

Record of proceedings in the matter of the Van Cleve Ditch Improvement, petitioned for by Avanda Van Cleve and located in Fairfield Township, Madison County Ohio.

Petition

Big Plain, Ohio, July 7, 1897. Petition for location, construction & tiling of a ditch To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio:

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

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

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

Commencing at a point on the north side of the London and Circleville pike at a point where a tile ditch crosses said pike, said point being on the land of O. W. Pringle; Thence in a south easterly direction through the lands of said Pringle, Mrs. Lyons, Charlotte White, Robert Thomas Estate, Jacob Gill, William Strain, Newton Strain, Mrs. Tracy and Lennal Lawrence to a large run and terminating thereat. A distance in all of about 400 rods, in Fairfield Tp. Madison County, Ohio.

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:

O. W. Pringle,	Mrs. Tracy	Minnie Van Cleve
Madison County,	Lennal Lawrence	Mrs. Joseph Madden
Mrs. Lyons	Avanda Van Cleve	Fred Adson
Charlotte White,	Matilda Van Cleve	Miles Smith
Robt. Thomas Est.	Chan. Elliott	William May
Elmer Thomas	Isaac Hodgson	Jno. Chamberlain
Milton Thomas	Grace Bartmell	Emma Jones
Allie Thomas	George Funk	Miles Smith
Eva Smith	Mr. Kyle	William Johnson
Nelson Thomas	Elijah Chenoweth	John Thomas
William Thomas	Chas. Johnson	Margaret Bartmell
D. D. Downing	Mrs. Mayhugh	Pearl Bartmell
Ella Barnes	Dr. Carlton	William Cox
Mrs. Thomas	William Hume	Thos. Cox
Jacob Gill	Miss Jones	Matilda Strain
William Strain	Geo. W. Poland	Minnie Robinson
Newton Strain	Richard Edwards	Anna Robinson

Filed Aug. 7th 1897.

Avanda Van Cleve, Petitioner

Bond of Petitioners.

Know all Men by these Presents, That Avanda Van Cleve as principal, and John M. Guire and J. W. Van Cleve 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^m bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators.

Signed and dated this 7th day of August A. D. 1897.

The condition of the above obligation is such however, that, whereas, on the 7th day of August, A. D. 1897, the above bounden Avanda Van Cleve made application to the Commissioners of Madison County, and on said day filed with the Auditor of said County a petition for the location, construction and tiling of a ditch in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, on the following route and termini, to wit: Commencing at a point in the north side of the London and Circleville pike at a point where a tile ditch crosses said pike, said point being in the land of W. W. Pringle; Thence in a south easterly direction through the lands of said Pringle, Mrs. Lyons, Charlotte White, Robert Thomas Estate, Jacob Gill, William Strain, Mrs. Tracy and Lemuel Lawrence to a large run and terminating thereat. A distance in all of about 400 rods in Fairfield Tp. Madison County, Ohio.

Now if the above bounden Avanda Van Cleve 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 sureties thereon, are approved by me this 7th day of August, A. D. 1898.

Geo. H. Clark,
Deputy County Auditor.

Avanda Van Cleve.
J. W. Van Cleve.
John M. Guire.

Notice to Commissioners
Of Petition Filed and Time for Hearing.

Office of Auditor of Madison County, Ohio, August 9th 1897.
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 7th day of August 1897, a copy of which petition is attached below; and as required by law I have fixed the 31st day of August A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the beginning of said proposed ditch described in said petition, for your hearing of said matter.

H. D. Wilson,
Auditor.

Copy of Ditch Petition.

London, Ohio, August 9th 1897. Petition for location, construction and tiling of a ditch.
To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio.

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

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

The following is the beginning, route and termini of said proposed improvement, to wit: Commencing at a point on the north side of the London and Circleville pike at a point where a tile ditch crosses said pike, said point being on the land of W. H. Pringle, Thence in a south-easterly direction through the lands of said Pringle, Mrs. Lyons, Charlotte White, Robert Thomas, Estate, Jacob Gill, William Strain, Newton Strain, Mrs. Tracy and Lemuel Lawrence, to a large run and terminating thereat. A distance in all of about 400 rods in Fairfield Tp. Madison County, Ohio.

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

Fred Adson, Allie Thomas, Eva Smith, Nelson Thomas, William Thomas, Miles Smith, D. D. Downing, Will May, Mrs. Young, Ella Barnes, W. H. Pringle, Mrs. Thomas, Jacob Gill, William Strain, Newton Strain, Madison County, Mrs. Tracy, Lemuel Lawrence, Amanda Van Cleve, Mrs. Lyons, Matilda Van Cleve, Chas. Elliott, Isaac Hodgson, Charlotte White, Grace Bartmill, John Chamberlain, George Funk, Robt. Thomas Est, Mr. Kyle, Elijah Chenoweth, Chas. Johnson, Oliver Thomas, Mrs. Mayhugh, Dr. Warleton, Wm. Hume, Miss Jones, Milton Thomas, Geo. H. Poland, Richard Edwards, Minnie Van Cleve & Mrs. Jos. Madden.
I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Ditch Petition filed in my office on the 7th day of August, 1897. H. D. Wilson, County Auditor. B.

Ditch Improvement Record, Van Olevé Ditch.

Cours. Journal
Vol. 6. Page 7.

Commissioner's Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, August 9th 1897.

Board of Commissioners met today in special session.

Members present, H. Lilly, S. S. Robbins and James Withrow.

In the matter of

The Ditch Imp. Peti.

tioned for by Aranda Van Olevé.

} Notice of filing of Petition and Fixing Time of View.

The County Auditor having given due notice to the Board of the filing of a petition on the 7th day of August, 1897, signed by Aranda Van Olevé praying for the location, construction and tiling of a ditch along the following route, to wit: Commencing at a point on the north side of the London and Circleville pike at a point where a tile ditch crosses said pike, said point being on the land of C. W. Pringle; Thence in a south-easterly direction through the lands of said Pringle, Mrs. Lyons, Charlotte White, Robert Thomas Estate, William Strain, Newton Strain, Jacob Gill, Mrs. Tracy, and Lemuel Lawrence to a large run and terminating thereat. In all a distance of about 400 rods in Fairfield Twp. Madison County, Ohio.

And it appearing that said petitioner has given bond as required by law, which bond has been approved by the Auditor, and the Auditor having fixed Tuesday, August 21st 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M. as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is therefore ordered that the Board meet on said day at the beginning of said proposed ditch improvement, to hear proof offered by any of the parties affected by said improvement and others competent to testify and determine the necessity for said improvement.

On the question of the adoption of the orders and findings herein mentioned, the roll being called each member voted "Aye"

H. Lilly }
James Withrow } Commissioners
S. S. Robbins. } of
Madison County

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

August 10th 1897.

In the matter of Ditch
Improvement Petitioned
for by Awanda Van Cleve.

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 7th day of August, A. D. 1897, Awanda Van Cleve filed a petition with the Auditor of Madison County, the prayer of which is for the location, construction and tiling of a ditch, on the following starting point, route and terminus, to wit: Commencing at a point on the north side of the Gordon and Circleville pike at a point where a tile ditch crosses said pike, said point being on the lands of W. W. Pringle. Thence in a southeasterly direction through the lands of said Pringle, Mrs. Lyons, Charlotte White, Robert Thomas Estate, Jacob Gill, William Strain, Newton Strain, Mrs. Tracy and Lenual Lawrence to a large run and terminating thereat. A distance in all of about 400 rods in Fairfield Tp. Madison County, Ohio.

