

The Bridgman Ditch Construction

Petition

London Ohio, April 5 A.D. 1909, ^{and tiling} ^{widening} ^{of a ditch} Petition for location, altering, deepening, widening, and tiling of a ditch.

Petition

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners, Madison County, Ohio:
 The undersigned owners of lots and land 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, altering, deepening, widening, and tiling of a ditch on the route hereinafter set forth.

The necessity for and the benefits of the improvements 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 terminus of said proposed improvement, to-wit:

Being that portion of the J.B. Smith County ditch included in the following description: Beginning on the lands of Laura Bridgman at the end of a 12 inch tile about 6 rods north of the pike leading from the Wilson and Wriget pike to Resaca; thence following the J.B. Smith county ditch through the lands of said Laura Bridgman, Sarah E. Shepherd, George H. Ward, Thomas Donnelly, John Holland, Samuel Gilispie and Owen Harbage to Little Darby creek.

Your petition asks that said ditch be tiled from the beginning to the point where the same is intersected by a 15 inch tiled lateral or so much farther as may be expedient and that the remaining portion of the ditch be deepened and widened a sufficient amount to give a good and clear outlet to lands draining thereinto, and also for the location 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:

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| W. H. W. Dyer | Jos. Rice |
| Laura Bridgman | Sam Anderson |
| Sarah E. Shepherd | Dorothea Bradley |
| Geo. H. Ward | W. W. Blair |
| Thos. Donnelly | W. S. Yerian |
| John Holland | Owen Harbage |
| Samuel Harbage | W. H. Blair |
| John Woods | J. W. Bizerly |
| Webster P. Olney | B. J. Miller |
| Harvey Bradley | |

Laura Bridgman }
 by J.B. Bridgman, Agt. } Petitioners

Filed
 April 5 1909
 J. J. Shaffer
 Auditor.

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Petitioner's Bond

Petitioner's Bond.

Know all Men by these Presents, That Laura W. Bridgman as principal, and F. R. Bridgman and Cary Jones as sureties, are held and firmly 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 5 day of April A.D. 1909.

The condition of the above obligation is such, nevertheless that, whereas, on the 5th day of April 1909, the above bounden Laura W. Bridgman made application to the Commissioners of Madison County, and on said day filed with the Auditor of said County his petition for location, altering, deepening, widening and tiling of a ditch in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, on the following route and termini, to-wit: Being that portion of the J. B. Smith County ditch included in the following description:

Beginning on the lands of Laura Bridgman at the end of a 12 inch tile about 60 rods north of the pike leading from the Wilson and Wriget pike to Resaca; Thence following the J. B. Smith County ditch through the lands of said Laura Bridgman, Sarah E. Shepherd, Geo. H. Ward, Thomas Donnelly, John Holland, Samuel Gillespie and Harbage to Little Darby Creek.

Your petitioner asks that said Ditch be tiled from the beginning to the point where the same is intersected by a 15 inch tiled lateral or so much farther as may be expedient and that the remaining portion of the ditch be deepened and widened a sufficient amount to give a good and clear outlet to lands draining thereinto, and also for the location and tiling of all necessary laterals.

Filed March, 29, 1909

J. J. Shaffer, Auditor.

Now if the above bounden Laura Bridgman shall pay all costs, if the prayer of said petition be not granted, or if for any other cause the same shall be dismissed, then this obligation shall be void.

The above bond and the sureties thereon, are approved by me this 5th day of April, 1909

Laura W. Bridgman
F. R. Bridgman
Cary Jones

J. J. Shaffer
County Auditor.

Filed

April, 5th, 1909

J. J. Shaffer
Auditor.

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Notice to
Commissioners

Notice to Commissioners

of Petition Filed and Time for Hearing:

Office of Auditor of Madison County, O., April 5, A.D. 1909.

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 5th day of April 1909, a copy of which petition is attached below; and as required by law I have fixed the 28th day of April 1909, at 10 o'clock A.M., at the beginning of said proposed ditch described in said petition, for your hearing of said matter.

J. J. Shaffer Auditor.

C. W. M.

Copy of Ditch Petition.

London Ohio, April 5th A.D. 1909 Petition for location, altering, deepening, widening, and tiling of a ditch.

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

The undersigned owners of lots and land 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, altering, deepening, widening and tiling of a ditch on the route hereinafter set forth.

The necessity for and the benefits of the improvements 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: Being that portion of the J. B. Smith County ditch included in the following description: Beginning on the lands of Laura Bridgman at the end of a 12 inch tile about 60 rods north of the pike leading from the Wilson and Wright pike to Resaca; thence following the J. B. Smith county ditch through the lands of said Laura Bridgman, Sarah E. Shephard, George H. Ward, Thomas Donnelly, John Holland, Samuel Gillespie and Owen Harbage to Little Darby creek.

