Platte County Circuit Court
Circuit Court
March Term 1852

Box 22 File 81

State of Missouri

vs

Frederick, a slave

Grand Larceny

- Frederick, a slave belonging to James Nichols, accused of stealing a gold watch belonging to Simeon Scruggs
- Includes testimony of slave named Abraham

In the Circuit Court
March Term 1852

Platte County to wit:

The Grand Jurors for the State of Missouri for the body of the County of Platte aforesaid upon their oath present that Frederick Jordan then and there belonging to one James Nicholas late of said County on the twenty fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one with force and arms at the said County of Platte one Gold Watch of the value of two hundred dollars of the goods, chattels and personal property then and there belonging to one Simeon Scruggs and then and there being found feloniously did steal, take and carry away contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State

L. Anderson
Circuit Attorney

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5.7 The State
vs.
Frederick (a Slave)

Grand Larceny

A true Bill
James H Bradley.
Foreman of G.J.

Grand Jury

W. T. Brown
Simeon Scruggs
Henry T. Barrow
Thomas McLain

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State of Missouri } ss
County of Platte }

The State of Missouri to the Sheriff of Platte County Greeting. You are hereby commanded to take Frederick (a slave of James Nichols) if he be found in your County and him safely keep so that you have his body before the Judge of our Platte County Court at the Court house in Platte City on the first day of October next & September term of said Court to be holden at Platte City on Monday the 6th day of September next to answer unto the State of Missouri for Grand Larceny of which he stands indicted by the Grand Jury of your County aforesaid Fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this writ

Witness Ira Norris Clerk of said Court with the Seal thereof affixed at Platte City the 2nd day of April AD 1852

Ira Norris Clerk

By Ira Norris Jr DC

The within executed by taking the body of Frederick a Slave of James Nichols, and he giving bond & with Security for his personal appearance before the Judge of our Platte Circuit Court at the next September Term thereof, to be be holden at Platte City on the 5th day of September AD 1852

May 13. 1852

Geo Gabbert DS
For D. Shepard Sheriff

Mar 13 Bond
Frederick (a slave of
James Nichols)

Filed September 6 1852

Shepard Sheriff

Know all Men by these presents That we Frederick Nichols as principal and James Nichols as Security are held and firmly bound by these presents unto The State of Missouri in the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars, That is to say the said principal in the Sum of One Hundred Dollars, and the said Security in the Sum of One Hundred Dollars, for the true and faithful performance and payment of which we bind Ourselves, Our Heirs executors and Administrators firmly by these presents, Signed Sealed and dated this 13th day of May A.D. 1852

The Condition of this obligation is such, That whereas the said Frederick Nichols has been indicted by the Grand Jury of Platte County for Grand Larceny

Now if the said Frederick Nichols shall make his personal appearance before the Platte Circuit Court, on the first day of the next term of said Court to be held at the Court House in the Town of Platte City, on the 6th day of September A.D. 1852 to answer the indictment aforesaid, and shall not depart the said Court without leave, the this obligation to be null and Void, Otherwise to remain in full force and effect

Test,

Geo. Gabbert Dept Sheff
Jno. L. Shepard Sheff

Frederick his X mark Nichols (Seal)
James his X mark Nichols (Seal)

Seal
Seal

State Bond

STATE OF MISSOURI, } SCT.
COUNTY OF PLATTE, }

The State of Missouri,

To Simeon Scruggs, Henry T. Barnum & Thomas M Lane

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Judge of our Platte Circuit Court, at the Court house in Platte City, on the 17th day of September 1852, to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plaintiff and Heaneck (a slave) Defendant on the part of the State ——

Fail not at your peril.

Witness, IRA NORRIS, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the Seal thereof affixed, at Platte City, the 27th *day of* August 1852

Ira Norris CLERK.
By Ira Norris Jr DC

State
vs
Indictment (a class)

For 17th Sept 1853

Summons
Union Scruggs &
Henry J Barnum
Thomas McLane

Sheriffs fee $1.10

The within Summons issued by me in the cause to Scruggs & McLain on the 6th day of Sept - 1853 in Platte County Mo

L Shumate Jr Clk
By Wm A Jr Deputy

STATE OF MISSOURI, } SCT.
COUNTY OF PLATTE, }

The State of Missouri,

To Lonely (a slave of Mrs Boydston) Enoch (a slave of John Bynakin) Isaac (a slave of old man Burnes) Penn a slave of Enoch Cox)

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Judge of our Platte Circuit Court, at the Court house in Platte City, on the 17th day of September 1852, to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plaintiff and Lucinda (a slave) Defendant on the part of the Defendant

Fail not at your peril.