You are also notified that the following time and place have been fixed when and where the Commissioners of said County will meet for the hearing of said petition, to wit: Tuesday, August 31st, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M. at the beginning of said proposed ditch improvement, for the purpose of hearing any and all proof offered by any of the parties affected by said ditch improvement, whether the said ditch will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare; and whether the route described is the best route, and any and all objections to said proposed ditch improvement.

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

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

H. D. Wilson,

Auditor of Madison County,
B.

State of Ohio, } Proof of Notice.
Madison Co. ss. }

On this 28th day of August, A. D. 1897, personally appeared before the undersigned authority W. D. Wilson, 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, or leaving same at place of residence or as indicated below.

Name of Person Served	How Served.	When Served.
Fred Adrian	Residence	August 13 th 1897.
Wiles Smith	"	" " "
C. W. Pringle	"	" " "
Mrs. Lyons	Agent.	" " "
Charlotte White	Delivered	" " "
Robert Thomas Estate.	"	" " "
Eva Smith	"	" " "
D. D. Downing	By Publication	" " "
Mrs. Young	Residence	" " "
Jacob Gill	"	" " "
William Strain	Delivered	" " "
Newton Strain	"	" " "
Mrs. Tracy	"	" " "
Lemuel Lawrence	Residence	" " "
Aranda Van Blevé	Delivered	" " "
Matilda Van Blevé	"	" " "
Chas. Elliott	"	" " "
Isaac Hodgson	"	" " "
Grace Bartmill	Residence	" " "
John Chamberlain	"	" " "
George Funk	Delivered	" " "
Mr. Kyle	"	" " "
Elijah Shenoweth	Residence	" " "
Chas. Johnson	"	" " "
Mrs. Mayhugh	"	" " "
Dr. Carlton	"	" " "
William Hume	Delivered.	" " "
Emma Jones	"	" " "
Geo. H. Poland	Guard. By Mail.	" " "
Richard Edwards	Delivered	" " "
Minnie Van Blevé	"	" " "
Mrs. Joseph Madden.	Residence	" " "
William May.	Residence	" " "

And further this deponent saith not.

W. D. Wilson

Sworn to by W. D. Wilson before me and by him subscribed in my presence this 28th day of August, A. D. 1897.

C. E. Arbuckle, Clerk of Court.

Notice by Publication.

In the matter of the ditch petitioned for by Avanda Van Cleve.
Auditor's Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, Aug. 10 1897.

To Non-Resident Land Owners:

Notice is hereby given to non-resident lot and land owners affected by the improvement designated herein, that a petition signed by Avanda Van Cleve has been filed with the auditor of said county, and is now pending before the Commissioners of said county, praying for the location, construction and tiling of a ditch on the route hereinafter set forth, and will be for hearing at the beginning of said improvement, on
Tuesday, August 31st 1897
at 10 o'clock A.M.

Said petition sets forth that the necessity for the improvement 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.

That said ditch commences at a point on the north side of the London and Circleville pike at a point where a tile ditch crosses said pike, said point being on the land of C. W. Pringle; Thence in a south-easterly direction through the lands of said Pringle, Mrs. Lyons, Charlotte White, Robert Thomas Estate, Jacob Gill, Robt. Thomas Estate, William Strain, Mrs. Tracy^{and} Lemuel Lawrence to a large run and terminating thereat. A distance in all of about 400 rods, in Fairfield Tp. Madison County, Ohio.

At the above place and date the commissioners will consider whether the route described is the best route and any and all objections to said proposed ditch improvement.

H. D. Wilson,
Auditor Madison County.

Proof of Publication.

Courts Journal
Vol. 6, Page 15

Commissioners Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, August 31st 1897.

Board of Commissioners met today in special session.
Members present, H. Lilly, S. S. Robbins and James Withrow.
In the matter of }
The Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Adjourned meeting on view.
for by Amanda Van Blevé

Pursuant to order of August 9th 1897, the board met upon the line of said ditch to view the same and determine the necessity of said improvement.

Upon examination of the premises along and adjacent to said route, the board find that William Johnson, John Thomas, Margaret Bartnell, Carl Bartnell, William Cox, Thomas Cox, Wardilla Strain, Minnie Robinson, Myrtle Robinson, Anna Laura Robinson and Amanda Brown had not been notified of said hearing.

It is therefore ordered that the Board adjourn the further consideration of said matter to Tuesday, Sept. 21st 1897, on the line of said route.

It is further ordered that the above mentioned parties be notified of said hearing.

Upon motion for the approval of the above order, the roll being called, Lilly, Robbins and Withrow voted "Aye." Carried.

H. Lilly }
S. S. Robbins } Commissioners
James Withrow } of
Madison County.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,
Sept. 2^d A. D. 1897.

In the matter of the }
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Additional Notice to Lot or Land Owners.
for by Avanda Van Cleve. }

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 7th day of August, 1897, Avanda Van Cleve filed a petition with the Auditor of said County, the prayer of which is for the location, construction and tiling of a Ditch on the following starting point, route and terminus, to wit: Commencing at a point on the north side of the Gordon and Circleville pike at a point where a tile ditch crosses said pike, said point being on the lands of W. W. Pringle; thence in a south-easterly direction through the lands of said Pringle, Mrs. Lyons, Charlotte White, Robert Thomas Estate, Jacob Gill, William Strain, Newton Strain, Mrs. Tracy and Lennal Lawrence to a large run and terminating thereat. A distance in all of about 400 rods in Fairfield Tp. Madison County, Ohio.

You are also notified that the following time and place have been fixed when and where the Commissioners of said County will meet for the hearing of said petition, to wit: Tuesday, September 21st 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M. at the beginning of said proposed ditch improvement for the purpose of hearing any and all proof offered by any of the parties affected by said ditch improvement, whether the said ditch will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare; and whether the route described is the best route and any and all objections to said proposed ditch improvement.

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

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

H. D. Wilson,

Auditor of Madison County, O.

Proof of Notice

State of Ohio, Madison County. ss:

I hereby certify that I have served the annexed and above notice on the respective parties herein named by delivering to each a true copy thereof in the manner as follows, to wit:

Name of Person Served,	How Served.	When Served.
William Johnson	Residence	September 3 rd 1897.
John Thomas	"	" " "
Margaret Bartnell	"	" " "
Pearl Bartnell	"	" " "
William Cox	Personal	" " "
Thomas Cox	"	" " "
Mardilla Strain	"	" " "
Minnie Robinson	Residence	" " "
Anna Robinson	Personal	" " "
Amanda Brown	"	" " "

H. D. Wilson,
County Auditor.

Ditch Improvement Record, Van Cleve Ditch.

Comms. Journal
Vol. 6. Page 83.

Commissioners' Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, September 27th 1897.

Commissioners met today in Regular Session.
Members present, S. S. Robbins, James Withrow and Jas. B. Anderson.

In the matter of the }
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Meeting to View.
for by Amanda Van Cleve }

This being the day to which said matter was adjourned, the Board proceeded to the place of beginning of said improvement as prayed for in said petition, and having then and there heard proof of parties affected by said improvement, and having duly considered the matter, do find and determine that said improvement is necessary and will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare, and the best route therefor is as follows:

Commencing on the north side of the London and Birleville pike, at a point where a tile ditch crosses said pike; said point being on the land of W. H. Pringle. Thence in a south-easterly direction through the lands of said Pringle, Mrs. Lyons, Charlotte White, Robert Thomas Estate, William Strain, Newton Strain, Jacob Gill, Mrs. Tracy and Lernal Lawrence to a large run and terminating thereat. A distance in all of about 400 rods in Fairfield Tp., Madison County, Ohio.

Board also viewed the Laterals.

