

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Athens County, Ohio.

Gentlemen:—

Your petitioner, Joseph M. Wood, Solicitor of the Village of Athens, Ohio, represents that at a meeting of the Council of said Village held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, A. D. 1894, the following ordinance was duly passed by said Council:

An Ordinance Authorizing the annexation of certain contiguous Territory to the Village of Athens, Ohio,

Whereas, The incorporated Village of Athens, Ohio, and its inhabitants generally, desire to enlarge the corporate limits of said Village by the annexation thereto of contiguous Territory, which said contiguous Territory is described as follows: to-wit:— Situate in the Township of Athens, in the County of Athens and State of Ohio, and bounded as follows: Beginning at the north-east corner of the Village of Athens; thence following the Village line south twenty-nine and thirty five one hundredths (29.35) chains; thence east fifteen and eighty one hundredths (15.80) chains; thence South twenty-two (22) degrees west ten and eighty one hundredths (10.80) chains to the north line of Morris Avenue in the said Village; thence East, on said north line forty-eight and forty-three one hundredths (48.43) chains to the Mocking River; thence leaving the Village line north fifty-seven and three-fourths (57.3-4) degrees, east three and twenty-five one hundredths (3.25) chains to the south-west corner of Farm Lot No. 27; thence north on the west line of said farm lot thirty-seven (37) chains; thence West across farm lots Nos 43 and 44 and 46 sixty-three and fifty one hundredths (63.50) chains to the place of beginning, containing 233 acres more or less. Therefore, Be it ordained by the Council of the Village of Athens Ohio, as follows:

Section First: That the annexation of said above described Contiguous Territory to the corporate limits of said Village be, and the same is hereby authorized to be made.

Section Second: That Joseph M. Wood, Solicitor of said Village, is hereby authorized and directed to prosecute the proceedings necessary to effect such annexation.

Section Third: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and legal publication. Passed in Council May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1894.

Wm. S. Wilson, Mayor. Attest:— W. B. Golden, Clerk.

Which ordinance was, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1894, duly published in the Athens Journal, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in said Village and County; proof of said publication is hereto attached marked "Exhibit A." Your petitioner further represents that the said territory described in said ordinance is contiguous to the territory of said corporation. A plat of said territory, described in said Ordinance is hereto attached and marked "Exhibit B." Your petitioner further represents that by said Ordinance, said territory therein described was authorized by said Council to be annexed to said corporation and your petitioner was directed to prosecute the proceedings necessary to effect such annexation. Your petitioner therefore, asks that said territory be annexed to said corporation and that your Honorable body take all necessary action on your part as the law prescribes to effect such annexation. Joseph M. Wood Solicitor of the Village of Athens, Ohio.

Exhibit A.

An Ordinance.

Authorizing the Annexation of Certain Contiguous Territory to the Village of Athens, Ohio. Whereas, The Incorporated Village of Athens Ohio, and its inhabitants generally, desire to enlarge the corporate limits of said Village by the annexation thereto of contiguous territory, which said contiguous territory is described as follows: to-wit:— Situate in the Township of Athens, in the County of Athens, and State of Ohio, and bounded as follows:— Beginning at the north-east corner of the Village of Athens; thence following the Village line south twenty-nine and thirty-five one hundredths (29.35) chains; thence east fifteen and eighty one hundredths (15.80) chains; thence South twenty-two (22) degrees, west ten and eighty one hundredths (10.80) chains to the north line of Morris Avenue in the said Village; thence east, on said north line forty-eight and forty-three one hundredths (48.43) chains to the Mocking River; thence leaving the Village line north fifty-seven and three-fourths (57.3-4) degrees, east three and twenty-five one hundredths (3.25) chains to the south-west corner of farm lot No. 27; thence north on the west line of said farm lot thirty-seven (37) chains; thence West across farm lots Nos. 43, 44 and 46 sixty-three and fifty one hundredths (63.50) chains to the place of beginning, containing 233 acres more or less. Therefore, Be it ordained by the Council of the Village of Athens, Ohio, as follows:

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Section Third: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and legal publication. Passed in Council May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1894. Wm. S. Wilson Mayor. Attest:— W. B. Golden, Clerk.

Proof of Publication

State of Ohio, Athens County, ss. A. E. McGrath being duly sworn, says that he is Editor of The Athens Journal, a newspaper printed, published, and of general circulation in said County of Athens and that a copy of the annexed notice was published in said paper on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, A. D. 1894, and continued therein for one consecutive week. A. E. McGrath. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1894. A. S. Bethel, Probate Judge.

Commissioner's Office, Athens Co., Ohio. Athens Ohio, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1894. The Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present John Burson, Jeff. Perry and Abner Juniper. The petition of Joseph M. Wood, solicitor and agent for the Village of Athens, filed this office June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1894, having been withdrawn by him, now, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1894, comes said Joseph M. Wood Solicitor and Agent, and presents a petition praying for the annexation of certain contiguous territory to said Village, said petition is accompanied by a plat of the territory sought to be annexed, also a copy of the ordinance of said Village authorizing the Annexation of said territory. All the requirements of section 1601, Revised statutes having been complied with, said petition is by order of the Board filed with the records this day, further proceedings are postponed until 10 o'clock A. M. August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1894.

For the Annexation of Certain Contiguous Territory to the Village of Athens, a remonstrance was presented, and Genl. C. M. Grosvener, also having entered a protest against said annexation, and he being unable to be present, at the hearing, further proceedings were laid over until the 27<sup>th</sup> inst; at one o'clock P. M. August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1894.

The Board proceeding this day, to further hear the matter of the petition of Joseph M. Wood, Solicitor of the Village of Athens, Ohio, on behalf of said Village for permission to annex to the Corporation of said Village the contiguous territory in the petition described, and having heard the arguments and suggestions of the persons appearing for and against the granting of the prayer of the petition (and being fully advised in the premises, do find that the said petition contains all the matters required by law to be contained therein; that its statements are true; that the limits of the Territory proposed to be annexed to said Corporation are accurately described and are not unreasonably large or small; that the map accompanying the petition is accurate; that the ordinance set forth in said petition was only passed by said Council and published according to law; that Joseph M. Wood, was duly authorized by said Village to file said petition and prosecute the proceedings therein; that the notice of the time and place of hearing said petition, containing a substance thereof was published in the Messenger and Herald a newspaper printed and of general circulation in the County of Athens, for six consecutive weeks.