

Madison County Ditch Improvement Record.

~~The Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 2.~~

Record of proceedings in the matter of the Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 2. Petitioned for by Marion Bidwell and others and located in Jefferson Township, Madison County, Ohio.

The undersigned owners of lots and lands, Ditch Petition, Filed December 23rd A. D. 1901. B. A. Taylor, Auditor London, Ohio, December, 23rd A. D. 1901. Petition for deepening, straightening, tiling and construction of a Ditch. To the Honorable Board of Commissioners 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 deepening straightening, tiling and construction of a ditch in the route hereinafter set forth.

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

The following is the beginning, route and termini of said proposed improvement, to wit: Commencing at the mouth of a tile ditch at the line between the lands of Webster Bidwell Heirs and the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence in an easterly direction across the lands of Marion Bidwell, Webster Bidwell's heirs; then another tract of Marion Bidwell's land to the line of another tract of the Webster Bidwell's heirs lands; thence across said heirs land and across another tract of the said Marion Bidwell's land and the lands of Elizabeth Weaver, the lands of Grant Cross, the lands of Joseph Morse and the lands of Richard and Mary Lloyd to the line of Charles Martin; thence to stop at said Martin's line; thence as an open ditch across the lands of said Martin, Homer M. Weller, E. H. and R. W. Stuckey and the lands of Laura Kelly to the East Pike and there terminating. Also the location, tiling and construction of all necessary laterals.

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

Grant Cross, Marion Bidwell, Monroe Bidwell, Webster Bidwell heirs, John Perry Guardian, Elijah Bell, John Wilson, Valentine Wilson heirs, Lester Bidwell,

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Guardian, David Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Weaver, Joseph Morse, Richard Lloyd, Mary Lloyd, John Millikin, Chas. Martin, Homer Mc. Bellan, E. H. and R. B. Stuckey, Laura Kelly, Marion Bidwell, Grant Cross } Petitioners.

Petitioners Bond. Filed December, 23rd 1901. B. A. Taylor, Auditor. Know all men by these presents, that Marion Bidwell, as principal, and Grant Cross and Scott Chenoweth 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 23rd day of December, A. D. 1901. The condition of the above obligation is such, nevertheless, that whereas, on the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1901, the above bounden Marion Bidwell et al, made application to the Commissioners of Madison County, and on said day filed with the Auditor of said County a petition for the deepening, straightening, tiling and construction of a ditch in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, on the following route and termini, to wit: Commencing at the mouth of a tile ditch on the line between the lands of Webster Bidwell heirs and the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence in an easterly direction across the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence in an easterly direction across the lands of Marion Bidwell, Webster Bidwell heirs; then another tract of Marion Bidwell's land to the line of another tract of the Webster Bidwell heirs land; thence across said heirs land and across another tract of the said Marion Bidwell's lands and the lands of Elizabeth Weaver, the lands of Grant Cross; the lands of Joseph Morse and the lands of Richard and Mary Lloyd to the line of Charles Martin; thence to stop at said Martins line; thence an open ditch across the lands of said Martin, Homer Mc. Bellan, E. H. + R. B. Stuckey and the lands of Laura Kelly to the East Pike and there terminating.

Also the location, tiling and construction of all necessary laterals.

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

The above bond and sureties thereon are

approved by me this 23rd day of Dec. A. D. 1901.

Stamp.

B. A. Taylor

County Auditor.

Marion Bidwell.

Grant Cross.

Scott Chenoweth.

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Notice to Commissioners of Petition Filed and Time for Hearing.
 Office of the Auditor of Madison County, Ohio, Dec. 23^d A. D. 1901.
 To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of said County,
 Gentlemen: You are hereby notified that a petition
 and bond for a ditch improvement has been filed in
 this office on the 23^d day of December, A. D. 1901, a copy
 of which petition is attached below; and as required
 by law, I have fixed the 18th day of Jan'y. A. D. 1902, at 10
 o'clock A. M. at the beginning of said proposed ditch
 described in said petition, for your hearing of said matter.
 B. A. Taylor, Auditor. per B.

Copy of Ditch Petition.

London, Ohio, Dec. 23^d 1901. Petition for construction, straight-
 ening and deepening 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 construction, deepening, straightening and
 tiling of a ditch on the route hereinafter set forth.
 The necessity for and the benefits of the improve-
 ment 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 con-
 venience and welfare.

The following is the beginning, route and termini
 of said proposed improvement, to wit:
 Commencing at the mouth of a tile ditch at the
 line between the lands of Webster Bidwell heirs
 and the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence in an
 easterly direction across the lands of said Marion
 Bidwell, Webster Bidwell heirs; then another tract
 of Marion Bidwell land to the line of another
 tract of the Webster Bidwell heirs land; thence across
 said heirs land and across another tract of the said
 Marion Bidwell land and the lands of Elizabeth Weaver,
 the lands of Grant Cross, the lands of Joseph Morse
 and the lands of Richard and Mary Lloyd to the
 line of Charles Martin; tile to stop at said Martin's
 line; thence an open ditch across the lands of
 said Martin, Homer W. Blellan, O. H. + R. O. Stuckey and
 the lands of Laura Kelly to the East Pike and ter-
 minating thereat.

Also the location, tiling and construction of all
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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:

Grant Cross, Marion Bidwell, Monroe Bidwell, Webster Bidwell heirs, John Perry Guardian, Elijah Bell, John Wilson, Valentine Wilson heirs, Lester Bidwell, Guardian, David Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Weaver, Joseph Morse, Richard Lloyd, Mary Lloyd, John Millikin, Charles Martin, Homer M^r. Bellan, E. H. and R. B. Stuckey, Laura Kelly.
 Marion Bidwell } Petitioners,
 Grant Cross }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Ditch Petition filed in my office on the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1901. B. A. Taylor, County Auditor, per B.

Commissioner's Office, Madison County,
 London, Ohio, December, 23rd 1901.

Commissioners
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Commissioners met today in regular session.
 Present: H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley.
 On the matter of the
 Ditch Impv. Petitioned for by Marion Bidwell et al. } Notice of filing of petitionrd time filed for view.

The County Auditor having delivered to this board a certified copy of a petition filed with him on the 23rd day of December, 1901, signed by Marion Bidwell and others, praying for the construction, deepening, straightening and tiling of a county ditch between the termini and along the route stated below, to wit: Commencing at the mouth of a tile ditch at the line between the lands of Webster Bidwell heirs and the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence in an easterly direction, across the lands of said Marion Bidwell, Webster Bidwell heirs; then another tract of the Marion Bidwell land to the line of another tract of the Webster Bidwell heirs land; thence across said heirs land, and across another tract of the said Marion Bidwells land and the lands of Elizabeth Weaver, the lands of Grant Cross, the lands of Joseph Morse and the lands of Richard and Mary Lloyd to the line of Charles Martin, to stop at said Martin's line; thence as an open ditch across the lands of said Martin, Homer M^r. Bellan E. H. + R. B. Stuckey and the lands of Laura Kelly to the East Pike and there terminating.
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And it appearing that said petitioner has given bond as required by law, which bond has been approved by said Auditor and said Auditor having fixed the 18th day of January, A. D. 1902, at 10 o'clock A. M. as the time for hearing said petition, it is ordered that this Board meet on said day, at the place of beginning of said ditch as described in said petition, to hear proof offered by any of the parties affected by said 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 entries and orders relating to said petition and ditch, all members voted "Aye".

B. A. Taylor,
Auditor and Clerk.

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

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

In the matter of the }
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } December 23rd A. D. 1901.
for by Marion Bidwell et al. } Notice to Lot or Land Owners.

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 23rd day of December, A. D. 1901, Marion Bidwell and others, filed a petition with the Auditor of Madison County, the prayer of which is for the construction, deepening, straightening and tiling of a Ditch on the following starting point, route and terminus, to wit: Commencing at the mouth of a tile ditch at the line between the lands of Webster Bidwell heirs and the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence in an easterly direction across the lands of Marion Bidwell, Webster Bidwell heirs, then another tract of the Marion Bidwell land to the line of another tract of the Webster Bidwells' heirs land; thence across said heirs land and across another tract of the said Marion Bidwells' land and the lands of Elizabeth Weaver, the lands of Grant Cross the lands of Joseph Morse and the lands of Richard and Mary Lloyd to the line of Charles Martin, tile to stop at said Martin's line; thence as an open ditch across the lands of said Martin, Homer M. Bell, W. E. + R. D. Stuckey and the lands of Laura Kelly to the East Pike and there terminating. Also the location, tiling and construction of all necessary laterals.