Your petitioner asks that said ditch be tiled from the beginning to the point where the same is intersected by a 15 inch tiled lateral or so much farther as may be expedient and that the remaining portion of the ditch be deepened and widened a sufficient amount to give a good and clear outlet to lands draining thereto, and also for the location 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:

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Mrs M. Dyer
 Laura Bridgman
 Sarah E. Shepherd
 Geo. H. Ward
 Mrs. Donnelly
 John Holland
 Arnett Harbage
 Josiah Woods
 Samuel Gillespie
 Webster P. Olney
 Harney Bradley

Jas. Rice
 Dan Anderson
 Dorothea Bradley
 W. M. Blair
 W. B. Yearian
 Owen Harbage
 W. H. Blair
 J. W. Byerly
 D. J. Miller

Laura W. Bridgman } Petitioners.
 by J. R. Bridgman, agt.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be true copy of a Ditch
 Petition filed in my office on the 5th day of April A.D. 1909.
 J. J. Shaffer County Auditor
 Per me.

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Commissioners Office, Madison County
 London, Ohio, April 5th 1909

In the matter of }
 Ditch Imp. Petitioned }
 for by Laura W. Bridgman } Petition filed and time fixed for view.

The county auditor having delivered
 to this board a copy of a petition filed with him
 on the 5th day of April, 1909, signed by Laura W. Bridgman,
 praying for the location, construction, altering, deepening
 and widening of a county ditch between the termini
 and along the route stated below, to wit:
 Being that portion of the J. B. Smith county ditch included
 in the following description:
 Beginning on the lands of Laura Bridgman at the end
 of a 12 inch tile about 60 rods north of the pike leading
 from the Wilson and Wriget pike to Resaca; thence following
 the J. B. Smith county ditch through the lands of said
 Laura Bridgman, Sarah E. Shepherd, Geo. H. Ward, Thomas
 Donnelly, John Holland, Samuel Gillespie and Arnett Harbage
 to Little Darby Creek. The petitioners ask that said ditch
 be tiled from the beginning to the point where the
 same is intersected by a 15 inch tiled lateral or so
 much farther as may be expedient and that the re-
 maining portion of the ditch be deepened and widened
 a sufficient amount to give a good and clear outlet
 to lands draining therein, and also for the location
 and tiling of all necessary laterals.
 And it appearing that said petitioner has given bond
 as required by law, which bond has been approved
 by the county auditor, and said auditor having
 filed the 28th day of April, 1909, at 10 o'clock A.M. 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 the petition to hear proof offered by any of the parties affected by said improvement, and other persons competent to testify and to determine as to the necessity of said improvement.

In the question of the adoption of the foregoing entry relating to said ditch improvement the roll being called, J. W. Bowers, J. E. Roberts, U. P. Chrounethli voted "aye".

Notice to Non-resident Lot or Sand Owners.

Ditch Notice

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio
April 8, A. D. 1909

Notice to Non-resident Lot or Sand Owners.

In the matter of Ditch Improvement petitioned for by Laura W. Bridgman

To the Lot or Sand Owners and to the Corporations, either Public or Private, affected by said improvement:

You and each of you, are hereby notified that on the 5th day of April, 1909, Laura W. Bridgman filed a petition with the Auditor of Madison County, the prayer of which is for the location, altering, deepening, widening and tiling of a Ditch on the following starting point, route and terminus, to-wit:

Being that portion of the J. B. Smith county ditch included in the following description: Beginning on the lands of Laura Bridgman at the end of a 12-inch tile about 60 rods north of the pike leading from the Wilson and Wriget pike to Resaca; thence following the J. B. Smith county ditch through the lands of said Laura Bridgman, Sarah E. Shepherd, George H. Ward, Thomas Donnelly, John Holland, Samuel Gillespie and Owen Harbage to Little Darby creek.

The petitioner asks that said ditch be tiled from the beginning to the point where the same is intersected by a 15-inch tiled lateral or so much farther as may be expedient and that the remaining portion of the ditch be deepened and widened a sufficient amount to give a good and clear outlet to the lands draining thereinto and also for the location and tiling 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: Wednesday, April 28, 1909, 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

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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.

April 8, 1909.

J. J. Shaffer
Auditor of Madison County.

The State of Ohio, Madison County, ss.

R. K. Shaw, being duly sworn, says he is the Business 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 times, beginning on the 8th day of April 1909.

R. K. Shaw

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of April 1909.