Objections and remonstrances filed by W. A. Strain and others were overruled.

Order to County Surveyor.

Engineer is ordered to go upon the line of said improvement, level and survey the same, and set a stake at every hundred feet numbering down stream, note the intersection of lines and boundaries of lands, township lines, land marks, bench marks and road crossings, make a report, profile and plat of the same, estimate the number of cubic yards of earth and other substance to be removed, the cost per cubic yard of each working section and each section of one hundred feet.

It is also ordered that said Engineer make and return a schedule of all lots and lands, public and corporate roads, and municipal corporations that will be benefited by said improvement and an apportionment of the cost of location and construction in money to each lot and tract of land, road and municipal corporation that will be benefited by said improvement, according to the benefits which will result to each, and a specification of the manner in which the improvement shall be made and completed, the amount and size of tile necessary and the estimated cost of the same.

(over)

Ditch Improvement Record, Van Olve Ditch.

Engineer is also ordered to tile the same from the point where the Van Olve Lateral intersects Main Ditch to a point about 50 feet above a spring on the land of W. A. Strain.

And also clean out open ditch far enough to give tile a good and sufficient outlet, and to examine carefully all the ditch from the intersection of said lateral to beginning of route described in said petition, and said Engineer is ordered to have the same repaired and put in good condition if he finds it to be out of repair.

Said Engineer shall report his proceedings to this Board on Monday, October 25th 1897, at 10 o'clock A.M. and all interested parties are notified accordingly.

Upon motion for approval of each of the foregoing orders and findings, the roll being called, each member voted "Aye".

S. S. Robbins, }
James Withrow, } Commissioners
Jas. B. Anderson. } of
Madison County.

Report of Engineers.

London, Ohio,

October 25th 1897.

To the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio:

In obedience to your order to me, I have surveyed, staked and leveled the county ditch petitioned for by Amanda Van Cleve and beg leave to submit the following report:

I have set a stake at each one hundred feet, numbering down stream, and noted the intersection of all farm lands and road crossings.

I also submit herewith a specification of the manner in which said ditch shall be constructed, together with a list of all lots or lands owners and the assessment, according to benefits in money as made against each, and such other matter as I deem worthy of record.

I also submit herewith a plat and profile of said ditch.

The following is an itemized bill of expenses made by me in the proper discharge of my duty under said order.

H. L. Mc Cafferty,	Engineer,	12 days at \$4.00	\$48.00
H. O. Cow	Assistant,	3 " " \$1.50	4.50
J. H. Brabb	Chain Carrier,	3 " " \$1.25	3.75
Blyde Brabb	" "	2 " " \$1.25	2.50
Blaine Brabb	Marker,	2 " " \$1.25	2.50
Alex Agin	" "	1 " " \$1.25	1.25
Fred. Funk	" "	2 " " \$1.25	2.50
J. H. Van Cleve.	Stakes,		3.12
	Total		\$68.12

I hereby certify the above to be correct.

H. L. Mc Cafferty,
Engineer.

Ditch Improvement Record,

Van Cleave

Ditch.

Report of Engineer

Schedule A.

Stake every 100 feet thru line down station	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Total fall from station 0	Entire Depth	Out.	Course and Distance.	
O.M.	96.75						Oak Stump S.
0	94.87	90.50		4.37	4.37	S. 35° E. 166'	
1	94.52	90.34	.16	4.18	4.18		
+ 66	94.35	90.23	.27	4.12	4.12	S. 6° W. 134'	Beginning on land of
2	94.23	90.18	.32	4.05	4.05		Robt. Thomas Est.
3	94.23	90.02	.48	4.21	4.21	S. 30 1/2° W. 135'	Distance through said
4	94.15	89.86	.64	4.29	4.29		Heirs 1992 feet.
+ 35	94.05	89.80	.70	4.25	4.25	S. 3/4° W. 165'	
5	93.68	89.70	.80	3.98	3.98		
6	93.48	89.54	.96	3.94	3.94	S. 16° E. 80'	
+ 80	93.33	89.41	1.09	3.92	3.92	S. 53 1/2° E. 162	
7	93.40	89.38	1.12	4.02	4.02		
8	93.45	89.22	1.28	4.23	4.23		
+ 42	93.65	89.16	1.34	4.49	4.49	S. 19 1/2° E. 134'	
9	93.42	89.06	1.44	4.36	4.36		
+ 76	93.55	89.94	1.56	3.61	3.61	S. 53° E. 138	
10	93.45	88.90	1.60	4.55	4.55		
1	93.00	88.74	1.76	4.26	4.26		
+ 14	92.80	88.72	1.78	4.08	4.08	S. 10° E. 86	
2	93.00	88.58	1.92	4.42	4.42	S. 15° W. 100	
3	93.50	88.42	2.08	3.08	4.08	S. 30 1/2° W. 100	
O.M.	94.48						Oak 150' S.
4	92.85	88.26	2.24	4.59	3.59	S. 12° W. 80	
+ 80	92.73	88.13	2.37	4.60	4.60	S. 28 1/2° E. 120	
5	92.85	87.98	2.40	4.75	4.75		
6	92.95	87.94	2.56	5.01	4.26	S. 15 1/2° E. 118	
7	92.64	87.78	2.72	4.86	4.39		
+ 18	93.32	87.75	2.75	5.57	5.00	S. 22 1/2° W. 205	
8	92.92	87.62	2.88	5.30	4.40		
9	92.92	87.46	3.04	5.46	5.46		
+ 23	93.09	87.42	3.08	5.67	3.90	S. 30 1/2° W. 129	
1992 + 92	92.77	87.32	3.18	5.45	4.50		Line of Thomas Heirs & Jacob Gill
20	91.72	87.30	3.20	4.42	3.52		
+ 52	91.67	87.09	3.41	4.58	3.83	S. 48° W. 211	
1	91.75	86.88	3.62	4.87	3.99		
2	91.55	86.46	4.04	5.09	4.21		Jacob J. Gill
+ 67	90.92	86.18	4.32	4.74	4.25	S. 4 1/2° W. 137	Distance on lands of
3	91.15	86.04	4.46	5.11	4.68		Gill 1037 feet.
4	90.27	85.62	4.88	4.65	4.50	S. 42° E. 229	
5	90.33	85.20	5.30	5.13	5.13		
6	90.08	84.78	5.72	5.30	5.30		

Ditch Improvement Record,

Van Cleve

Ditch.

Report of Engineer

Schedule A.