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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: Saturday, January 18th 1902, at 10 o'clock, A.M. at the beginning of said proposed ditch improvement, to hear 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 is 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 of Madison County.

Auditors' Office, Madison County, Ohio,

In the matter of the } Ditch Imp. Petitioned } December 23rd A. D. 1901.
for by Marion Bidwell et al. } Copy of 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 23rd day of Dec. 1901, Marion Bidwell and others, filed a petition with the Auditor of Madison County, the prayer of which is for the construction, deepening, straightening and tiling of a ditch on the following starting point, route and terminus to-wit:

Commencing at the mouth of a tile ditch at the line between the lands of Webster Bidwell heirs and the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence in an easterly direction across the lands of Marion Bidwell, Webster Bidwell heirs; then another tract of the Webster Bidwell heirs lands; thence across said heirs lands and another tract of the said Marion Bidwell lands and the lands of Elizabeth Weaver, the lands of Grant Gross, the lands of Joseph Morse and the lands of Richard and Mary Lloyd to the line of Charles Martin; tile to stop at said Martin's line; thence as an open ditch across the lands of said Martin, Homer M. Weller, E. H. and R. B. Stuckey and the lands of Laura Kelly to the East line and there terminating.

Also the location, tiling and construction of all necessary laterals to said ditch.

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You are also notified that the following time and place when and where the Commissioners of said County will meet for hearing of said petition, to-wit: Saturday, Jan'y. 18th 1901, at 10 o'clock A.M. at the beginning of said proposed 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 and damages or for any change of route must be in writing and filed with the Commissioners on or before the day set for hearing.

Any application for compensation or damages 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. D. Taylor, Auditor Madison County, Ohio.

The State of Ohio, }
Madison County S.D. } Proof of Notice.

On this 7th day of January, A. D. 1901, personally appeared before the undersigned authority, Marion Bidwell who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he served the annexed and above notice on the respective parties herein named by delivering to each a true copy thereof, except such as have waived the service thereof by placing their signature hereto.

Name of Person Served.	How Served.	When Served.
Marion Bidwell	Personally	December 26 th 1901
John Penny Guardian.	Personally	December 26 th 1901
Ada Bidwell	Left at Residence	December 26 th 1901
Minnie Bidwell	Left at Residence	December 26 th 1901
Edith Bidwell	Left at Residence	December 26 th 1901
Grant Cross	Left at Residence	December 26 th 1901
Laura Kelly.	Left at Residence	December 26 th 1901
E. H. Stuckey	Left at Residence	December 26 th 1901
R. W. Stuckey	Personally	December 26 th 1901
Charles Martin	Left at Residence	December 26 th 1901
Richard Lloyd.	Left at Residence	December 26 th 1901
Elizabeth Weaver	Left at Residence	December 26 th 1901
John S. Wilson	Personally	December 26 th 1901
David Fitzgerald.	Left at Residence	December, 28 th 1901

I acknowledge service of the above notice - Grant Cross.

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And further this deponent saith not.

Marion Bidwell.

Sworn to by Marion Bidwell and by him subscribed in my presence this 7th day of January, A. D. 1902.
B. A. Taylor, Auditor Madison County, Ohio.

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

In the matter of the Ditch Improvement Petition, filed for by Marion Bidwell et al. To the lot or land owners and to the corporations, either public or private, affected by said improvement; You, and each of you are hereby notified that on the 23rd day of Dec. A. D. 1901, Marion Bidwell and others filed a petition with the Auditor of Madison County, the prayer of which is for the construction, deepening, straightening and tiling of a ditch on the following starting point, route and terminus to-wit:

Commencing at the mouth of a tile ditch at the line between the lands of Webster Bidwell heirs and the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence in an easterly direction across the lands of Marion Bidwell, Webster Bidwell heirs; then another tract of the Marion Bidwell land to the line of another tract of the Webster Bidwell heirs land, thence across said heirs land and across another tract of the said Marion Bidwell's lands and the lands of Elizabeth Weaver; the lands of Grant Cross, the lands of Joseph Morse and the lands of Richard and Mary Lloyd to the line of Charles Martin; tile to stop at said Martin's line; thence an open ditch across the lands of said Martin, Homer Mc. Callan, E. H. and R. B. Stucky and the lands of Laura Kelly to the East side and terminating thereat.

Also the location, tiling and construction 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: Saturday, January, 18th 1902, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the beginning of said proposed improvement, for the purpose of hearing any and all proof offered by any of the parties affected by said ditch improvement, whether the said ditch will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare; and whether the route described is the best route and any and all objections to said proposed ditch improvement. Any application for compensation

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or damages or for any change of route, must be in writing and filed with the Commissioners on or before the day set for hearing. No further notice of any proceedings in this matter will be given.

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

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

M. H. Wallace, being duly sworn, says he is the Business Manager of the London Semi-Weekly Enterprise, a newspaper printed and in general circulation in said County, and that a notice, of which the annexed is a copy, was published in said newspaper for at least 2 consecutive weeks prior to the 18th day of Jan'y, 1907.

M. H. Wallace.

Sworn to and subscribed by said M. H. Wallace this 6th day of Jan'y, 1907. Printer's Fee \$6.75

B.A. Taylor, Auditor of Madison County.

Commissioners' Finding on Petition.

In the matter of the } Auditor's Office, Madison County
Ditch Imp. Petitioned for } January 22nd A. D. 1907.
by Marion Bidwell et al. }

This day the Commissioners of Madison County, being in special session, members present, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. H. Markley, and a copy of a petition for the deepening, straightening, filling and construction of a county ditch having been delivered to us by the County Auditor and it appearing to us that the proper bond has been filed with the Auditor and by him approved, conditioned for the payment of all costs if the prayer of the petition be not granted or be dismissed for any cause, we therefore, on the 18th day of January, 1907, the day fixed by the Auditor for hearing, did meet at the place of beginning of said ditch, as described in the petition, and at adjourned meetings thereafter, heard all proof offered by any of the parties affected by said improvement and other persons competent to testify and determine the necessity thereof; and we went over and along the line of said improvement, and by actual view of said ditch and the premises along and adjacent thereto, and to be drained or benefited 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 therefor. And we further find that the following route is the best

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Commencing about 20 rods west of the line between the lands of Webster Bidwell heirs and the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence in an easterly direction across the lands of Marion Bidwell, Webster Bidwell heirs; thence another tract of the Marion Bidwell land to the line of another tract of the Webster Bidwell heirs land; thence across said heirs lands and across another tract of the said Marion Bidwell's heirs lands and the lands of Elizabeth Weaver, the lands of Brent Cross, the lands of Joseph Morse and the lands of Richard and Mary Lloyd, to the line of Charles Martin, thence across the lands of said Martin, Homer M. Waller, E. H. R. B. Stuckey and the lands of Laura Kelly to the East Pike and there terminating. Ditch to extend from the beginning point of said ditch to a point near the east line of Brent Cross, then to continue as an open ditch from said point to the terminus as described above.

The following laterals were also located by us; viz; Lateral No. 1. Beginning on the lands of Monroe Bidwell; thence across the lands of said Bidwell and the lands of the Valentine Wilson heirs, John S. Wilson and D. A. Fitzgerald, entering main ditch a few rods west of middle of the lands of Marion Bidwell. Ditch all in to the line between D. A. Fitzgerald and Marion Bidwell.

Lateral No. 2 - Beginning on the lands of Webster Bidwell heirs; thence across said lands and lands of Marion Bidwell, entering main ditch about 10 rods from the line between the lands of said Webster Bidwell heirs and Marion Bidwell.

It is therefore ordered that said improvement be granted and the same be known as The Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement, Number 1.