J. J. Shaffer
County Auditor.

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Per B.

notice to Lot or Land Owners

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio
April 5th A. D. 1909

In the matter of Ditch Improvement }
Petitioned for by Laura W. Bridgman } 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 29th day of March 1909, Laura W. Bridgman, filed a petition with the Auditor of Madison County, the prayer of which is for the location, altering, deepening, widening and tiling of a Ditch on the following starting point, route and terminus, to-wit:

Being that portion of the J. B. Smith county ditch included in the following description:
Beginning on the lands of Laura Bridgman at the end of a 12 inch tile about 60 rods north of the pike leading from the Wilson and Winget pike to Resaca; Thence following the J. B. Smith county ditch through the lands of the said Laura Bridgman, Sarah E. Shepherd, Geo. H. Ward, Thomas Donnelly, John Holland, Samuel Gillespie and Owen Harbage to Little Darby Creek.

The petitioners ask that said ditch be tiled from the beginning to the point where the same is intersected by a 15 inch tiled lateral or so much farther as may be expedient, and that the remaining portion of the ditch be deepened and widened a sufficient amount to give a good and clear outlet to lands draining thereinto; and also for the location and tiling of all necessary laterals.

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

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of said County will meet for the hearing of said petition, to wit: Wednesday, April 28th, 1909, 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; 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.

J. J. Blaffer Auditor of Madison County,
Per B.

Proof of Personal Notice

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio
April 16th 1909.

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

On this 16th day of April, 1909, personally come _____ who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that on the days hereinafter named, he served the annexed notice on the persons hereinafter named, by delivering to each person opposite whose name appears "D" a true copy of the annexed notice; and on those opposite whose name appears "R" by leaving the same at their usual place of residence.

Name of Person Served	How Served	When Served
Donald E. Sheplard	D.	April, 12, 1909
E. E. Hull	"	" " "
Gunneth Herschell	"	" 13 "
Thos. Donnelly	"	" 12 "
John Holland	"	" " "
Arnett Harbage	"	" " "
Thos. Stalbird	"	" " "
Josiah Wood	"	" " "
Samuel Gillespie	"	" " "
Webster P. Olney	"	" " "
H. E. Bradley (Trenton)	"	" " "
Joseph Rice (")	"	" " "
Sam Anderson	"	" " "
Dorothea Bradley	"	" " "
Arnett Harbage	"	" 13 "
J. W. Byerly	"	" 12 "
D. J. Miller	"	" 13 "
Ed. Warburger	"	" 12 "
Chas. Yesian	"	" " "

and further this deponent saith not.

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Sworn to by James Minshall before me, and by him subscribed in my presence this 16th day of Apr. 1909.

James Minshall
J. J. Blaffer
County Auditor.

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Commissioner's Office Madison County
London, Ohio, May 3, 1909.

In the matter of
Ditch Imp. Petitioned
for by Laura Bridgman

Adjoined Hearing on Petition

This day the commissioners being in session and a copy of a petition for the location, altering, deepening, widening 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 county 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 28th day of April, 1909, 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 viewed the same and the premises along and adjacent thereto.

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

We also find that John C. Butler, Thomas Donnelly, Wm. Holland, E. E. Hull, Sarah E. Shepherd have made application in writing for compensation and damages, which applications are ordered to be filed, and that Arnett Harbage et al have filed exceptions in writing to the granting of said petition, which exceptions are ordered to be filed.

On motion of U. P. Chenoweth, seconded by Jas. E. Roberts the further hearing on said petition is adjourned to Tuesday, May 18th 1909, at 10 o'clock A. M. at the commissioners office, London Ohio.

On roll call on the adoption of the foregoing entry relating to said petition and ditch, J. W. Bowers, Jas. E. Roberts, U. P. Chenoweth voted "aye".

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Commissioner's Office, Madison County
London, Ohio, May 11, 1909.

Commissioners meet in special session.

Present: J. W. Bowers, Jas. E. Roberts, W. P. Chenoweth

In the matter of
Ditch Imp. Petitioned
for by Laura Bridgman } Commissioners Finding on Petition.

This day the commissioners being in session and a copy of a petition for the location, altering, deepening and widening and tiling of a county ditch having been delivered to us by the county auditor, and it appearing 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 28th day of April, 1909, 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 the said ditch and the premises along and adjacent thereto, whereupon said matter was adjourned to this day when the matter came on to be further considered; and on consideration thereof, we are of the opinion that said ditch improvement as prayed for is necessary to drain the lots, lands and public roads along and adjacent thereto; and that said improvement will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare, and we find for said improvement; and we further find that the route described is the best, viz: Beginning on the lands of Laura Bridgman at the end of a twelve inch tile about sixty rods north of the pike leading from the Wilson and Winget pike to Resaca; thence following the J. B. Smith county ditch through the lands of said Laura Bridgman, Sarah E. Shepherd, Geo. H. Ward, Thomas Downey, and John Holland, Samuel Giespie and Owen Harbage to Little Darby Creek.

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

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

And we do hereby order the auditor to enter this, our finding, in writing on the commissioners' journal, and we further authorize the auditor to enter upon said journal an order directing the County