Stake number 100 feet distance from station 0	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Total feet from station 0	Entire Depth	Cut.	Course and Distance	
+29	90.91	84.65	5.85	6.26	4.83	S. 1/4 lt. 98'	
7	89.74	84.36	6.14	5.38	4.62		
+27	89.38	84.24	6.26	5.14		S. 36 1/2 E. 125	
8	89.78	83.94	6.56	5.84	5.09		
+52	89.03	83.73	6.77	5.30		South 70	
9	88.62	83.52	6.98	5.10	4.81		
+22	88.55	83.44	7.06	5.11		S. 25 E. 117	
30	88.24	83.10	7.40	5.14	5.14		
+29	88.59	82.98	7.52	5.61	4.61	S. 70 1/2 E. 61	Line of Jacob J. Hill & W. A. Strain.
B.M.	89.22						Ash L.
1	88.33	82.68	7.82	5.65	5.12	S. 49 E. 286	
2	87.47	82.26	8.24	5.21	4.99		
3	87.05	81.84	8.66	5.21	5.21		
+86	86.92	- .20				S. 16 1/4 lt. 1167	
4	87.75	81.36	9.14	6.39	2.59		William A. Strain
5	86.98	81.16	9.34	5.82	3.44		Distance on land of
6	86.75	80.96	9.54	5.79	3.24		Strain 2971 feet.
7	86.50	80.76	9.74	5.74	3.54		
8	85.58	80.56	9.94	5.02	3.14		
9	84.93	80.36	10.14	4.57	2.99		
40	84.05	80.16	10.34	3.89	2.94		
1	85.93	79.96	10.54	5.97	3.09		
2	85.02	79.76	10.74	5.26	3.14		
3	85.25	79.56	10.94	5.69	3.19		
+32	84.35	79.50	11.00	4.85	3.00		
4	84.18	79.39	11.11	4.79	3.06		
5	83.80	79.23	11.27	4.57	2.97		
+53	83.45	79.15	11.35	4.30		S. 3 lt. 393	
6	85.68	79.07	11.43	6.61	2.88		
7	85.50	78.91	11.59	6.59	2.79		
8	85.55	78.75	11.75	6.80	2.80		
B.M.	86.72						Apple Tree, R.
9	84.80	78.59	11.91	6.31	2.76		
+46	82.73					S. 16 lt. 200	
50	83.83	78.21	12.29	5.62	2.42		
1	83.43	78.13	12.37	5.30	1.80		
2	83.58	78.05	12.45	5.53	2.43	S. 4 1/2 lt. 87	
+33	84.66	78.02	12.48	6.64	2.76	S. 42 lt. 420	
3	84.38	77.97	12.53	6.41	2.56		
4	83.48	77.89	12.61	5.59	2.04		

Ditch Improvement Record, Van Cleave Ditch.

Report of Engineer.

Schedule A.

Stake or any 100 ft. number down stream	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Total fall from Sta. 0	Entire Depth	Cont.	Course and Distance
55	82.81	77.81	12.69	5.00	1.57	
6	83.51	77.73	12.77	5.78	1.28	
B.M.	83.11					Ash Tree L.
+53	82.96	77.69	12.81	5.27	1.22	S. 88 1/2 W. 83
7	82.91	77.65	12.85	5.26	1.06	
+36	82.36	77.62	12.88	4.74	.89	S. 55 W. 142
8	81.83	77.57	12.93	4.26	1.24	
+78	82.86	77.51	12.99	5.35	.80	S. 55 1/2 W. 122
9	81.71	77.49	13.01	4.22	.47	
60	79.26	77.41	13.09	1.85	.00	
Lateral No. 1 Enters Main Ditch at Sta. 0.						
0	103.82	100.00 -4.00		3.82	3.82	S. 76° E. 576
1	100.62	96.00 -1.50	4.00	4.62	4.62	
+80	96.07	94.80	5.20	1.27	1.27	
2	97.45	94.50 -.50	5.50	2.95	2.95	
3	97.74	94.00	6.00	3.74	3.74	
4	97.02	93.50	6.50	3.52	3.52	
+50	95.87	93.25	6.75	2.62	2.62	
5	97.77	93.00	7.00	4.77	4.77	
+76	98.17	92.63	7.37	5.54	5.54	S. 41 E. 160'
B.M.	98.67					
6	97.94	92.50	7.50	5.44	5.44	
7	93.92	92.00 -.16	8.00	1.92	1.92	
+36	96.87	91.90	8.10	4.97	4.97	S. 19 1/2 E. 420'
8	97.29	91.84	8.16	5.45	5.45	
9	97.27	91.68	8.32	5.59	5.59	
10	96.27	91.52	8.48	4.75	4.75	
1	95.97	91.36	8.64	4.61	4.61	
+56	95.82	91.27	8.73	4.55	4.55	S. 6° W. 400
2	95.57	91.20	8.80	4.37	4.37	
3	95.34	91.04	8.96	4.30	4.30	
4	95.11	90.88	9.12	4.23	4.23	
5	94.93	90.72	9.28	4.21	4.21	
+56	94.87	90.44	9.56	4.43	4.43	

Ditch Improvement Record,

Van Cleve

Ditch.

Report of Engineer							Lateral No. 1 of 1 Enters No. 1 at Sta. 22		Schedule A.	
Sta.	Surf. Elev.	Graded Elev.	Total fall from Sta. 0.	Entire Depth	Cont.		Course and Distance			
0	103.02	100.40 -2.40		2.62	2.62		N. 80 1/2 W. 226'			
1	101.12	98.00	2.40	3.12	3.12					
2	99.62	95.60 -1.50	4.80	4.02	4.02					
+26	99.47	95.21	5.19	4.26	4.26		S. 12 E. 87'			
3	95.97	94.30	6.10	1.67	1.67					
+13	96.17	94.10	6.30	2.07	2.07					
Lateral No. 2 of 1 Enters Lateral No. 1 at Sta. 8.										
(Ordered Dropped)										
B. En.	101.64									
0	100.87	97.22 -2.00		3.65	3.65		S. 21 W. 36'			
+15	103.32	96.92	.30	6.40	6.40					
+36	99.47	96.50	.72	2.97	2.97		S. 45 1/2 W. 464'			
1	98.72	95.22 -30	2.00	3.50	3.50					
2	98.34	94.92	2.30	3.42	3.42					
3	97.99	94.62	2.60	3.37	3.37					
4	98.11	94.32	2.90	3.79	3.79					
5	98.34	94.02	3.20	4.32	4.32		N. 80 1/2 W. 294'			
6	98.44	93.72	3.50	4.72	4.72					
7	98.49	93.42	3.80	5.07	5.07					
+94	97.49	93.14	4.08	4.35	4.35		S. 53 1/2 W. 77'			
8	97.29	93.12	4.10	4.17	4.17					
+71	97.29	92.91	4.31	4.38	4.38					
Lateral No. 2 Enters Main Ditch at Sta. 0										
B. En.	98.77								Burr Oak St.	
0	97.72	92.51 -1.0		5.21			S. 58 3/4 E. 200		Beginning on lands of Charlotte White,	
+18	99.77	92.49	.02	7.28					Distance on land of White 18 feet.	
1	95.12	92.41	.10	2.71					Crossing California and Lilly	
2	97.30	92.31	.20	4.99			S. 35 E. 208		Chapel Pike at 18 feet.	
3	96.55	92.21	.30	4.34					Line of Avanda Van Cleve and	
4	96.10	92.11	.40	3.99					Thomas Heirs, Avanda Van Cleve	
+08	96.05	92.10	.41	3.95			N. 88 1/4 E. 192'		from Sta 0 + 18 to Sta. 2. = 181 feet.	

Ditch Improvement Record, Van Oleve Ditch.