And we do hereby order the Auditor to enter this our finding in writing on the Commissioners' Journal. And we do further order the Auditor to enter upon said journal and 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 lots or lands, and public and corporate roads and railroads, that will be benefited, and an apportionment of the estimated cost of locating and constructing said improvement, in money, according to the benefits which will result to each, and to perform such other du-

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ties 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 11th day of March, 1901, 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.
C. A. Taylor, Auditor. H. E. Bradley, Pres. Board Commissioners

Finding on the Petition, - Copy for Surveyor.
In the matter of the } Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.
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tioned for by Marion Bidwell et al.

This day the Commissioners of Madison County being in regular session, members present, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. H. Markley, and a copy of a petition for the deepening, straightening, filling and construction of a county ditch having been delivered to us by the County Auditor, and it appearing to us that the proper bond has been filed with the Auditor and by him approved, conditioned for the payment of all costs if the prayer of the petition be not granted, or dismissed for any cause, we, therefore on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1901, the day fixed by the Auditor for hearing, did meet at the place of beginning of said ditch, as described in the petition, and at adjourned meetings therefor, and heard all proof offered, by any of the parties affected by said improvement and other persons competent to testify, and determined the necessity thereof; 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, 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 following route is the best, viz:
Commencing about 20 rods west of the line between the lands of Webster Bidwell heirs and the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence in an easterly direction across the lands of Marion Bidwell, Webster Bidwell heirs,

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then another tract of the Marion Bidwell land to the line of another tract of the Webster Bidwell heirs land; thence across said heirs lands and across another tract of the said Webster Bidwells heirs land and the lands of Elizabeth Weaver, the lands of Grant Cross, the lands of Joseph Morse and the lands of Richard and Mary Lloyd, to the line of Charles Martin; thence across the lands of said Martin, Homer M. Bell, C. H. and B. W. Stuckey and the lands of Laura Kelly to the East Pike and there terminating. It is to extend from the beginning point of said ditch to a point near the east line of Grant Cross; then to continue as an open ditch from said point to the terminus as described above.

It is therefore ordered that said improvement be granted and the same be known as the Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement Number 7.

The following laterals were also located by us, viz:
 Lateral No. 1 - Beginning on the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence across the lands of said Bidwell, and the lands of Valentine Wilson heirs, John S. Wilson and David A. Fitzgerald, entering main ditch a few rods west of Middle Pike on the lands of Marion Bidwell, till it enters the line between D. A. Fitzgerald and Marion Bidwell.

Lateral No. 2 - Beginning on the lands of Webster Bidwell heirs; thence across said lands and the lands of Marion Bidwell, entering main ditch about 10 rods from the line between the lands of said Webster Bidwell heirs and Marion Bidwell.

And we do hereby order the Auditor to enter this, our finding 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 changed by us in accordance with sections 4489 R. S. as described above, and survey and level the same and set a stake at every hundred feet numbering down stream, and to embody in said order direction to the said Surveyor to make and return a schedule of all lots or lands and public and corporate roads and railroads, that will be benefited, and an apportionment of the estimated cost of locating and constructing said improvement, in money, according to the benefits which will result to each, and to perform such other duties as are required in sections 4454, 4455 and 4456 R. S. as now in force and effect, and to file his report with the County Auditor,

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on or before the time hereinafter fixed for hearing the same.

It is further ordered that the 11th day of March, 1902, at 10 o'clock, A. M. at the County Auditor's Office, is hereby fixed for the hearing of applications for any appropriation of land taken for said improvement, and damages said parties affected by said improvement, or any of them may sustain thereby and for the approval of the report of the Surveyor.

B. A. Taylor, Auditor, H. E. Bradley, Pres. Board of Commissioners. Certify the foregoing to be correctly copied from the records of the proceedings of the Board. B. A. Taylor, Auditor.

Commissioners Office, Madison County, London, Ohio, Jan'y 22nd 1902.

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

In the matter of the Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 2. Commissioners finding on petition and order to County Surveyor.

This day the Commissioners of Madison County being in session and a copy of a petition for the deepening, straightening, tiling and construction of a county ditch having been delivered to us by the County Auditor, and it appearing to us that proper bond had 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 dismissed for any cause, we, therefore on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1902, the day fixed by the Auditor for hearings, did meet at the place of beginning of said ditch as described in the petition, and at adjourned meetings therefor, 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 and determine the necessity thereof.

And we do hereby find that said improvement is necessary and will be conducive to the public health convenience and welfare, and a benefit to the lots and lands along the line thereof by furnishing drainage thereto.

And we do further find that the following route is the best: viz:

Commencing about 20 rods west of the line between the lands of the Webster Bidwell heirs and the lands of

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Marion Bidwell, thence in an easterly direction across the lands of Marion Bidwell and the Webster Bidwell heirs; then another tract of the Marion Bidwell land, to the line of another tract of the Webster Bidwell heirs land, thence across said heirs land and across another tract of the said Marion Bidwell's lands and the lands of Elizabeth Weaver to the lands of Grant Cross, the lands of Joseph Merson the lands of Richard and Mary Boyd to the line of Charles Martin; thence across the lands of said Martin, Homer Mc. Bellan, E. H. and P. B. Stuckey and the lands of Laura Kelly to East Pike and there terminating.

Ditch to extend from the beginning point of said ditch to a point near the east line of Grant Cross; thence to continue as an open ditch from said point to the terminus as described above.

It is therefore ordered that said improvement be granted and the same be known as the Marion Bidwell Ditch No. 2, and all objections to the same be and hereby overruled.

The following laterals were also located by us, viz: Lateral No. 1 - Beginning on the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence across the lands of said Bidwell and the lands of the Valentine Wilson heirs, John B. Wilson and David A. Fitzgerald, entering main ditch a few rods west of Middle Pike on the lands of Marion Bidwell.

Ditch to run to the line between D. A. Fitzgerald and Marion Bidwell.

Lateral No. 2. Beginning on the lands of the Webster Bidwell heirs; thence across said lands of Marion Bidwell entering main ditch about 10 rods from the line between the lands of said Webster Bidwell heirs and Marion Bidwell.

And we do hereby order the Auditor to enter this our finding in writing on the Commissioners Journal, and we do further authorize the Auditor to enter upon said Journal an order directing the County Surveyor to go upon the line of said improvement as described above and survey on 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 and public or corporate roads and railroads that will be benefited and an apportionment of the estimated cost of locating and constructing said improvement, in money according to the benefits

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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 11th day of March, 1902, at 10 o'clock, A.M. at the County Auditor's Office is hereby fixed for the hearing of applications for any appropriation of land taken for said improvement, and damages said parties affected by said improvement, or any of them may sustain thereby and for the approval of the report of the Surveyor, to which time and place the proceedings herein now stand adjourned. The roll being called for the approval of the foregoing orders and findings relating to said ditch improvement H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. H. Markley voted "aye".

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

Remonstrances, Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 2.

Filed by Monroe Bidwell and others.

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

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

We, the undersigned, through whose lands it is proposed to establish and construct said improvement, and who are to be assessed therefor, hereby most seriously and earnestly remonstrate against the same and object to any order of your Honorable Body in establishing said ditch, for the reason that the same is wholly unnecessary, and will cost a large amount of money, which in our opinion would be mostly wasted.

We therefore pray in the interests of justice, and a great majority of the land owners interested, that your Honorable Body will refuse to grant said ditch improvement.

Monroe Bidwell Editch Bidwell Charles Martin
John Penny John D. Wilson Richard Lloyd
Sarah Penny D. A. Fitzgerald Julia Poles
Ada Bidwell M. H. McCallan.

Filed January 11th 1902, B. A. Taylor, Auditor.

Report of Engineer

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

Auditor's Office, Madison County, O.
Jany. 22nd 1902.
Report and Schedules of Engineer.

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The Madison Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 2

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 22nd day of January 1907, has proceeded in the above matter, and has made a level and survey of the line of said proposed ditch improvement, and set a stake at every hundred feet numbering down stream; and I have made a note of the intersection of lines and boundaries of township and County lines, land marks, bench marks, and road and rail road crossings; and I herewith make a report of the same, with profile and plat, and an estimate of the number of cubic yards of earth or other substance to be removed, and the cost per cubic yard for each working section, on said report indicated and of each section of one hundred feet.

