

Maria of you - you -  
Ditch

Lined July 8<sup>th</sup> 1849

Recd. Mr. Gaffey  
C. Anderson

To the Board of County Commissioners of the  
County of Anoka State of Minnesota.

German, as your honorable Board will have the hearing  
and determining of my and others Ditch Petition at this  
your meeting, I would respectfully say, that all the  
signers of said Petition are citizens of the Town of Columbus  
for many years, and all are Farmers living on the Land  
with they own on good, or Contract Deeds having been in  
the town from 8<sup>th</sup> to 42 years, and as the said Ditch  
would be a great benefit to us all and General public  
we wish and hope that you will favor us and grant  
the prayer of said Petition

Very Respectfully yours,  
Gost. Gost.