

Court Cases Involving the Great Swamp and Other Waterways

Party 1	Party 2	Description	Filing Date	Notes
Horation Seymour et al	Julius Bushnell et al	Remonstrance	3/2/1836	Great Swamp uninhabitable and unhealthy, drainage, requesting amendment to the swamp laws.
Holmes Hutchinson, Horatio Seymour	Julius Bushnell, Richard Chapman	Deposition of Spencer Sanderson	6/1/1846	
Holmes Hutchinson, Horatio Seymour	Julius Bushnell, Richard Chapman	Depositions of Leonard Moore, William Baker, John I. Walrath, William Tracy	6/1/1846	
Holmes Hutchinson, Horatio Seymour	Julius Bushnell, Richard Chapman	Deposition of John B. Jervis	6/29/1846	
Huron Foote	Elijah Gilbert	Judgment	2/26/1848	Gilbert complaining that swamp near Colchester Corners (Hamilton) a public nuisance since 1805, drainage ditch constructed filled in by Foote, judgment for Gilbert.
Alvah Hotchkiss	Ezra Bond Jr.	Case & Exceptions	6/18/1855	Bond owns mill and dam on Canasaraga Creek, dam preventing natural flow of water to Hotchkiss farm.
Commissioners		Report	5/1/1868	Re: Great Swamp - assessment of costs to construct a drainage ditch, assessments not paid by landowners, notice of amount owed attached.

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George Tackabury et al		Petition for the appointment of commissioners for draining lands	10/25/1869	Petitioners desirous of appointing Thomas Barlow, Tobias Dick & Joel Watkins commissioners.
Joel S. Ashford		Oath	12/24/1869	Commissioner for draining lands
William Walrath, Allen Scoville, W. E. Barnard		Oath	3/10/1870	Commissioners for draining lands
B. F. Chapman		Oath	1/27/1871	Commissioner for draining lands
Richard H. Gee, John W. Lewis		Oath	1/28/1871	Commissioners for draining lands
Goodwin P. Soper, Philip Wager, Judson W. Warner		Oath	4/19/1871	Commisioners for draining lands of Sands Higinbotham estate and others in the Village of Oneida.
William H. Walrath		Oath	6/20/1871	Walrath accepting appointment as commissioner for draining wet land in the Great Swamp.
Commissioners		Petition to borrow money	8/18/1871	Commisioners determined that draining lands was necessary, require funds to construct a drainage ditch in the Village of Oneida.

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Niles Higinbotham et al		In the matter of the petition of Niles Higinbotham et al in relation to draining swamp, bog, meadow, farm or other low and wet lands in the town of Lenox	10/11/1871	Request for constructing drainage ditch or channel, list of property owners ditch would pass through.
Tobias Dietz		In the matter of the petition of Tobias Dietz	3/6/1873	Requesting cleaning and deepening of Douglass Ditch, improvement of the Olcott Ditch, repairs to Deits or Bend Ditch.
Tobias Dietz		In the matter of the petition of Tobias Dietz	3/10/1873	Order to authorize drainage.
Charles Stroud		In the matter of draining certain swamp lands in Madison County	5/10/1875	Stroud requesting report from commissioners on completion of their work.
Richard Evans	John M. Phillips	Notice of Motion, Judgment	1/18/1882	Phillips accused of catching large quantity of fish with a net in Canastota Creek.
William Lindley	John Springer	Complaint	7/11/1887	Springer repeatedly used a net to catch fish in Oneida Lake and Douglass Ditch, Springer fined \$100.
Frank W. Childs		In the matter of the petition of Frank W. Childs for the draining of lands in the town of Lenox	11/2/1899	Notice of filing of the determinataion of commissioners.