Witness, IRA NORRIS, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the Seal thereof affixed, at Platte City, the 28th *day of* August 1852

Ira Norris CLERK.

By Ira Norris D.C.

State
vs
Frederick (a slave)

For 17th Sept. 1852

Recognizance
Family (Boylston)
Enoch (Byrnes)
Isaac (Barnes)
Penn (Penn)

See minutes

Stephens 40

The within recognizance
forfeited Sept 6th 1852
by Judge Thompson
Ex. Thompson and D.J.

State
vs
Frederick (a slave)

The clerk will issue subpoenas for the following witnesses on the part of defendant. Tommy - a slave at William Boyd Astons. Enoch - a slave (at John. Boyd waters) Isaac a slave at old man Bunnys Penn a slave (at Jacob Cox's.

E. H. Norton
atty for Def

Stein
a.
Friedrich Caesar

Pulsky
a.
Pulsky 3 Kreuzer und Porto

Pulsky

Friedr. Aug 28/12
M. d

STATE OF MISSOURI, } SCT.
COUNTY OF PLATTE,

The State of Missouri,

To Simon Suggs. Henry S. Barnum. Thomas M Lane

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Judge of our Platte Circuit Court, at the Court House in Platte City, on the 17th day of December 1852, to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plaintiff and Frederick (a slave) Defendant on the part of the State ——.

Fail not at your peril.

Witness, Wm C. Remington, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the Seal thereof affixed, at Platte City, the 21st day of September 1852

Wm C. Remington CLERK.

State
vs
Shea
Frederick (a Slave)

+Simon Scruggs
+Henry J. Blumer
+Thomas McLane

17th Dec

5 of Jury 15
17th

The within Indictment was found by the Grand Jury on the 15th day of December 1859 upon the testimony of Simon Scruggs - Henry J. Blumer & Thomas McLane witnesses known to the Grand Jury

J. Shepherd Jr
Foreman

16 Witnesses Sworn

State
vs Larceny
Fredericksburg

The Clerk will
Issue summons the following Witnesses for
the Defendant. Lomby, belonging
to ~~Seattle Boydston~~ William Boydston,
Isaac, belonging to A.A. Baum and brothers,
Enoch belonging to John Boydstun -
Ford Ford belonging to Jacob Coat -

Reuben Reed & Marshall
Attys for Defts.

Kate
Vs
Frederick A. Shaw

Filed Dec 6th 1852
B. C. Cunningham clerk
By A. B. Brooks D.C.

Issue

STATE OF MISSOURI, } SCT.
COUNTY OF PLATTE,

The State of Missouri,

To Jourdy slave of Wm Boyaston, Isaac slave of D D Burnes
& Boon, Enoch slave of John Boyaston, Penaleton slave of Jacob Hof

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Judge of our Platte Circuit Court, at the Court house in Platte City, on the 17th day of December 1852 to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plaintiff
and Frederick a slave Defendant
on the part of the Defendant

Fail not at your peril.

Witness, WILLIAM C. REMINGTON, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the *Seal* thereof affixed, at Platte City, the 6th day of December. 1852

W. C. Remington Clerk.
By R. B. Brooks D.C.

State
vs
Fredrick a slave

For 17th Dec. 1832

Summon
Tourney - slave of W. Boydston
Isaac slave of Burnes Boyds
Enoch slave of D. Boydston
Pendleton slave of D. Boyd

STATE OF MISSOURI, } SCT.
COUNTY OF PLATTE,

The State of Missouri,

To Simeon Scruggs, Henry T. Barnum and Thomas McLane

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Judge of our Platte Circuit Court, at the Court house in Platte City, on the 15th day of March 1853, to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plaintiff and Frederick (a slave) Defendant on the part of the State

Fail not at your peril.

Witness, WILLIAM C. REMINGTON, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the *Seal* thereof affixed, at Platte City, the 17th day of February 1853

Wm C Remington *Clerk.*

State
Cs
Frederick (a Slave)

March 15th 1853

Summon
Simeon Scruggs X
Lucy T. Bannum X
Thomas M Lane X

Sheff's fee $1.50

The within Defendant Frederick (a Slave) is hereby required to appear before the Worshipful Court of Hustings for the City of Richmond at the Court House thereof on Monday the 21st day of March 1853 - Given under my hand this 15th day of March 1853

J. Pleasants, Sheff
By R. Robertson D.S.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } SCT.
COUNTY OF PLATTE,

The State of Missouri,

To J. Cox & bring with you the Slave Pinkerton, & to D. D. Burnes & Bro's, & bring Slave Isaac.

