

McLean County Museum of History

Cheney's Grove Township Records Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	Mostly 1879-1910
RESTRICTIONS:	None
PROVENANCE:	Donated by Tracy Cheney
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LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Scope

This collection contains receipts and oaths of office signed by Owen J. Cheney. receipts are for road improvements and other projects. The oaths are for various positions in the administration of the township.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Highway Receipts and Miscellaneous

- 1.1 Receipts, 1905-1910, Board of Commissioners of Highways to the Treasurer of the Commissioners of Cheney's Grove regarding monies appropriated for...
 - Overseeing.
 - Highway labor.
 - Ditching.
 - Supplies and equipment.
 - Rent.
 - Borrowed money.
 - Mowing.
 - Sundries.
- 1.2 Official Oaths to the Office of Commissioner of Highways for:
 - Thomas Garrison, 1894.
 - Eugene Merritt, 1895.
 - Joseph Rannebarger, 1896.
 - Ezekiel Coile, 1896.
- 1.3 Annual Report of the Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Cheney's Grove 1880-1881.
- 1.4 Affidavit of Geo. Pela (sp?) regarding County Five Road, September 24, 1894.

Folder 2: Highway II

- 2.1 Order Of Commissioners (9)
- 2.2 Petition for New Road (7)
- 2.3 Agreement for Damages in Laying Out or Altering Road (6)
- 2.4 Application for Jury to Assess Damages in Laying Out Road (2)
- 2.5 Release of Damages (4)
- 2.6 Handwritten applications (15)
- 2.7 Highway notice (14)
- 2.8 Petition for Altering Road (2)
- 2.9 Contractor's Bond (1)
- 2.10 Town Plat (1)

Folder 3: General Township

- 3.1 Official Oaths to the Office of
 - Assessor of the Town of Cheney Grove, W.C Mears, 1896, 1895, 1894, 1892.
 - Town Clerk, O.J. Cheney, 1896, 1894, 1892.

- School Trustee, J.M. Rugless Sr., 1896; O.M. Rowe, 189; Melvin Stine, 1894.
 Supervisor, James S. Vanscoyoe, 1896; W.A. Steward, 1894.
 Collector, Edward B. Wright, 1896; Thomas H. Murphy, 1894.
 Handwritten, position unknown, Oliver Springsted (?), 1895.
- 3.2 Bond receipts (2)
 - 3.3 Handwritten minutes of the Board of Election Officers, April 7, 1893 .
 - 3.4 Notification of appointment to Board of Supervisors for O.J. Cheney, Sept. 20, 1894
 - 3.5 Certificate of \$1000 Bond taken by the Town of Cheney's Grove dated January 1, 1879 ..
 - 3.6 Town Certificates payable by Town Supervisor, 1906.
 - 3.7 Town Clerk's Order on Supervisor, 1909.
 - 3.8 Checks from Saybrook Bank signed by Means Schureman, 1885-1888.

Folder 4: Cemetery

- 4.1 Official Oaths to the Office Of Cemetery Trustee
 J.M. Stansburg, 1896, 1895, 1894
 J.W. Perry, 1896, 1895, 1894
 D.D. Means, 1896, 1895, 1894
- 4.2 Report of Cemetery Trustees, March 7, 1900
- 4.3 Receipts from the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Township Cemetery of the Town of Cheney's Grove 1906, 1907, 1909

Folder 5: Highway Annual Report

- 5.1 Report of Commissioners of Highways to Town Auditors

1894	1890
1899	1897
1900	1907
1896	1886
1895	1876
1891	
- 5.2 Supervisors Report, 1890
- 5.3 Election Officers' Report
- 5.4 April 6, 1894
- 5.5 Meeting Minutes
- 5.6 April 2, 1890
- 5.7 April 3, 1889
- 5.8 Order of Commissioners
- 5.9 Highway Notice (3)
- 5.10 Petition for New Road (2)
- 5.11 Statement of Tax Levy (18)
- 5.12 Instructions to Overseers (1)
- 5.13 Auditors Certificate (2)
- 5.14 Certificate to Amount of Town Accounts (1)
- 5.15 Bridge/Road Contract (9)
- 5.16 Handwritten contracts and tax documents (36)

Folder 6: Miscellaneous

- 6.1 Half of a receipt
- 6.2 List of people assessed a poll tax document, 1903, 1905
- 6.3 Certificate of Nomination
 - 1905
 - 1900
 - 1899
- 6.4 Affidavit of Voter
 - J.J Paggett, 1895
 - A. (Last name), 1895
 - Samuel Gerrill, 1895
- 6.4 Resignation of Riley Cook as Cemetery Trustee, 1905
- 6.5 Tax Assessment, 1903
- 6.6 "The Saybrook Receipts Signed By Owen Johnathan Cheney
- 6.7 Email correspondence between Tracy Cheney and Bill Kemp regarding donation of materials