Report of Engineer.				Lateral No. 2. Continued.			Schedule A.	
Stake every 100 ft. number of chain & bearing	Surfaces Elevation	Graded Elevation	Total Fall from Station 0	Entire Depth	Out.	Course and Distance		
5	95.75						Robert Thomas Heins.	
6	95.62					S. 50 E. 300'	Distance of Heins from	
7	95.50						Station 2 to Station 4+08 new	
8	95.15						ditch and to 11+07 old ditch	
+67	95.03						Total 907 feet.	
9	94.95					S. 33 1/4 E. 207'		
10	94.83							
11	94.63							
+07	94.87							
B.m.	96.75						Oak stump S.	
Lateral No. 3 Enters Main Ditch at Sta. 43+32.								
0	89.54					N. 88 E. 454'	Beginning on land of J.A. Lehmann	
+20	91.69						Distance on land of Lehmann 20 ft.	
1	88.79							
2	87.64						Crossing center line of Cali-	
3	85.74						fornia and Billy Chapel Pike	
4	84.19						at 20 ft. from beginning.	
+54	83.79					S. 55 E. 216		
5	84.06	81.00		3.06	3.06			
6	85.44	80.90	.10	4.54	4.54			
+70	86.12	80.93	.17	5.29	5.29	S. 65 1/4 E. 330'	Alvira A. Young's Downer,	
7	86.37	80.80	.20	5.57	5.57		Estate from Station 0+20 to	
8	85.60	80.70	.30	4.90	4.90		Station 17+14 = 1694 feet.	
9	85.22	80.60	.40	4.62	4.62			
10	84.11	80.50	.50	3.61	3.61	S. 37 1/4 E. 400		
1	83.99	80.40	.60	3.59	3.59			
2	84.86	80.30	.70	4.56	4.56			
3	84.51	80.20	.80	4.31	4.31			
4	84.88	80.10	.90	4.78	4.78	S. 34 3/4 E. 200		
5	84.96	80.00	1.00	4.96	4.96			
6	84.58	79.90	1.10	4.68	4.68	S. 22 E. 114'		
7	85.13	79.80	1.20	5.33	5.33			
+14	84.35	79.78	1.22	4.57	4.57			

Ditch Improvement Record, Van Olve Ditch.

Estimates.

Main Ditch.

Section 1, Sta 0 to Sta. 11,	66.67 rods @ 52¢	\$34.67	
	66.67 " 10" tile at 90¢	60.00	\$94.67
Section 2, Sta 11 to Sta. 33+86 =	138.54 rods 10" tile @ 56¢	77.58	
	138.54 " 15" " @ 2.00	166.25	243.83
Section 3, Sta. 33+86 to Sta. 49+50 =	94.8 rods tile @ 40¢	37.92	
		189.60	227.52

Stone Wall.

Section 4, Sta. 49+50 to sta. 60 =	63.63 rods Open Ditch 488 cu. yds. @ 12¢		58.56
------------------------------------	--	--	-------

Laterals

Section 5, Lateral No. 1 Station 0 to Station 15+56			
	94.3 Rods. @ 50¢	47.15	
	94.3 " 8" tile @ 50¢	47.15	94.30

Section 6, Lateral 1 of 1, Station 0 to Station 3+13			
	19 Rods @ 35¢	6.65	
	19 " 5" tile @ 35¢	6.65	
Withdrawn	} Lateral 2 of 1 Station 0 to station 8+71	52.8 Rods. @ 50¢	26.40
		52.8 " 6" tile @ 40¢	21.12
	Lateral No. 2 Station 0 to Station 4+08		
	24.72 Rods @ 46¢	11.37	
	24.72 " 6" tile 40¢	9.89	8.2.08

Section 7, Lateral No. 3 Station 5 to Station 17+14			
	73.6 Rods at 56¢	41.22	
		36.80	78.02

907.50
33

Totals.

Cutting Tile Ditches	\$282.96	\$256.56
Tile	537.46	479.54
Protection Wall		
Cutting Open Ditch	58.56	58.56
	\$878.98	\$794.66

Specifications

The within ditch and Laterals must be cut fully down to the grade line at all points and must be made to conform to the gradients shown on the profile filed herewith and in these specifications filed herewith.

The Main Ditch is to be tiled with 10" tile from station 0 to station 11, and with 12" tile from station 11 to station 33+86, and with 15" tile from station 33+86 to station 49+50.

Lateral No 1 is to be tiled with 8 inch tile. Lateral No 1 of 1 to be tiled with 5 inch tile. (Lateral No 2 of 1 to be tiled with 6 inch tile,) Lateral No. 2 to be tiled with 6 inch tile from station 0 to station 408; Lateral No. 3 to be tiled with 8 inch tile from station 5 to station 17.14. (old tile to be cleaned^{2d} & used)

All tile to be first class in every particular, without cracks. The estimated cost of the tile or pipe includes cost at the factory, hauling and distributing along ditch banks and the furnishing of all necessary Ys for said ditch.

The tile to be carefully laid in the trench prepared as above and jointed within $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch and care must be taken to have all joints well patched.

The estimated cost of the cutting includes the cutting of the trench, the careful removal of all old tile, the laying of the new tile, the filling in of all earth removed in the cutting of the trench, the deadening of all green trees, bushes &c standing nearer than 20 feet. of the center line of any of the above ditches and the grubbing of any or all willows, bushes, trees &c standing on the line of said ditches.

No dirt must in any case be filled over the tile, until the same have been examined by the Engineer.

The Main Ditch from 49.50 to station 60 to be made an open ditch 2 feet wide in the bottom with banks sloped $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1.

To be smoothly and evenly graded and banks to be evenly sloped at the required angle.

All earth removed from said open ditch to be moved back at least 20 feet from the top of the banks and spread as evenly as possible.

A retaining wall shall be built at station 49.50 as the Engineer shall specify.

The old tile taken from said ditch shall be the property of the farm upon which they are found.

To be fully completed by March 1st 1898.

Ditch Improvement Record,

Van Olev

Ditch.

Report of Engineer		Schedule B.									
Owner's Name	Survey Number	Township	Acres Owned	Acres Drained	Estimated Cost	% Contribution	Estimated Cost	% of Contribution	Total Cost	Approved	
As found on Duplicate											
✓ Pringle G. H.	5433	Fairfield	199.9	15.	20.00		115.		21.15	✓	
✓ Lyons Mary E.	"	"	198.3	20.	25.00		140.		26.40	✓	
✓ White Andrew Estate.	"	"	76.	41.	45.00		252.		47.52		
✓ Thomas Robert Estate	"	"	103.42	all	180.00		784.		187.84	✓	
✓ Downing D. D.	"	"	185.	135.	65.00		345.		68.48		
✓ Young Alivia A. (Dover)	"	"	47.5	47.5	30.00		168.		31.68	✓	
✓ Gill J. J.	"	"	52.12	42.	50.00		280.		52.80	✓	
✓ Strain William A.	"	"	95.66	62.	60.00		316.		63.16	✓	
✓ Chenoweth Susan A.	"	"	50.	6.	4.00		22.		4.22		
✓ Cox William	"	"	78.	10.	6.00		32.		6.32		
Madison County	"	"	Garment		15.00		84.		15.84		
✓ Van Olev Matilda M.	"	"	.19	.19	2.00		22.		2.22		
✓ Van Olev Avanda	"	"	157	157	50.00		392.		53.92	✓	
✓ Kyle Margaret	"	"	.50	.50	2.00		22.		2.22		
✓ Adrean Maggie	lots	"	.50	.50	2.00		22.		2.22		
✓ Van Olev Avanda	49-51-53	California			26.58		146.		28.04	✓	
✓ Elliot Chandler	48-49	"			2.00		22.		2.22		
✓ Hodgson Isaac	39-40	"			2.00		22.		2.22		
✓ Carleton J. S.	1-24	"			2.00		22.		2.22		
✓ Mayhugh H. H.	12	"			1.00		11.		1.11		
✓ Johnson O. B.	23	"			1.00		11.		1.11		
✓ Chenoweth Elijah	31	"			1.00		11.		1.11		
✓ Funk George	52	"			1.00		11.		1.11		
✓ Thomas Chas. B.	32	"			1.00		11.		1.11		
✓ Van Olev Avanda	13-14	"			20.00		168.		21.68		

Ditch Improvement Record, Van Olevé Ditch.

Report of Engineer

Schedule B.