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Judge of our Platte Circuit Court, at the Court house in Platte City, on the 15th day of March 185 3, to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plaintiff and Fred — a Slave Defendant on the part of the Defendant

Fail not at your peril.

Witness, WILLIAM C. REMINGTON, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the *Seal* thereof affixed, at Platte City, the 7th day of March 185 3

W. C. Remington Clerk.
By W. R. Brooks D.C.

Executed and the return as the Law
requires on the 7th March 1853

R. H. Allen

Sheriff Lincoln County

Sworn to and subscribed this 12th March
1853

State of Georgia

Lincoln County

Personally appeared before me
Thomas A. Adams

Commissioner

Ex officio Justice of the Peace

for the 1st District

Lincoln County

State
vs
Fred. a Slave

Subpa for Pendleton, Slave
of J. Cox. Isaac. Slave of D. Burns & Bro.
for Defendant
March 7. 1853 R. Of. Allen

STATE OF MISSOURI, } SCT.
COUNTY OF PLATTE,

The State of Missouri,

To Thomas McLain bring Abraham & Mariah Slaves and
H. Perrin bring Jack a slave, and Clemency McLain

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Judge of our Platte Circuit Court, at the Court house in Platte City, on the 13th day of March 1853, to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plaintiff and Frederick (a slave) Defendant on the part of the State.

Fail not at your peril.

Witness, WILLIAM C. REMINGTON, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the *Seal* thereof affixed, at Platte City, the 12 day of March 1853

W. C. Remington, Clerk.
By W. Brooks DC

State of Mo
Co. Clay
Fred (a slave)

Alex Dixon, Pltff
vs.
A. C. Runyan & al
In Attachment

Clay

State of Missouri
Co. Clay
Fred (a slave)

Summon
Thos. McLain & slaves
N. Perrin & slave
Cummey McLain

13th March
Sheff fee $3.00

The State of Missouri to the Sheriff of Clay County Greeting
We command you that you summon Thos. McLain & slaves N. Perrin & slave Cummey McLain if they shall be found in your county to be and appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court within and for the County of Clay at the Court House in Liberty on the 1st Monday after the 4th Monday in March next then and there to answer unto a plea of trespass on the case, and have you then and there this writ.
Witness the Hon. Alexander Doniphan Judge of our said Court at Office in Liberty this 13th day of March A.D. 1858
Attest
G. A. Robinson Clk
By A. Bolinger D.C.

Henry L Burnum Makes Oath and Says that in January or February 1852 ~~I~~ learned that Simeon Scruggs had lost a Gold watch, and having reasons for Suspecting Frederick, a Slave belonging to James Nickols had Stolen Said Watch, I Called at Mr Nickols' and after informing Mr Nickols of my Suspicions, Said Slave was Called up and the Theft Charged upon him and he was asked by Mr Nickols where the Watch then was — Said Slave Said it was at his wife's house, and promised me to go there and get it and deliver it to me on the next day, which he done accordingly ~~day~~ afterwards Simeon Scruggs Satisfied me that it was the watch which he had Lost I returned it to him

H L Burnum

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 16th day of March 1853

W. C. Pittington
J P

The State
vs
Frederick (a Slave)

Indicted for Grand Larceny in the Platte Circuit Court

We agree that the within affidavit shall be read as legal evidence, on the trial of the above case and we hereby waive all informalities in the taking of said testimony — The ~~object~~ motion for making this agreement is to enable said H. N. Baumann to go to California, and to excuse his appearance as a witness in the case

March 16th 1853

James Craig
Circuit Attorney
Amos Rees Attorney
for Defendant

The State
vs
Frederick (a Slave)
Affidavit of H. N. Baumann

Filed March 17th 1853
R. C. Rupe
Clerk

State of Missouri }
County of Platte } ss

The deposition of Abraham a slave of Thomas McLane in the Case wherein The State of Missouri is plaintiff and Frederick a slave of ~~Jerome~~ Nichols is defendant now pending in the Circuit Court of Platte County upon an indictment for Grand Larceny taken on the the fifth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and fifty three before me James A. Bradley a Justice of the peace within the County of Platte aforesaid, who was duly sworn by me to tell the ~~whole~~ truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth and fully warned of the obligations of an oath and the penalty of Falseswearing—

