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Money Creek Municipal Collection

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Brief History

Money Creek Township included six square miles of land used for agriculture. The present-day Village of Towanda is where Money Creek Township was formerly. It was a wonderful location for farmers and was surrounded by the Mackinaw River and several creeks. Many pioneers arrived from eastern states with their families, wagons, and oxen. The area was occupied by the Kickapoo nation, who were said to be helpful to the pioneers. The earliest pioneer was John Trimmer, who died in Money Creek in 1826. As more pioneers arrived in the area, log cabins were built, as were sawmills and later railroad ties. Residents farmed and hunted and there were active social and political activities. The first school was built in 1837. There are many influential names in this collection that were founders or their descendants of Money Creek Township. Fort Bartholomew was built in 1832 with Money Creek logs for the Black Hawk War but the fort was burnt down by J.B. Dawson due to people trampling his crops to look at it. For more history, refer to "History and Biographical History of Money Creek Township" by Morris W. Jones.

Scope

The collection includes primarily handwritten documents, though some are in a pre-printed format to fill out, a fragile book, and many other items that show the details of running a new town. Some of the multi-paged items are bound with either ribbon or simply sewn together with thread to keep the pages together.

Many of the documents have been received and filed by the town clerk, so the dates may be either the origin of the document or the filing of said document. This collection focuses on the construction of roads in Money Creek, Illinois.

Folder 1: Town of Money Creek

- 1.1 Fragile. "Book of Record of the town of Money Creek," 1858-1868, 79pp.

Folder 2: Government Officers

- 2.1 Oath of office, Jacob Hefner, town clerk, 3 April 1861.
- 2.2 Oath of office, Warren Coman, assessor, 9 April 1861.
- 2.3 Oath of office, Andrew Flesher, collector, 11 April 1864.
- 2.4 Oath of office, in plastic sleeve, Jesse Ogden, supervisor, 11 April 1865.
- 2.5 Oath of office, in plastic sleeve, Jacob Moats, commissioner, 15 April 1865.
- 2.6 Oath of office, laminated, Josiah Biggs, Collector, 7 April 1866.
- 2.7 Oath of office, Elijah Crose, constable, 12 April 1870.
- 2.8 Oath of office, S. F. Barnard, Commissioner, 15 April 1874.
- 2.9 Voter oath, Charles Sloan, 3 November 1868.
- 2.10 Receipt, George Popejoy, \$15.00 for fence building, posts and lumber, 16 June 1874.
- 2.11 Receipt, one month salary for teacher J. W. Preston of Frog Alley School, \$40.00, 5 May 1875.
- 2.12 Receipt, John Moats, \$50.00 for Bishop School, District No. 3, schoolhouse grounds, 26 February 1876.
- 2.13 Receipt, Daniel S. Buterbaugh, \$68.37 for Wilcox School, District No. 8, for teaching, 16 March 1877.
- 2.14 Receipt for three supervisors of McLean County and to George (Eastman) for surveying road line, filed 14 December 1881.
- 2.15 Postcard to Josiah Biggs, Lexington, IL from J.A. Miller, Co. Superintendent, 22 September 1884.

Folder 3: Agreement for Road Damage

- 3.1 James W. Gaines, \$300.00, 15 August 1876.
- 3.2 J. W. Gaines, \$300.00, 15 August 1876.
- 3.3 James Chance, \$30.00, 15 August 1876.
- 3.4 Peter Flesher, \$175.00, 14 July 1877.
- 3.5 William Dennis, \$75.00, 14 July 1877.
- 3.6 James M. James, \$100.00, 10 November 1877.
- 3.7 Chas Moots, undeclared amount, 30 April 1878.
- 3.8 Chas Moots, \$30.00, 30 April 1878.
- 3.9 Marion Moots, \$75.00, 30 April 1878.

- 3.10 Herman Alburns, \$25.00, 3 July 1878.
- 3.11 Herman Alburns, \$25.00, 3 July 1878.
- 3.12 John B. Simpson, \$15.00, 3 July 1878.
- 3.13 J. Simpson, \$15.00, 3 July 1878.
- 3.14 Michael Brown, \$180.00, 7 June 1879.
- 3.15 Calvin Winklepleck, \$95.00, 7 June 1879.