I have also made, and return herewith a schedule of all the lots and lands, and public and corporate roads and railroads, together with the owners of such railroad companies and the names of the owners of such railroad companies, and the names of the persons operating the same, that will be benefited by said improvement; and an apportionment of the cost of locating 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 lot or lands by siting the same, in whole or in part, have been 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 deemed important. The said survey levels, reports and schedules are herewith attached and made a part thereof.

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

J. S. Asher,	Engineer,	10 days at	\$4.00 =	\$40.00
Henry Smith,	Rodman,	1 " "	\$1.25 =	1.25
Geo. Goldberry,	Chairman,	1 " "	\$1.25 =	1.25
Lucas McCloud,	Chairman,	1 " "	\$1.25 =	1.25
Wilson Bidwell,	Arman,	1/2 " "	\$1.25 =	.63
D. A. Fitzgerald,	Arman,	1/2 " "	\$1.25 =	.63
Ralph Asher,	Marker,	1	\$1.25 =	1.25
A. C. Duff,	Team,			3.00
E. R. Florence,	Stakes,			
			Total =	52.83

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The foregoing cost bill allowed by us April 17th 1902.
 H. C. Bradley, } County Commissioners,
 Jas. B. Anderson, }
 Chas. S. Markley. } J. H. Asher, Engineer.

Report of Engineer

Schedule "A"

Station Number	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Total fall to station	Contingent Expenses	Dist	Course and Distance	Remarks
0	100.00	94.75		5.25	5.25	0 to 6+30	
1	99.95	94.50	.25	5.45	5.45	N. 53 1/2° E. = 630'	
2	99.73	94.25	.50	5.48	5.48		
3	99.44	94.00	.75	5.44	5.44		
4	99.24	93.75	1.00	5.49	5.49		
5	98.74	93.50	1.25	5.24	5.24		
6	98.60	93.25	1.50	5.35	5.35		
+30	98.47	93.17	1.58	5.30	5.30	6+30 to 10	
7	98.06	93.00	1.75	5.06	5.06	N. 69° E. = 370'	
B.M.	100.79						Burr oak - Left.
8	97.65	92.75	2.00	4.90	4.90		
9	97.99	92.45	2.30	5.54	3.00		Webster Bidwell } Marion Bidwell } 914' = line
10	97.48	92.15	2.60	5.33	1.95	10 to 14+90	
11	97.76	91.85	2.90	4.91	2.02	N. 50 3/4° E. = 490'	Marion Bidwell } Webster Bidwell } 1180' = line
12	96.83	91.55	3.20	5.28	2.39		
13	95.69	91.25	3.50	4.44	2.46		
14	95.55	90.95	3.80	4.60	2.54	14+90 to 16	
+90	96.85	90.68	4.07	6.20		N. 40° E. = 110.	
15	96.95	90.65	4.10	6.60	3.09		
16	95.78	90.35	4.40	5.73	3.45	16 to 24	Webster Bidwell } Marion Bidwell } 1616' = line
17	95.21	90.05	4.70	4.46	2.63	S. 81 1/4° E. = 800.'	
18	94.59	89.75	5.00	4.14	2.65		
19	94.66	89.45	5.30	5.21	3.00		
20	94.37	89.15	5.60	5.22	3.00		
B.M.	95.26						Burr oak - Left.
21	93.88	88.85	5.90	5.03	3.01		
22	93.72	88.55	6.20	5.17	2.87		
23	92.55	88.25	6.50	4.30	2.89		
24	93.34	87.95	6.80	5.39	3.14	24 to 29+36	
25	94.15	87.65	7.10	6.50	3.00	N. 68 1/4° E. = 526'	
26	94.11	87.35	7.40	6.76	6.76		
27	93.14	87.05	7.70	6.09	5.16		
28	93.06	86.75	8.00	6.31	6.31		
29	91.88	86.45	8.30	5.43	3.28	29+26 to 37+70	
+26	91.91	86.37	8.38	5.54		N. 49° E. = 844'	
30	91.78	86.15	8.60	5.63	3.14		
31	92.49	85.85	8.90	6.64	3.30		
32	92.28	85.55	9.20	6.73	3.10		
33	91.99	85.25	9.50	6.74	3.04		
34	90.51	84.95	9.80	5.56	3.08		

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Report of Engineer						Schedule "A"	
Station Number	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Grade from Station	Center Depth	Dist.	Course and Distance	Remarks
35	88.69	84.65	10.10	4.04	3.08		
36	88.60	84.35	10.40	4.25	2.90		
37	88.68	84.05	10.70	4.63	3.24		
+70	88.08	83.84	10.91	4.24			
B.M.	89.98						
38	88.42	83.75	11.00	4.67	3.50		
39	87.63	83.50	11.25	4.13	3.56		
40	87.16	83.25	11.50	3.91	3.91		
41	92.39	83.00	11.75	9.39	9.39		
42	89.50	82.75	12.00	6.75	6.75		
43	89.16	82.50	12.25	6.66	6.66		
44	88.93	82.25	12.50	6.68	4.02		
45	88.76	82.00	12.75	6.76	3.64		
46	87.89	81.75	13.00	6.14	3.18		
B.M.	89.40						
47	87.24	81.50	13.25	5.84	3.45		
48	87.29	81.25	13.50	6.04	3.54		
49	87.42	81.00	13.75	6.42	3.32		
50	87.28	80.75	14.00	6.53	3.74		
51	86.76	80.50	14.25	6.26	3.58		
52	85.25	80.25	14.50	5.00	3.45		
53	85.26	80.00	14.75	5.26	3.40		
54	84.59	79.75	15.00	4.84	3.07		
55	84.32	79.50	15.25	4.82	3.13		
56	84.87	79.25	15.50	5.62	3.20		
57	84.65	79.00	15.75	5.65	2.72		
58	83.79	78.75	16.00	5.04	2.88		
B.M.	84.30						
59	83.51	78.50	16.25	5.01	2.97		
60	82.80	78.25	16.50	4.61	2.76		
61	82.61	77.80	16.95	4.81	4.81		
62	82.76	77.35	17.40	5.41	5.41		
63	82.27	76.90	17.85	5.37	5.37		
64	81.96	76.45	18.30	5.51	5.51		
65	81.15	76.00	18.75	5.15	2.38		
66	81.49	75.55	19.20	5.94	2.60		
67	79.30	75.10	19.65	4.20	2.26		
68	78.72	74.65	20.10	4.07	2.77		
69	78.95	74.20	20.55	4.75	2.96		
70	79.90	73.75	21.00	6.15	3.16		
71	79.50	73.30	21.45	6.20	3.04		
72	78.46	72.85	21.90	5.61	3.16		
73	77.68	72.40	22.35	5.28	3.24		
74	76.24	71.95	22.80	4.29	3.44		

37+70 to 41
S. 85 E. = 330'

Ash - Right

Center of Dike = 4097'

41 to 44
S. 86 W. = 300'

44 to 52
S. 70 E. = 800'

Stumps - Right

52 to 60
S. 26 W. = 800'

Marion Bidwell }
Melster Bidwell } 5760' = line

Burr Oak - Left.

60 to 75+48
S. 74 E. = 1548'

