hereby notified, that the contract and bond, made and taken between you and the Engineer for constructing the Ditch Improvement petitioned for by Jacob J. Hill et al, now on file with the Auditor of said County, has been duly approved by the Commissioners.

B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Auditor's Office, Madison County,

London, Ohio, March 30<sup>th</sup> 1903.

In the matter of the }  
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } The Assessments.  
for by Jacob J. Hill et al. }

The several working sections of said improvement, having been let as provided by law, and the costs and expenses of location and construction, and all compensation and damages having been ascertained, this Board therefore determine and require that said costs and expenses of location and construction shall be paid in one assessment, as follows:

Two semi-annual installments: payable Dec. 1903<sup>rd</sup> and June, 1904.

And it is hereby ordered that assessments be placed on the duplicate accordingly against all lots or lands or corporate roads, or rail roads, assessed, payable, as follows, to wit: One hundred per centum of the gross assessment. The County Auditor is hereby directed to make and furnish to the Treasurer of the County, a special duplicate with the assessments arranged thereon.

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as hereinbefore required.

B. A. Taylor,

County Auditor,

Jas. B. Anderson,

President Board of Commissioners

Commissioner's Office, Madison County,  
 London, Ohio, September 28<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Board of Commissioners met today in regular  
 quarterly session.

Present: H. E. Bradley and Jno. E. Roberts.

In the matter of the  
 Ditch Impr. Petitioned Assessments 1903.  
 for by Jacob J. Hill et al.

The various ditch improvements having  
 been provided for according to law, and the Board  
 of Commissioners having determined to raise money  
 necessary to pay for the expense of said improvements,  
 It is now and hereby ordered that assessments shall  
 be made upon the lots and lands benefited, payable  
 as follows: "The J. J. Hill Ditch Improvement" payable  
 in one annual installment.

And that assessments for the year, 1903, sufficient  
 to pay for the entire cost of said improvement,  
 be made in proportion to the estimates 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, 1903,  
 charging each of the lots and lands assessed  
 for "The J. J. Hill Ditch Improvement"  
 100 per centum of the gross assessment.

The roll being called for the approval of the  
 foregoing entry relating to the assessments on  
 said ditch improvement,

H. E. Bradley and Jno. E. Roberts voted "Aye".

B. A. Taylor,

Auditor and Clerk.

H. E. Bradley

Jno. E. Roberts.

Commissioners  
 of

Madison County.

Recorded October 28<sup>th</sup> 1903, B. A. Taylor, County Auditor

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Assessments  
 for the year  
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