Folder 4: Release of Road Damages

- 4.1 William Blough, 25 February 1874.
- 4.2 Henry Wilaby, 2 March 1874
- 4.3 Scott Trimmer, 10 April 1874.
- 4.4 James W. Gaines, 11 November 1876.
- 4.5 William Dennis, \$75.00, 28 February 1878.
- 4.6 G. M. Hefner filed 26 March 1878.
- 4.7 William Douglass, 1 April 1878.
- 4.8 John Lawrence, 8 May 1878.
- 4.9 William Gonder, 8 May 1878.
- 4.10 William E. Kearfott, 3 July 1878.
- 4.11 Peter Flesher, \$175.00, 27 July 1878.
- 4.12 F. Marion Moats, 14 September 1878.
- 4.13 Chas Moots, 14 September 1878.
- 4.14 Herman Alburns, \$25.00, 23 September 1878.
- 4.15 John B. Simpson, 12 November 1878.
- 4.16 Mary E. J. Peterson, 13 March 1879.
- 4.17 William Wilson, 28 June 1879
- 4.18 John G. Geiger, \$150.00, 30 April 1880.
- 4.19 Josiah Biggs, \$285.00, 30 November 1881.

Folder 5: Surveyor's Reports

- 5.1 Beginning at the half section corner on the west side of Section 7, filed 1 September 1874.
- 5.2 Beginning at the mouth of the Sam Ogden Lane, filed 7 August 1877.
- 5.3 From Ogden Lane to State Road, filed 7 August 1877.
- 5.4 From northwest corner of Section 30 to southwest corner Section 30, filed 15 October 1878.
- 5.5 Beginning at southeast corner of Unknown, in the northwest quarter of Section 6, filed 25 March 1879.
- 5.6 Towanda, Money Creek, Blue Mound and Lexington Townships, filed 5 July 1879.
- 5.7 From northwest corner Section 19 to northeast corner of lot 2, filed 5 July 1879.
- 5.8 Poor condition: Section 17, filed 3 May 1880.
- 5.9 Section 34, filed 3 May 1880.
- 5.10 Road in Section 17, Money Creek, filed 3 May 1880.
- 5.11 Beginning at southwest corner of Section 31 in Money Creek and the northwest corner of Section 6 in Towanda, filed 14 December 1881.

Folder 6: Commissioners of Highways

- 6.1 Application for road alteration with diagram and description, bound with ribbon at top, 27 April 1858, 3 pp.
- 6.2 Order of grievance by W.F. Bishop, F.A. Bishop, W.R. Duncan, David Baylor, John Baylor and Isaac White, 27 July 1866.
- 6.3 Petition to Commissioners of Highways, 13 ? 1868.
- 6.4 Petition for public road, pages sewn together with thread, 18 January 1868, 2 pp.
- 6.5 Highway notice, 29 September 1870.
- 6.6 Petition for road, pages sewn together with thread, 3 May 1871. Road not granted, by J. B. Dawson and Henry Weakly, 7 June 1871, 2 pp.
- 6.7 Petition for road, signed by Henry Weakly, Robert Fincham, S. F. Barnard, 15 April 1874.
- 6.8 Appointment of overseer of highway, signed by Henry Weakly, Robert Fincham, S.F. Barnard, 23 May 1874.
- 6.9 Petition for new road, 23 December 1874.
- 6.10 Petition for new road, 5 April 1877.
- 6.11 Petition for new road, 24 May 1877.
- 6.12 Annexes petition granted, signed by John Baylor, John B. Dawson, Jacob Woods, George Craig and Daniel B..zard, 5 June 1877.
- 6.13 Highway notice, 20 June 1879.
- 6.14 Petition Notices (2); one signed by F. E. Mahan, other signed by James Smith, 10 April 1885.
- 6.15 Subpoena of Harmon Hefner, et al. for suit between S.F. Barnard, Levi Barnard and J. H. Paul and the Commissioners of Money Creek, 14 May 1883.
- 6.16 Article of Agreement for map of Money Creek and Lexington, 30 November 1887.
- 6.17 Petition for road change, 3 March 1888. Refused to grant, 1 May 1888.
- 6.18 Petition of obstruction removal and widen road, 31 August 1888.
- 6.19 Poll List, District No. 1, Highway Laborers, noted by John B. Dawson, John Baylor, and Jacob Moats, undated.
- 6.20 Poll List, District No. 6, Highway Laborers, noted by Henry Weakly, Robert Fincham and John B. Dawson, 13 May 1871.
- 6.21 Poll List, District No. 7, Highway Laborers, noted by Henry Weakly, Robert Fincham and John B. Dawson, 13 May 1871
- 6.22 Poll List, District No. 8, Highway Laborers, noted by Henry Weakly, Robert Fincham and John B. Dawson, 13 May 1871.

Folder 7: Resolution & Taxes

- 7.1 Typed 1903 Resolution requesting donation of cannon to mark site of Black Hawk War Block house, 2 copies, one signed by Milton Weakly, town clerk, 7 April 1903.
- 7.2 Tax Rate sheets, for years 1928, 1929, 1934, 1936.