Melster Bidwell }
Marion Bidwell } 7431' = line

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Station	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Total Fall from Station 0	Cutting Depth	Dist.	Course and Distance	Remarks.
B.M.	79.22						
75	77.64	71.50	23.25	6.14	3.57		
+ 48	77.79	71.27	23.48	6.53		75+48 to 84	
76	77.29	71.05	23.70	6.24	3.28		N. 78° 14' E = 852'
77	76.57	70.60	24.15	5.97	3.16		
78	75.40	70.15	24.60	5.25	3.34		
79	75.14	69.70	25.05	5.44	4.03		
80	74.44	69.25	25.50	5.19	4.74		
81	75.44	68.95	25.80	6.49	4.80		
82	75.06	68.65	26.10	6.41	4.39		
83	74.79	68.35	26.40	6.44	3.86		
84	74.54	68.05	26.70	6.49	3.49	84 to 88 + 40	Marion Bidwell } James Weaver } 84+48 = line
85	73.90	67.75	27.00	6.15	3.62		N. 75 1/2° E = 440
86	73.74	67.45	27.30	6.29	4.16		
87	73.44	67.15	27.60	6.29	3.93		
88	72.93	66.85	27.90	6.08	3.94		
+ 40	71.56	66.73	28.02	4.83	4.83	88+40 to 91+70	
89	72.71	66.55	28.20	6.16	3.80		S. 71° E = 330'
90	72.09	66.25	28.50	5.84	4.13		
91	72.84	65.95	28.80	6.89	3.99		
+ 70	72.30	65.74	29.01	6.56		91+70 to 95+80	
92	71.84	65.65	29.10	6.19	4.03		S. 59° E = 410'
93	69.94	65.35	29.40	4.59	3.78		
94	69.22	65.05	29.70	4.17	4.17		
95	70.46	64.75	30.00	5.71	3.58		
+ 80	70.67	64.51	30.24	6.16		95+80 to 100	James Weaver } Grant Cross } 96+70 = line
96	68.58	64.45	30.30	4.13	3.09		S. 80° E = 420'
97	68.02	64.15	30.60	3.87	2.79		
98	68.96	63.85	30.90	5.11	3.06		
99	68.13	63.55	31.20	4.58	3.14		
100	68.52	63.25	31.50	5.27	3.42	100 to 102 + 48	
101	67.97	62.95	31.80	5.02	3.52		S. 79° E = 248'
102	68.16	62.65	32.10	5.51	3.13		
+ 48	68.21	62.50	32.25	5.71		102+48 to 109	
103	68.61	62.35	32.40	6.26	6.26		N. 88° E = 652'
104	68.85	62.05	32.70	6.80	6.80		
105	67.51	61.75	33.00	5.76	5.76		
106	67.16	61.45	33.30	5.71	5.71		
+ 50		61.30	33.45				Grant Cross } Julia Sales } 10660 = line
107	66.08	61.15	33.60	4.93	4.93		
108	65.34	60.85	33.90	4.49	4.49		File ends.
+ 40	65.27	60.73	34.02	4.54	1.81		
B.M.	66.07						Stump - Right.
109	64.94	59.73	35.02	5.21		109 to 112	

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Station	Profile	Grade	Excavation	Width	Depth	Center	Dist.	Course and Distance	Remarks
110	64.30	59.28	35.47	5.02				N. 80'46" = 300'	
111	61.81	58.83	35.92	2.98	2.98				
112	63.15	58.38	36.37	4.77	2.06			112 to 115 + 20	
B.M.	63.87							N. 63 1/2 E. = 326'	Locust - Right.
113	60.93	57.93	36.82	3.00	3.00				
114	60.39	57.48	37.27	2.91	2.13				
115	62.27	57.03	37.72	5.24	1.55				Julia Siler } R. + M. Lloyd } 11505' = line
+ 20	61.60	56.94	37.81	4.66				115 + 20 to 116	
116	59.93	56.58	38.17	3.35	1.75			N. 80 E. = 80'	R. + M. Lloyd } Chas. Martin } 11650' = line
117	61.11	56.13	38.62	4.98	1.87			116 to 117 + 36	
+ 36	61.67	55.97	38.78	5.70				S. 75 E. = 136'	
118	59.97	55.68	39.07	4.29	1.49			117 + 36 to 121	
119	60.20	55.23	39.52	4.97	1.46			S. 67 1/2 E. = 364'	
120	59.15	54.78	39.97	4.37	1.23				
121	57.40	54.33	40.42	3.07	1.33			121 to 126	
122	55.76	53.88	40.87	1.88	1.03			N. 69 1/2 E. = 500'	
123	59.20	53.43	41.32	5.77	.78				
124	57.69	52.98	41.77	4.71	.41				
125	56.47	52.53	42.22	3.94	.87				Chas. Martin } Thomas M. Bellan } 12578' = line
126	55.83	52.08	42.67	3.75	.52			126 to 131 + 58	
127	53.75	51.63	43.12	2.12	.38			N. 76 E. = 558'	
128	53.52	50.83	43.92	2.69	.53				
129	53.75	50.03	44.72	3.72	.72				
130	51.65	49.23	45.52	2.42	.82				
131	51.89	48.43	46.32	3.46	.69				
B.M.	52.04								Hickory - Right Thomas M. Bellan } G. H. + R. S. Stuckey } 13158' = line
+ 58	50.90	47.97	46.78	2.93				131 + 58 to 136	
132	50.62	47.63	47.12	2.99	2.99			S. 63 1/4 E. = 442'	
133	49.48	46.83	47.92	2.65	1.67				
134	49.29	46.03	48.72	3.26	1.97				
135	48.44	45.23	49.52	3.21	1.70			136 + 138 + 30	
136	48.88	44.43	50.32	3.65	2.24			N. 78 E. = 230'	
137	46.79	43.63	51.12	3.16	1.12				
138	46.02	42.83	51.92	3.19	1.26				
+ 30	45.15	42.59	52.21	2.56				138 + 30 to 140 + 31	
139	44.97	42.03	52.72	2.94	1.23			S. 71 1/2 E. = 201'	
140	44.49	41.23	53.52	3.26	1.40				
+ 31	44.12	40.99	53.76	3.13				140 + 31 to 143 + 66	
141	43.61	40.43	54.32	3.18	1.48			S. 45 1/2 E. = 335'	
142	42.63	39.63	55.12	3.00	1.20				
143	41.73	38.83	55.92	2.90	.81				E. N. + R. S. Stuckey } Laura Kelly } 14346' = line
+ 66	42.09	38.30	56.45	3.79				143 + 66 to 144 + 70	
144	41.21	38.03	56.72	3.18	1.34			S. 85 1/2 E. = 104'	
+ 70	41.59	37.47	57.28	4.12					

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Report of Engineer.

Schedule "A."

Line No.	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Total fall from station	Center Depth	Dist	Course of Distance	Remarks.
145	40.77	37.23	57.52	3.54	1.56		Same Kelley & A. + R. G. Stuckey } 14670' = line.
146	38.25	36.43	58.32	1.82	1.54		
147	38.89	35.63	59.12	3.26	.78		144+70 to 147+50 St. 24 1/2 E. = 280'
B.M.	39.69						
+ 50	37.47	35.23	59.52	2.24	.23		
0	91.08	85.81		5.27	5.27		
1	88.32	84.81	1.00	3.51	3.51		
+ 88	88.08	83.93	1.88	4.15	4.15		

Report of Engineer.

Schedule "A.A."

Statement of Working Sections of the Marion Bidwell Ditch No. 2.

Number of Working Sections	No. of Stakes		No. of Linear Feet	No. of Cubic Yards	Price per Yard	Amount		Remarks.
	From	To				D.	C.	
I	147+50	127	2050	409	8 ²	32	72	Open Ditch
II	127	108+40	1860	533	8 ²	42	64	Open Ditch
III	108+40	84	2440					
		15 inch tile		147.87	2.70	399	25	Average depth of cutting 4.05 ft.
		Excavation		147.87	.90	133	08	
						532	33	
IV	84	59	2500					
		15 inch tile		151.51	2.70	409	08	Average depth of cutting 3 ft. 7 3/4 in.
		Excavation		151.51	.80	121	21	
						530	29	
V	59	34	2500					
		15 inch tile		129.10	2.70	348	57	Average depth of cutting 3 ft. 10 1/4 in.
		12 inch tile		22.41	1.60	35	86	
		Excavation		151.51	.85	128	78	
						513	21	
VI	34	9	2500					
		12 inch tile		151.51	1.60	242	42	Average depth of cutting 3 ft. 3 in.
		Excavation		151.51	.60	90	90	
						333	32	
VII	9	0	900					
		12 inch tile		54.54	1.60	87	26	Average depth of cutting 5 ft. 3 1/2 in.
		Excavation		54.54	1.00	54	54	
						141	80	
VIII	0	1+88						
		12 inch tile		12.	1.60	19	20	Average depth of cutting 4 feet.
		8 inch tile		12.	.75	9	00	
		Excavation		12.	.60	7	20	
						35	40	
IX	Protection Wall					25	00	See specifications