Owner's Name	Township	Estimated Cost	Contracted Cost	Estimated Cost	Total Cost	Appropriated
As found on Duplicates		etc.	etc.	etc.	etc.	etc.
Lateral No. 1 and Branches.						
White Andrew Est.			5 00	52	5 52	
Madison County			5 00	52	5 52	
Thomas Robert Est.			39 12	2 06	41 18	
Kyle Margaret			4 00	42	4 42	
Adreon Maggie			6 00	65	6 65	
Funk George	52		1 00	10	1 10	
Van Olevé Awanda	49-51-53		30 00	6 24	36 24	
Elliot Chandler	48-49		4 00	42	4 42	
Hodgson Isaac	39-40		5 00	52	5 52	
Ohenoweth Elijah	31		2 00	21	2 21	
Thomas Chas. B.	32		3 00	31	3 31	
Johuson Chas. B.	23		2 00	21	2 21	
Van Olevé Awanda	13-14		20 00	2 10	22 10	
Hume J. H.	15-16		5 00	50	5 50	
Poland Mary A.	17-28		5 00	50	5 50	
Carleton J. S.	1-24		4 00	40	4 40	
Mayhugh H. H.	12		2 00	20	2 20	
Lateral No. 2.						
Van Olevé Awanda		157	14 26	3 44	17 70	
White Andrew Estate			2 00	60	2 60	
Madison County			1 00	30	1 30	
Thomas Robert Est.			4 00	1 20	5 20	
Lateral No. 3.						
Ohenoweth Susan A.			3 00	38	3 38	
Young Alvin A. (Dover)			69 02	8 84	77 86	
Strain William A.			3 00	40	3 40	

For Plat See Plat Record Page
 " Profile " Profile " "

Ditch Improvement Record, Van Bleve Ditch.

Commissioners
Journal, Vol. 6
Page 107

Commissioners Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, October 25, 1897.

Board of County Commissioners met today in Special Session.
Members present, S. S. Robbins, James Withrow and James B. Anderson.

In the matter of }
The Van Bleve Ditch } Hearing on Engineer's Report.
Improvement.

This being the day fixed for the hearing of the Engineer's Report in the above matter and H. L. Mc. Cafferty, County Surveyor, having filed his report including an apportionment made by him of the costs of said improvement, the board proceeded to the consideration of the same.

Said board having heard the evidence and examined said report and apportionment do find that the same are in all respects fair and just according to the benefits derived from said improvement by the owner of each lot and tract of land.

It is therefore ordered that said report and apportionment be changed in the following particulars:

Main Ditch.

W. H. Pringle	changed from	\$ 21.15	to	\$ 30.00
Mary E. Lyons	"	\$ 26.40	"	\$ 32.00
Robert Thomas Est.	"	\$ 187.84	"	\$ 152.00
Alvira A. Young	"	\$ 31.68	"	\$ 40.00
J. J. Gill	"	\$ 52.80	"	\$ 61.00
William A. Strain	"	\$ 63.16	"	\$ 101.00
Avanda Van Bleve	"	\$ 53.92	"	\$ 20.00
"	"	\$ 28.04	"	\$ 16.58

Laterals.

Robert Thomas Estate.	changed from	\$ 41.18	to	\$ 30.60
Avanda Van Bleve	"	\$ 36.24	"	\$ 20.00
"	"	\$ 22.10	"	\$ 13.00
"	"	\$ 17.70	"	\$ 9.26
Andrew White Estate.	"	\$ 2.60	"	\$ 7.00
Madison County	"	\$ 1.30	"	\$ 1.00
Robert Thomas Estate.	"	\$ 5.20	"	\$ 4.00
Susan A. Chenoweth	"	\$ 3.38	"	\$ 6.00

And that said report and apportionment as hereby changed be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.
All objections overruled.

The Board fix Wednesday Nov. 24, 1897 at the beginning of said improvement as the time and place for the sale of the labor of construction and the furnishing of all necessary material for said improvement at public outcry, in sections of not less than one hundred (100) feet nor more than twenty-five hundred (2500) feet in length.
And the County Surveyor is hereby directed to attend

at time and place of said sale as specified above to superintend and conduct the same.

The County Auditor is directed to cause notice of the time and place of sale to be given by posters for one week.

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

Upon motion for the approval of the foregoing orders and findings, the roll being called, each member voted "Aye." Carried.

James Withrow } Commissioners
S. S. Robbins } of
Jas. B. Anderson. } Madison County.

Remonstrance filed by W. A. Strain et al.

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

In the matter of the proposed County Ditch Petitioned for by Avanda Van Cleve.

We, the undersigned persons whose lands are sought to be affected by said proposed ditch, hereby beg leave to present to your Honorable Body, This Our Remonstrance against the granting of the prayer of said petition and ask that the same be preemptorily dismissed for the following reasons, to wit:

First: No necessity exists for the location and construction of said ditch as asked for in said petition, a good and sufficient ditch having been located and constructed as a township ditch under the direction and supervision of the Trustees of Fairfield Township, substantially upon the same route as described in said petition; and said township ditch furnished and afforded a complete and source of drainage, until destroyed and obstructed in some of its laterals by said Avanda Van Cleve the only petitioner for said County Ditch or by her agents or tenants with her knowledge and consent.

Second: Said ditch as petitioned for would not be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare any further than to drain certain artificial cess pools that have been made upon the premises of said petitioner by her tenants for the purpose of procuring dirt for the manufacture of drain tile; the same being done with her knowledge and consent;

Third: That to remove the tile from the township ditch as now located and constructed and sink said ditch to any greater depth, would entail needless and

unnecessary expense upon the land owners affected by said ditch and destroy its utility as a source of drainage to the great damage of said land owners, and would be of no benefit to any one save to the petitioner and her tenants; the former to obtain drainage for the artificial cess pool upon her premises; the latter by a possibility of securing a job of work and a market for tile.

Therefore gentlemen we submit for your consideration the proposition, "That to grant the prayer of said petition and order the location and construction of a ditch in conformity therewith, would be unjust, illegal and against public policy.

Hence we insist that said petition be dismissed.

L. Lawrence
 David Brown
 J. N. Strain
 Della Strain
 Leah Tracy
 J. J. Gill
 Eva K. Smith
 J. E. Thomas
 Lacy Thomas
 Alice H. Thomas
 Charlotte White
 Geo. H. Funk
 Chandler Elliot
 Thomas Cox
 E. Chenoweth

Isaac Hodgson
 Charles Johnson
 John Mayhugh
 Mary E. Jones
 J. S. Carlton
 Mrs. J. H. Madden
 R. H. Edwards
 Miles Smith
 Grace Cartmill
 Margaret C. Cartmill
 William Cox
 Mrs. Amanda Brown
 John H. Thomas
 Milton Thomas
 W. A. Strain

Filed October 25th 1897.

Ditch Sale.

Notice to Contractors. The undersigned Engineer, will on Wednesday, November 24th 1897, offer for sale at public outcry the furnishing of all necessary material and the work of constructing the Van Bleve Ditch Improvement.

Main Ditch.

Section 1.	Station 0 to Station 11,	66.67 rods,	10 in. tile
Section 2.	" 11 " "	33.86, 138.54 "	12 " "
Section 3.	" 33.86 " "	49.50, 94.80 "	15 " "

Laterals.

Section 5, Lateral 1,	94.3 rods,	8 inch tile
" 6, "	1 of 1, 19. "	5 " "
" "	2 of 1, 52.8 "	6 " "
" "	2, 24.72 "	6 " "
" 7, "	3, 73.60 rods of excavation.	
" 4, Main Ditch,	488 cubic yards.	

Bidders must meet at Big Plain, at 10 o'clock A.M. of said day, and must deposit \$15.⁰⁰ as a guarantee of good faith. Successful bidder must give bond in five days.

By order of Commissioners.

