

To Arthur A. Caswell, Auditor of Anoka County, Minnesota.

I, E. P. Woodworth, do hereby apply to you as said County Auditor for an extension of time to complete County Ditch No. 41.

The contract for the construction of said ditch was first let to St. Martin, Davis and Vessey and the time for completion thereof has been extended to January 15th, 1906; and I hereby ask extension to August 1st, 1906.

My reasons for asking this extension are set forth in my affidavit hereto attached. I refer you to section 14, chapter 258 Gen. Laws of 1901, as amended by section 7 chapter 38 Gen. Laws of 1902.

Yours respectfully.

Anoka, Minn. Jan'y 2nd. 1906.



State of Minnesota, )  
County of Anoka. ) S.S.

F. P. Woodworth, being first duly sworn upon

oath deposes and says; That in the spring of the year of 1905 he made and entered into a contract with E. S. St. Martin and R. H. Davis and R. A. Vessey, co-partners as St. Martin, Davis and Vessey that he was to and did ~~not~~ let from them the contract to build certain County Ditches in the County of Anoka and State of Minnesota.

That the spring of 1905 was very backward, cold and wet and that this affiant has been unable to build the said ditches and all thereof on account of the cold, wet and inclement weather; That affiant commenced his said work on the 11th, day of April 1905 and that he continued said at all times that it was possible for men to work during the summer of 1905: That affiant has said work about one half completed and that it is impossible to continue said work on account of the frost and inclement weather; That it will be necessary for this affiant to have an extension of time within which to complete the said work that a large part of the trouble of this affiant was caused by the grade stakes at station no. 207 on ditch no. 41 being set for an excavation of four and 8/10 feet, which was not sufficient to allow the water on the higher portions of said ditch to drain off, that the engineer in charge has since set new stakes and changed the grade from 1/10 to three feet and 2/10 deeper in order to allow the water to drain off, That the work at said station was completed some time in the month of May 1905 to his first grades and that since that time it has been impossible to get the work down to the second grades, That said work is now down to about one foot of the second grades, That said change in grades is all along said ditch for nearly one mile; That affiant has caused all of the said ditch to be opened that it was possible to open during the season of 1905, and that he has been unable to complete the said ditch within the time set for so doing.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd. day of January 1906.

*E. P. Woodworth*

*J. A. Stewart*