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Report of Engineer		Schedule "B"							
Owner's Name as found on Duplicate	Original Survey	Description	Acres owned	Acres owned	Estimated Cost	Estimated Cost of Construction	Estimated Cost of Operations	Total Cost	Allocated
✓ Elijah Bell	842.5	Jefferson Sp.	182.50	50	86.00	208	88.08		
Mabel and Helen Wilson	6800		60.	8.	16.00	36	16.36		
John Wilson	10295+ 13874+	Danaan Sp.	107.50	80.	151.00	365	154.65		
Marion Bidwell	13874	Jefferson Sp.	12.08	12.08	✓				
"	7061	"	44.	40.	✓				
"	12273	"	50.30	50.30	✓				
"	6545	"	.41	.41	676.00	16.32	692.32		
"	10701	"	46.45	46.45	✓				
"	6545	Danaan Sp.	107.	67.	✓				
"	10701	"	265.44	216.44	✓				
Webster Bidwell	7061	Jefferson Sp.	20.	20.	✓				
"	12273	"	6.	6.	331.00	7.99	338.99		
"	10295	"	38. 64	35.	✓				
"	10701+	"	31. 95.	25. 86.	✓				
"	7061	Danaan Sp.			✓				
Sarah Penny (Dover)	13874 12273 10295	Jefferson Sp.	100.	65	125.00	302	128.02		
Morse Bidwell	10295		115.	90.	✓				
"	12150		57.	57.	✓				
"	10295		67.75	67.75	285.21	6.89	292.10		
"	13878		23.92	23.92	✓				
"	12273		61.	46.	✓				
"	"		146.50 471.17	71.50 356.17	✓				
D.A. Fitzgerald	6543+	Jefferson Sp.	46.40	20.20	46.00	1.11	47.11		
"	6545	Danaan Sp.			✓				
James Weaver	10701	Danaan Sp.	68.	30.	180.50	4.36	184.86		
Giant Cross	10701		40.81	34.	165.00	3.98	168.88		
Jos. Morse	10701		14.14	14.14	25.00	.60	25.60		
R. + M. Lloyd.	6643	Danaan Sp.	53.75	4.	5.00	12	5.12		
E. H. + R. B. Stuckey	2681		136.88	25.	30.00	72	30.72		
Madison County:		Lucas Pike Middle Pike			25.00 25.00	1.27	51.27		

For Plot See Plot Record Page.

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Report of Engineer

Schedule "B".

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

April 17th A. D. 1907.

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

Specifications of the manner of construction

The main ditch of this improvement is to be tiled from Station 0 to Station 37+70 with 12 inch tile and from Station 37+70 to Station 108+40 with 15 inch tile and from Station 108+40 to 147+50 to be an open ditch, 2 feet wide in the bottom with side slopes of 1 1/2 to 1. Lateral No. 1 which has tile in to near the line between D. A. Fitzgerald and Marion Bidwell (2 lines of 10" and 1 of 8") The ten inch tile to be continued to the main ditch with 12 inch and the 8 inch line to be continued to the main ditch with 8 inch tile. The trench for tile and the open ditch in this improvement must be cut down to the grade line as specified in Schedule "A" of this report and as shown on the profile filed herewith.

All tile to be evenly laid and jointed up as closely as is practicable. Tile must not be covered until after they have been inspected by the engineer in charge of the work. The dirt taken up from the open ditch must be moved fifteen feet from the banks of the ditch. All brush standing within fifteen feet of the ditch must be grubbed and all trees standing within said limit must be deadened. The contractor for construction must correct all laterals, both old and new without extra compensation, unless the old ones need taking up, more than 10 feet for repairs, in which case there will be an allowance made for same.

All tile must be first class drain tile or a good grade of second class sewer pipe, and must be delivered on the line of the ditch, each size in its proper place. Any expense caused by improper delivery will be charged to the tile contract and deducted from same at time of settlement. The tile contract will include the furnishing of necessary tools to the extent of the tile contract.

Report of Engineer

Schedule "B".

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

April 17th A. D. 1907.

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

Specifications of the manner of construction of Protection Wall.

Wall to be built of large size hard stone.

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It is further ordered that for the purpose of raising money necessary to pay for the expense of said improvement that bonds of the County be issued for amounts to be hereinafter determined.

Bonds to run five (5) years.

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

Commissioner's Office, Madison County, London, Ohio, April, 17th 1902.

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

In the matter of the Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 2. Finding of Commissioners on Report of Engineer.

This day the Commissioners of Madison County being in special session and this being the day adjourned to by said Board for the hearing of the report and appropriation 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 substance hereof and prayer of the petition for said ditch improvement.

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

After having examined the report of the Engineer, with the appropriation by him made, do find that said appropriation for the construction of the open ditch is not in all respects fair and just according to the benefits to be derived from the construction of said open ditch.

It is therefore ordered that said report and appropriation be and the same changed in the following manner, to wit:

Deduct \$5.00 from assessment of Jas. Morse, making assessment \$20.60
" \$4.00 " " " R. + M. Lloyd. " " 1.12

The following assessments to be dropped entirely.

E. H. + R. W. Stucky, \$30.72

H. H. Mc. Clellan 5.12

Chas. Martin 10.24

It is therefore ordered that said report and appropriation be and the same be hereby changed as hereby ordered.

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approved and confirmed.

It is further ordered that for the purpose of raising money necessary to pay for the expense of said improvement that bonds of the county be issued for amounts to be hereinafter determined.

Bonds to run five (5) years.

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

It is now and therefore ordered that the 7th day of May, A. D. 1907, at 10 o'clock, A. M. of said day, be fixed as the time for commencing the sale of the work of constructing said improvement, and that the same be sold at public outcry.

The place of said sale is fixed on the line of the ditch, and said sale to commence with the working section constituting the mouth of said improvement, at the hour above named, and from that point to continue to the starting point; each section shall be offered at public outcry until all the sections are offered; said work shall be sold in sections of not less than one hundred feet nor more than twenty five hundred feet.

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

And it is further 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, so to be made, 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 bid off by said contracting party.

Upon call of roll for the approval of the foregoing entries and findings relating to said petition and ditch, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. H. Markley voted "aye".

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

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In the matter of the } Auditor's Office, Madison County,
 Ditch Imp. Petitioned } April 17th A. D. 1902.
 for by Marion Bidwell et al. } Order to sell the Labor of Construction

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

It is now and there fore ordered that the 7th day of May, A. D. 1902, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day be fixed as the time for commencing the sale of the work of construction of said ditch, and that the same be sold at public outcry; the place of said sale is fixed on the line of said ditch and said sale to commence with the working section constituting the mouth of said improvement, at the hour above named, and from that point to continue to the starting point. Each section shall be offered to public outcry until all the sections are offered.

Said work shall be sold in sections of not less than one hundred feet nor more than twenty five hundred feet in length.

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

And it is also ordered and directed that the County Surveyor, J. H. Asher, attend at the time and place of said sale, and conduct the same and receive all bids for 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.

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

Dale Bill.

Ditch Sale. Notice to Contractors.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Engineer will sell at public outcry on Wednesday, May, 7th 1902, at 10 o'clock, A. M. (Standard time) of said day,

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to the lowest responsible bidder therefor, the work of furnishing the tile and constructing the Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 2. located in Jefferson and Wanaan Townships, Madison County, Ohio. Said work will be sold in sections as follows and may be offered as a whole.

Main Ditch.

Section I. From Station 108.40 down stream sufficient distance to give a good outlet for the tile,	\$20.00
Section II. From Station 108.40 to Station 84.	
147.87 rods 15 inch tile at \$2.70 per rod	399.25
147.87 rods excavation at .90 " "	133.08
	532.33
Section III. From Station 84 to Station 59	
151.51 rods 15 inch tile at \$2.70 per rod.	409.08
151.51 rods excavation at .80 " "	121.21
	530.29
Section IV. From Station 59 to Station 34	
129.10 rods 15 inch tile at \$2.70 per rod.	348.57
22.41 rods 12 inch tile at 1.60 " "	35.86
151.51 rods excavation at .85 " "	128.78
	513.21
Section V. From Station 34 to Station 9	
151.51 rods 12 inch tile at \$1.60 per rod.	242.42
151.51 rods excavation at .60 per rod.	90.90
	333.32
Section VI. From Station 9 to Station 0	
54.54 rods 12 inch tile at \$1.60 per rod.	87.26
54.54 rods excavation at 1.00 " "	54.54
	141.80

Lateral No. 1

Section VII. From Station 0 to Station 1.88	
12 rods 12 inch tile at \$1.60 per rod.	19.20
12 rods 8 inch tile at .75 per rod.	9.00
12 rods excavation at .60 " "	7.20
	35.40

Section VIII. Masonry Protection Wall, large sized hand stone laid in cement mortar, \$25.00

Bidders will meet where said ditch crosses the middle Pike near the residence of Marion Bidwell, about four miles north of West Jefferson.