H. D. Wilson
Auditor.

H. L. Mc Cafferty,
Engineer.

Ditch Improvement Record, Van Cleve Ditch.

London Ohio, November 25th 1897.

To the Commissioners of
Madison County, Ohio:

In obedience to your order, I, on November, 24th 1897, offered the above tile for sale but could get no bid at or below the estimate as contained in my report on said ditch. I therefore submit this new estimate.

Very Respectfully,
H. L. Mc Cafferty,
Engineer.

Reestimate of price of tile for
The Van Cleve Ditch Improvement.

19 rods,	5 inch tile,	@ 35¢	\$ 6.65
24.72	" 6 "	" 45¢	11.12
94.30	" 8 "	" 65¢	61.30
66.67	" 10 "	" 1.10	73.34
138.54	" 12 "	" 1.40	193.96
94.80	" 15 "	" 2.25	<u>212.30</u>
Total -			\$559.67

Re-estimate approved this 30th day of November, 1897.

S. S. Robbins }
James Withrow } Commissioners
of
Madison County

Report of Sale.

London, Ohio, Dec. 9th 1897.

To the Commissioners of
Madison County Ohio:

Nov. 24th 1897, I sold the setting of the Van Cleve County Ditch to J. H. Van Cleve for \$305.⁰⁰
Dec. 9th 1897, after having re-estimated the tile, I sold the same to the Brice Clay Company for \$542.⁰⁰

Total \$847.⁰⁰

H. L. Mc Cafferty,
Engineer.

Auditors Office,

December 9th 1897.

In the matter of
The Ditch Imp. Petitioned
for by Amanda Van Cleve.

} Contract for Furnishing Tile.

Whereas, the above styled improvement has been duly ordered and advertised for sale according to law, and the furnishing of Tile on the ground for all of Main Ditch from Station 0 to Station 49.50 and its laterals 1 to 3 inclusive allotted to land owners benefited thereby and sold by the duly appointed Engineer on the 24th day of November, A. D. 1897 to the undersigned in the following lots and sizes:

19 rods 5 inch

2472 " 6 "

94.30 " 8 "

66.67 " 10 "

138.54 " 12 "

94.80 " 15 "

And all necessary Y's

In case more tile are needed they are to be furnished at the rate of this contract, and in case the number of rods herein specified are not needed, a reduction will be made in the amount of this contract at the rate per rod herein for the size of tile not used,

Amounting to Five Hundred and Forty Two Dollars, pursuant to said order and notice. Now, in consideration of the premises, it is agreed by us to and with whomsoever may be interested therein, that we will deliver said tile in dimensions and quantities as per specifications for said improvement and in parcels of 100 feet of tile upon each 100 feet of ditch and within 10 feet of the center line of the same where used.

All of the above tile to be delivered on or before the 12th day of February, A. D. 1898.

The 10 " 12 " and 15 " to be delivered at once and the 5 " 6 " and 8 " not to be delivered until needed.

Provided this contract shall be of no force and effect until approved by the Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio, and it is further expressly agreed that 75 per cent of said cost of tile shall be paid when delivered and the remaining 25 per cent when ditch is completed.

H. L. Mc. Cafferty,
Engineer.

The Brick Clay Co.
per H. C. Safford Jr. Secy.
Contractors.

Auditor's Office, Madison County,
December 8th 1897.

In the matter of
The Ditch Imp. Petitioned
for by Amanda Van Cleve.

} Contractor's Bond.

Know All Men by These Presents,
That The Brice Clay Company as principal and H. C. Wilson
and John M. Horn as sureties, are firmly held and bound
unto the State of Ohio, in the penal sum of One Thousand
and Eighty Four Dollars, good and lawful money. Signed
and dated this 24th day of November, 1897.

The condition of the above Obligation is such however,
that whereas, the above bounden principal contractor
has bid off the labor of furnishing the tile in quantities
and kinds, and to be delivered as per above contract,
and has duly entered into the annexed contract,
subject to the condition that the same shall be ap-
proved by the Commissioners and Engineer of said
Madison County and has agreed to fully do and perform
all of said labor of furnishing said tile in accordance
with the specifications of said improvement, as shown
on the record of said proceedings, on or before the 1st
day of February, A. D. 1898.

Now if the said Brice Clay Company shall well and
truly perform all the obligations of their said contract
and complete the same within the time fixed therein
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 shall
be void, otherwise to be in full force and effect in law.

The Brice Clay Company.
per H. C. Safford, Jr. Secy.
H. C. Wilson
John M. Horn.

This Contract and Bond, and Sureties on said Bond
approved this 13th day of December A. D. 1897.

S. S. Robbins. } Commissioners
James Withrow. } of
Jas. B. Anderson. } Madison County

H. L. Mc Cafferty,
Engineer.

Ditch Improvement Record, Avanda Van Olve Ditch.

Auditors Office, Madison County, Ohio.
November 24th 1897.

In the matter of
The Ditch Imp. Petitioned
for by Avanda Van Olve.

} Contract for Labor of Construction.

Whereas, The above styled improvement has been duly ordered and advertised for sale according to law, and the construction of Working Section No. 1-2 &c of all allotted to several landowners of the following described land, viz; per report of Engineer, and sold by the duly appointed Engineer on the 24th day of November, A. D. 1897, to the undersigned for ^{and five} Three Hundred Dollars pursuant to said order and notice. Now, in consideration of the premises, it is agreed by me, to and with whomsoever may be interested therein, that I will do and perform all the labor of constructing said improvement, in accordance with the specifications for constructing the same, as shown in the record of the proceedings thereof, the same to be completed on or before the 1st day of March A. D. 1898, provided this contract shall be of no force and effect until approved by the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio.

H. B. Mc Cafferty,
Engineer.

J. W. Van Olve,
Contractor.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.
November 24th A. D. 1897.

In the matter of the }
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Contractor's Bond.
for by Avanda Van Bleve. }

Know all Men by These Presents,
That J. W. Van Bleve as principal, and Matilda Van Bleve,
Avanda Van Bleve and S. S. Van Bleve as sureties, are
firmly held and bound unto the State of Ohio, in
the penal sum of Six Hundred and Ten Dollars,
good and lawful money.

Signed and dated this 24th day of November A. D. 1897.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, however,
that whereas, the above bounden principal contractor
has bid off the labor of constructing working section
No. 1-2 +c, 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 for said improvement, as shown on the
record of said proceedings, on or before the 1st day of
March A. D. 1898.

Now if the said J. W. Van Bleve shall well and truly per-
form all the obligations of his said contract and com-
plete 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, other wise to be in full force and effect in law.

Matilda M. Van Bleve.

Avanda Van Bleve.

S. S. Van Bleve.

Com. Journal
Vol. 6, Page 138

In the matter of the
Ditch Improvement Petitioned
for by Amanda Van Cleve.

} Approval of Contractor's Bonds

The Brice Clay Company, to whom was awarded the contract for furnishing tile for The Van Cleve Ditch Improvement, having presented their bond for the faithful performance of their said contract, in the sum of One Thousand and Eighty Four (\$1084.⁰⁰) Dollars, with themselves as principal and H. C. Wilson and John M. Horn as sureties thereon, which bond is sufficient in form and according to law, it is ordered that the same be approved and the sureties thereon accepted.

Com. Journal
Volume 6,
Page 219.

In the matter of the
Ditch Imp. Petitioned for
by Amanda Van Cleve.

} Contract Annulled.

J. H. Van Cleve, to whom was awarded the contract for the labor of construction of The Van Cleve Ditch Improvement, having failed to perform said contract on his part, it is ordered that said contract be and the same is annulled. J. H. Van Cleve having given bond as required by law, the above contract was approved, June 13th 1898.
See Journal Entry, Page 234, this Volume.