A cash deposit (no checks taken) of \$20.00 will be required as a guarantee of good faith before any bid 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, Ohio, and will be with the Engineer on day of sale. By Order of the Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio.

B. A. Taylor, Auditor

J. H. Asher, Engineer

Report of Sale of Ditch.

To the Honorable Commissioners of Madison

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County, Ohio; Gentleman; 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 respectfully conditioned according to law, and return the same herewith for your approval. J. H. Asher, Engineer.

The furnishing of 240.46 rods 12 inch tile and 12 rods of 8 inch tile was sold to Monroe Bidwell for Three hundred and ninety three and 7/100 Dollars (\$393.74) Amount for which it was estimated Three hundred and ninety three and 7/100 Dollars. (\$393.74) To be completed on or before October 1" 1907.

The furnishing of 428.48 rods of 15 inch tile was sold to the New Blue Manufacturing Company for Eleven hundred and fifty six and 9/100 Dollars (\$1156.90) To be completed on or before September 15" 1907.

The construction of Working sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 + 8 were sold to George Goldsberry for Five hundred and eighty and 7/100 Dollars. (\$580.71) To be completed on or before November 1" 1907.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,

In the matter of the Ditch Improvement Petitioned for by Marion Bidwell et al. } May 7" A. D. 1907. 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 sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 + 8 of 11505 feet, was sold by the County Surveyor, on the 7" day of May, A. D. 1907, to the undersigned for Five hundred and eighty dollars and seventy one cents, pursuant to said order and notice. Now, in consideration of the premises, it is agreed by me, to and with whomsoever may be interested therein, that I will do and perform all the labor of constructing said improvement, in accordance with the specifications for constructing the same, as shown on the record of the proceedings thereof the same to be completed on or before the 1" day of November, A. D. 1907, 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. George Goldsberry, Contractor.

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In the matter of the } Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio
Ditch Improvement Petition } May 7th A. D. 1907.
for by Marion Bidwell et al. } Contractor's Bond.

Know all men by these presents, that George Goldsberry as principal and Monroe Bidwell and Grant Cross as sureties, are firmly held and bound unto the State of Ohio, in the penal sum of Eleven hundred and sixty one and ⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars, good and lawful money. Signed and dated this 7th day of May, A. D. 1907. The condition of the above obligations is such, however, that whereas the above bound principal contractor has bid off the labor of constructing working sections nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8, has duly entered into the annexed contract, subject to the condition that the same shall be approved by the Commissioners of said Madison County and has agreed to fully do and perform all labor of constructing said improvement, in accordance with the plans and specifications of said improvement, as shown on the record of said proceedings, on or before the 1st day of November, A. D. 1907. Now, if the said George Goldsberry 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.

This Contract and Bond } George Goldsberry
and Sureties said Bond } Monroe Bidwell
approved this 12 day of May, A. D. 1907. } Grant Cross.
J. H. Asher, }
County Surveyor. } Chas. B. Marley } Commissioners
of Madison County.

Contract for Drain Tile.

In the matter of the } Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio
Ditch Improvement Petition } May 7th 1907.
for by Marion Bidwell et al. } Contract for Drain Tile.

Whereas, the above styled improvement has been duly ordered and advertised for sale according to law, and the furnishing of Tile (12 inch and 8 inch) of working sections nos. 4 to 7 of 3967 feet, sold by the

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County Surveyor, on the 7th day of May, A. D. 1902, to
 Maurice Bidwell for \$393.74. Now, in consideration of the
 premises, it is agreed by me, to and with whom
 however may be interested therein, that I will furn-
 ish 240.46 rods of 12 inch Drain Tile from Station 0
 to Station 37+70 (Main Ditch) and 12 rods 12 inch
 tile from station 0 to Station 1+88, Lateral No. 1, and
 8 inch from Station 0 to Station 1+88, delivered on
 line of above styled improvement in lots as
 needed, all of the same to be delivered on or before the
 15th day of October, A. D. 1902, provided this contract shall
 be of no force and effect until approved by the Board
 of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio.
 J. H. Asher, County Surveyor. Maurice Bidwell, Contractor.

Contractor's Bond for Drain Tile.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

In the matter of the Ditch }
 Improvement Petitioned }
 for by Marion Bidwell et al. } Contractor's Bond.
 Know all men by these presents, that Maurice Bidwell as principal and
 J. H. Grant and Clark Van Olue as sureties are
 jointly and bound unto the State of Ohio
 in the several sum of Seven hundred and eighty
 seven and ⁴³/₁₀₀ Dollars, good and lawful money. Dated
 and dated this 7th day of May, A. D. 1902. The condi-
 tion of the above obligation, is such, however,
 that whereas, the above bound principal
 contractor has bid off the furnishing and deliver-
 ing the Drain Tile for constructing working section
 part of 4, 5, 6 + 7, has duly entered into the annexed
 contract, subject to the condition that the same
 shall be approved by the Commissioners of said
 County. Now, if the said Maurice Bidwell shall
 well and truly perform all the obligations of his
 said contract, and complete the same within the
 time fixed by said contract, and pay all damage which
 may occur by reason of a failure to complete the
 same within the time agreed upon in said contract,
 then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to be
 in full force and effect in law. Maurice Bidwell
 J. H. Grant
 Clark Van Olue.

This Contract and Bond
 and Duties on said Bond
 approved this 12th day of May, A. D. 1902.
 J. H. Asher, County Surveyor.
 H. E. Bradley, }
 Charles B. Markley, }
 Commissioners of Madison County

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Contract for Drain Tile.

In the matter of the } Auditor's Office, Madison County,
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } May 7th A. D. 1907.
for by Marion Bidwell et al. } Contract for Drain Tile.

Whereas, The above styled improvement has been duly ordered and advertised for sale according to law, and the furnishing of Tile (15 inch) Working Section No. 2, 3 and part of 4 of 7070 feet, 15 inch tile, sold by the County Surveyor, on the 7th day of May, A. D. 1907, to The Van Blue Clay Manufacturing Company, for \$1156.90. Now, in consideration of the premises, it is agreed by me, to and with whomsoever may be interested therein, that I will furnish 428.48 rods of 15 inch drain tile from Station 37+70 to Station 108+40, to be delivered on line of above styled improvement, in lots as needed, all of the same to be delivered on or before the 15 day of September, A. D. 1907, provided this contract shall be of no force and effect, until approved by the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio.

J. H. Asher, County Surveyor, The Van Blue Clay Mfg. Co. Contractor.

Contractor's Bond for Drain Tile.

In the matter of the } Auditor's Office, Madison County,
Ditch Imp. Petitioned for } May 7th A. D. 1907.
by Marion Bidwell et al. } Contractor's Bond.

Know all men by these presents, That The Van Blue Clay Manufacturing Company, as principal, and The Blue Clay Company, and Black Van Blue as sureties are jointly and severally bound unto the State of Ohio, in the penal sum of Twenty Three Hundred and eighteen and ⁸⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, good and lawful money. Dated and dated this 7th day of May, A. D. 1907. The condition of the above obligation is such, however, that whereas, the above bounden principal contractor has bid off the furnishing and delivering the Drain Tile for constructing working sections No. 2, 3 and part of 4, 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 the Van Blue Clay Manufacturing Company, shall well and truly perform all the obligations of their said contract, and complete the same within the time fixed by said contract, and pay all damages which may occur by reason of a failure to complete the same within the time agreed upon in said contract, then this obligation

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shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect in law. Van Blew Mfg Company, Price Mfg Company, M.W. Wilson, Mgr. and Duties on said Bond, Clark Van Blew.

Approved this 21st day of July, A. D. 1907.

J. H. Asher, County Surveyor. H. E. Bradley, President of Board of Commissioners

Approval of Contracts and Bonds.

In the matter of Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio. The Ditch Imp. Petitioned } May 12th + July 21st 1907. for by Marion Bidwell et al. Approval of Contracts and Bonds, etc. J. H. Asher, the County Surveyor, having made his report of the sale of the work of constructing said improvement, and having, within the time required by law, filed the contracts entered into with The Van Blew Manufacturing Company, Monroe Bidwell and George Goldsberry for doing said work, and the bonds of said contractors, which contracts and bonds have all been examined and approved by this board and they are ordered to be filed according to law. And the Auditor is hereby ordered to notify said contractors of the approval of his contract and bond and that he is required to comply therewith. H. E. Bradley, President of Board of Commissioners. B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Commissioner's Office, Madison County, London, Ohio, May, 12th 1907.

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

In the matter of the Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 2. Approval of Contracts and Bonds.

J. H. Asher, the County Surveyor, having filed his report of the sale of the labor of constructing said improvement, and having within the time required by law, filed the contracts entered into with Monroe Bidwell, and The Van Blew Manufacturing Company for furnishing tile; and George Goldsberry for the labor of construction, and the bonds of said contractor, which contracts have all been examined and approved by the board and they are ordered to be filed according to law. And the County Auditor is hereby directed to notify said contractors of the approval of said contracts and bonds and that they are required to comply therewith. The roll being called for the approval of the above

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entry, all members voted "Aye".
 H. E. Bradley,
 Jas. B. Anderson,
 Char. B. Markley. } Commissioners
 of
 Madison County.
 B. A. Taylor,
 Auditor & Clerk.

Notice of Approval of Contract and Bond.
 For Constructing Ditch, Auditor's Office, Madison County,
 Ohio, May 16th 1907.

To Marion Bidwell, Contractor:
 You are hereby notified that the contract and
 bond, made and taken between you and the Engineer
 for furnishing tile for a portion of the Ditch Im-
 provement petitioned for by Marion Bidwell et al,
 now on file with the Auditor of said County, have
 been duly approved by the Commissioners,
 B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Notice of approval of Contract and Bond
 for constructing ditch.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio, May 16th 1907.
 To George Baldery, Contractor: You are hereby
 notified that the Contract and Bond, made and
 taken between you and the Engineer for construct-
 ing working sections nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8. of the
 Ditch Improvement petitioned for by Marion
 Bidwell et al, now on file with the Auditor of
 said County, have been duly approved by the
 Commissioners. B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Notice of approval of Contract and Bond for constructing ditch.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio, May 16th 1907.
 To The Van Blue Clay Manufacturing Company, Contractor:
 You are hereby notified that the Contract and
 Bond made and taken between you and the
 Engineer for furnishing tile for a portion of
 the Ditch Improvement, petitioned for by Marion
 Bidwell et al, have been duly approved by the
 Commissioners. B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Order of Issue and Sale of Bonds.

Regular Session. May 12th 1907.
 This day the Commissioners considered the
 matter of issuing and selling bonds to meet the
 expense of The Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement
 No. 7. It was moved by Char. B. Markley and
 seconded by Jas. B. Anderson, that for the purpose
 of raising money necessary to pay for said improve-
 ment, and in pursuance of the authority granted by

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Sections 4479, 4481 + 4482 Revised. Statutes of Ohio and the laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, that Bonds of the County be issued for said improvement as follows.

One Bond for \$248, due January 1st 1903

One Bond for \$248, due July 1st 1903

One Bond for \$248, due January 1st 1904

One Bond for \$248, due July 1st 1904

One Bond for \$248, due January 1st 1905

One Bond for \$248, due July 1st 1905

One Bond for \$248, due January 1st 1906

One Bond for \$248, due July 1st 1906

One Bond for \$248, due January 1st 1907

One Bond for \$248, due July 1st 1907

Total amount of said Bonds Twenty four hundred + eighty, (\$2480⁰⁰) Dollars.

Said bonds to bear date of July 1st 1902, and bear interest at rate of four (4) per cent per annum, represented by coupons payable as follows: First installment due January 1st 1903, and payable semi-annually thereafter and due January 1st and July 1st of each year.

Said Bonds are to be issued in pursuance of the authority granted by Sections 4479, 4481 + 4482 Revised Statutes of Ohio, and the laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

Bids to be received for the entire issue or any portion or part thereof and no bonds will be sold for less than their face value.

Bidders to be required to state the gross amount that they will pay for said bonds or any portion or part thereof.

Bonds and interest payable at the County Treasurer's Office in London, Ohio, and said Bonds will be delivered to the successful bidder or bidders at said Treasurer's Office, upon the payment of purchase price together with any accrued interest.

Each bidder will be required to deposit an amount at least equaling 5 per cent of the bid to bind the purchase, the deposited amount of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to the owner.

Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids. The County Auditor is directed to cause legal notice of such proposed bond sale, to be published in "The London Times", a newspaper of general circulation in Madison County, Ohio.

B. A. Taylor,
Auditor and Clerk.

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

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Notice of Bond Sale.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio, will receive sealed bids, filed with the Auditor of said County, in London, Ohio, up to twelve o'clock, noon, standard time for the purchase of certain Bonds.

Said Bonds are for raising money for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, and are specifically described as follows:

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- One Bond for \$248, due January 1st 1903.
- One Bond for \$248, due July 1st 1903.
- One Bond for \$248, due January 1st 1904.
- One Bond for \$248, due July 1st 1904.
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- One Bond for \$248, due July 1st 1906.
- One Bond for \$248, due January 1st 1907.
- One Bond for \$248, due July 1st 1907.

Said Bonds will bear date of July 1st 1902, and will bear interest at the rate of four (4) per cent. per annum, represented by coupons, payable as follows: First installment due January 1st 1903, and payable semi-annually thereafter and due January 1st and July 1st of each year.

Said Bonds are issued in pursuance of the authority granted by Sections 4479, 4481 + 4482 Revised Statutes of Ohio, and the laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

Bids will be received for the entire issue or any part thereof and no Bonds will be sold for less than their face value.

Bidders will be required to state the gross amount they will pay for said bonds or any portion or part thereof.

Bonds and interest payable at the County Treasurer's Office in London, Ohio, and said bonds will be delivered to the successful bidder or bidders at said Treasurer's Office, upon the payment of purchase price together with any accrued interest.

Each bidder will be required to deposit cash to an amount at least equaling five (5) per cent of the amount of Bonds bid to bind the purchase; the deposited amount of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to the owner. Commissioners reserve the right to reject any

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on all bids.

By order of the County Commissioners.

B. A. Taylor,

Auditor, Madison County, Ohio.

Proof of Publication of Bond Sale.

The State of Ohio, Madison County, ss:

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

W. D. Bacone.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of June, 1902.

B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Sale of Bonds.

Special Session, June 21st 1902.

This being the day fixed by the Board for the sale of County Ditch Improvement Bonds, which bonds are specifically named in the order for the sale of the same, dated May, 12th 1902, and described on page 505, this volume of the proceedings of the Commissioners. And the Board being satisfied that said sale of bonds had been duly and legally advertised proceeded to conduct said sale in accordance with the aforesaid order. Bids were received and recorded as follows:

- The Madison National Bank, London, Ohio,
- The Central Bank, London, Ohio,

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

Upon the adoption of the foregoing motion the roll being called, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. H. Markley voted "aye".

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

Commissioner's Office, Madison County, London, Ohio, September 8th 1902.

Board of Commissioners met today in regular session.

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

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In the matter of the Assessments for the year 1902, various ditch improvements } Assessments.

The Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 2, having been provided for according to law and the Board of County Commissioners having determined to raise money necessary to pay for the expense of said improvement,

It is hereby ordered that assessments for the said improvement shall be made upon the lots and lands benefited, payable as follows:

The Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement payable in five annual installments.

And that assessments for the year, 1902, sufficient to pay the cost of location, the bonds and interest due, the first and all claims for compensation and damages allowed, 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, 1902, charging each of the lots and lands assessed for The Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 2, 25% of the gross assessment.

And that assessments shall be made annually hereafter sufficient to pay the bonds and interest due each year until paid.

The roll being called for the approval of the foregoing entry relating to the assessments on various ditch improvements, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley voted "Aye".

B. A. Taylor, Auditor & Clerk.

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

Recorded October 4th 1902.

B. A. Taylor, County Auditor