Upon motion for the approval of the above order, the roll being called, each member voted "Aye"

Board adjourned.

S. S. Robbins, } Commissioners
James Withrow } of
Jas. B. Anderson. } Madison County.

Cours. Journal
Vol. 6. Page 234

In the matter of
The Van Cleve
Ditch Improvement.

Approval of Contractors Bond.

J. W. Van Cleve, to whom was awarded the contract for the labor of construction of The Van Cleve Ditch Improvement, having presented his bond in the sum of Six Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$610.00) for the faithful performance of his said contract, with himself as principal and Matilda Van Cleve, Amanda Van Cleve, S. S. Van Cleve and J. J. Holland as sureties thereon, which bond is in due form and according to law, it is ordered that the same be approved and the sureties thereon accepted.

Upon motion for the approval of the above order, the roll being called, Robbins, Withrow and Anderson voted "Aye."

S. S. Robbins }
James Withrow } Commissioners
Jas. B. Anderson. } of
Madison County

Cours. Journal
Volume 6.
Page 336.

In the matter of
The Van Cleve Ditch
Improvement.

Contract Forfeited

It appearing to the board that said ditch is not completed and that the time for the completion of the same is past, - the County Surveyor is hereby ordered to contract in any manner he may deem expedient with suitable persons for the completion of said ditch on or before December 15th 1898. The bond of J. W. Van Cleve, the original contractor herein, is hereby declared forfeited.

Upon motion for the approval of the above matter, the roll being called, Withrow, Anderson and Markley voted, "Aye."

Board adjourned.

James Withrow }
Chas. E. Markley. } Commissioners
of
Madison County

Cours. Journal
Volume 6.
Page 340.

In the matter of
Contract for the Van
Cleve Ditch Imp.

Original Contractor Order to Complete Ditch

The Commissioners having this day reconsidered their order of October 11th 1898 (Cours. Journal Page 336) in regard to the Van Cleve Ditch Improvement and the unfinished condition of the same, hereby order the same to be set aside and annulled; and further that J. W. Van Cleve, original contractor for the construction of said work be authorized to complete the same within a reasonable time.

James Withrow }
Jas. B. Anderson } Commissioners
Chas. E. Markley. } of
Madison County

Cours. Journal
Volume 6.
Page 373.

In the matter of }
The Van Olevé } Assessment.
Ditch Improvement.

The Van Olevé Ditch Improvement having been provided for according to law and the Board of Commissioners having determined to issue and sell bonds of the county to raise money necessary to pay for the expense of said improvement, It is hereby ordered that assessments shall be made upon the lots and lands benefited by said improvement payable as follows:

The Van Olevé Ditch Improvement, payable in five annual installments.

That assessments for the year 1898, sufficient to pay the cost of location and the bonds and interest due, the first and all claims for compensation and damages allowed be made in proportion to the estimate made on the said improvement.

It is further ordered that the County Auditor be directed to make and furnish to the Treasurer of the County, a special duplicate for the year, 1898, charging each of the lots and lands assessed, twenty-five (25) per centum of the gross assessments.

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

Upon motion for the approval of the foregoing matter, the roll being called, Withrow, Anderson and Markley voted "Aye".
Motion Carried.

James Withrow } Commissioners
Jas. B. Anderson } of
Chas. G. Markley } Madison County.

Ditch Improvement Record, Van Cleve Ditch.

Course Journal
Volume 6,
Page 383.

Commissioner's Office, Dec. 6th 1898.

Board of Commissioners met today in Regular Quarterly Session pursuant to adjournment of December 5th 1898.

Members present, James Withrow, Jas. B. Anderson^{and} Chas. G. Markley.

In the matter of the
Issue and Sale of Bonds } Order of Issue^{and} Sale of Bonds.
for Van Cleve Ditch Imp.

This day the board had under consideration the matter of issuing and selling bonds of the county to meet the expense of the Van Cleve Ditch Improvement.

It was moved by Jas. B. Anderson and seconded by Chas. G. Markley that for the purpose of raising money necessary to pay for the expense of the above named improvement and in pursuance of the authority granted by Sections 4479, 4481, and 4482 of the Revised Statutes of Ohio and the laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, that Bonds of the County be issued for said improvement as follows:

The Van Cleve Ditch Improvement.

One Bond for \$100. due Aug. 1st 1899.

One Bond for \$100 due Feb. 1st 1900

One Bond for \$100 due Aug. 1st 1900

One Bond for \$100 due Feb. 1st 1901

One Bond for \$100 due Aug. 1st 1901

One Bond for \$100 due Feb. 1st 1902

One Bond for \$100 due Aug. 1st 1902

One Bond for \$100 due Feb. 1st 1903

One Bond for \$100 due Aug. 1st 1903

One Bond for \$100 due Feb. 1st 1904

Total amount of said bonds, One Thousand (\$1000) Dollars.

Total amount of interest, One Hundred and Sixty-Five (\$165.) Dollars.

Total amount of bonds and interest, One Thousand, One Hundred^{and} Sixty (\$1165) Dollars.

Said Bonds will bear date of February 1st 1899 and will bear interest from date at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum, represented by coupons payable as follows:

First installment payable August 1st 1899 and said interest payable semi-annually thereafter, and due August 1st and February 1st of each year.

That bids for the purchase of said bonds shall be filed with the Auditor of said county up to twelve (12) o'clock, noon, (standard time) on Tuesday, January, 24th 1899, on which date said bids will be opened and considered.

That said bonds will not be sold for less than their face value.

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

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

That bids will be received for the entire issue or any part thereof.

That no bid will be considered or accepted unless accompanied by a certificate of the County Treasurer showing that at least five (5) per cent of such bid has been deposited in the Treasury in good and lawful money of the United States, such deposit being required to bind the purchase and will be refunded to any unsuccessful bidder upon the order of the County Auditor.

That the board reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Upon call of roll for the approval of the foregoing motion, James Withrow, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. G. Markley voted "Aye". Board adjourned to meet in Regular Quarterly Session, tomorrow, December 7th 1898.

James Withrow } Commissioners
Jas. B. Anderson } of
Chas. G. Markley } Madison County.

Commissioner's Office, Madison County,

London, Ohio, January 24th 1898.

Cours. Journal

Volume 6,

Page 413

Board of Commissioners met today in Special Session.

Members Present, James Withrow, Jas. B. Anderson^{2d} and Chas. G. Markley.

In the matter of the }
Sale of The Van Cleve } Sale of Bonds.
Ditch Imp. Bonds. }

This being the day fixed by the board for the sale of One Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty Five (\$1165) Dollars Van Cleve Ditch Improvement Bonds, which bonds are specifically described in the order for the sale of the same dated December 6th 1898, and described on pages 383, 384, 385 and 386 of Commissioner's Journal, Volume 6, 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 afore said order.

Bids were received and recorded as follows:

Rudolph, Keybolt & Co. Cincinnati
S. A. Kean, Chicago, (No Deposit)
Feder, Holzman & Co. Cincinnati.
New First National Bank, Columbus.
First National Bank, Circleville
Briggs, Todd & Co. Cincinnati.
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati

After due consideration of all the bids, it was moved by Chas. G. Markley and seconded by Jas. B. Anderson that the bid of Seasongood and Mayer be accepted.

(next page)

Upon adoption of the foregoing motion, the roll
 being called, James Hithrow, Jas. B. Anderson, and
 Chas. G. Markley voted "Aye". Motion Carried.
 Board Adjourned.

} Commissioners
 of
 Madison County.