Abraham a Slave of Thomas McLane of lawful age being produced, sworn & examined deposeth and says

The first I knew of this watch that was said to be stolen was Mr. Songs Came to me and asked me where I got the watch I let Nichols boy have I told him I never let him (Stopped by Court) have any. I did not let have any. I never saw the watch until it was brought down here to Court after the time it was said to be stolen. I ~~do not remember~~ was at Mr. Jackson's the night it was said to have been stolen. Mr. Hays Tom and a fellow servant named Jake both staid with me that night. I was there all night. I got there between sundown and dusk and left there after daylight.

I did not steal the watch or let Frederick have it— and further deponent saith not

his
Abram ✕
mark

State of Missouri }
County of Platte } ss

I James A. Bradley a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Platte aforesaid Certify that the above and foregoing is a full true and correct entry of the depositions of Abraham a Slave of Thomas McLane in the case wherein the State of Missouri is plaintiff and Frederick a Slave of James Nichols is defendant ~~the~~ taken before me the fifth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and fifty three

And I Certify that the said Abraham was duly sworn by me according to law and his testimony reduced to writing by me and after being read over to him was by him signed

In testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name this 5th day of July 1853

James A. Bradley Justice of the Peace

60 cents paid by Thomas McLane

State of Missouri
vs.
Defendant
Felonious assault

Filed July 5/83
W. C. Remington
Clerk

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Platte County
at Platte City
Missouri

STATE OF MISSOURI, } SCT.
COUNTY OF PLATTE,

The State of Missouri,

To Simeon Scruggs. Henry J. Barnum Thomas M. Lucas

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Judge of our Platte Circuit Court, at the Court house in Platte City, on the 12th day of September 1853, to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plaintiff and Frederick (a slave) Defendant on the part of the State

Fail not at your peril.

W. C. Remington

Witness, ~~IRA MORRIS~~, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the Seal thereof affixed, at Platte City, the 20th day of August 1853

W. C. Remington CLERK.

The State
vs
Epha
Frederick (a slave)

Summons

Simeon Scruggs
Henry T. Barnum
Thomas McLane

Subp $1.10
Jan 12th

The within Writ came to hand on this 4th day of Aug 1853 - & was duly executed on the 5th day of Aug 1853 by me
Simeon Scruggs & Thomas McLane
Henry T. Barnum
Deputy Sheriff
Wm. M. Williamson D.S.
" "
Ramon
Constable

STATE OF MISSOURI, } SCT.
COUNTY OF PLATTE, }

The State of Missouri,

To Pendleton slave of Jacob Cop, Eunuch slave of John C. Byrnes
Isaac slave of D. D. Burns & Bro

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Judge of our Platte Circuit Court, at the Court house in Platte City, on the 12th day of September 1853, to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plaintiff and Prench (a slave) Defendant on the part of the Defendant

Fail not at your peril.

W. C. Remington
Witness, ~~R. A. MORRIS,~~ Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the Seal thereof affixed, at Platte City, the 20th day of August 1853

W. C. Remington CLERK.

Served the within Subpoena
Delivering a true Copy of the Same
~~with~~ at the Residence of the within
named witness within & usual
person over the age of Sixteen
years September the 10th 1853

Sworn to & subscribed before me this
12 of Sept 1853

W. B. Pennington Jr.
By W. B. Keyes Deputy

R. F. Allen

To the State
of Geo.
Ware (a Slave)

Remember
Emolium, Plaintiff's Att
Emanuel " " G. C. Byrd
Isaac " " D. D. Burns

Jan 12

State vs Fred A Blanc

Statement of James Nicols made an oath to be read by agreement in the above cause

James Nicols being duly sworn says that he was present at the time H.T. Burnham states he got the stolen watch from the def Fred A Evans and Burnham gave the boy three dollars to go & get the watch from the house of H Keyston.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 6 of Sept 1853.

Attest
Enoch Liggett Justice of the Peace

his
James X Nichols
mark

State of Mississippi
County of Pike } ss

I E. Liggett a Justice of the peace within and for Preston Township Pike County do hereby certify that the above Deposition was subscribed & sworn to before me ~~of the~~ in Green Township Pike County ~~Miss~~ by the said James Nichols

Sept 6th 1853 E. Liggett J.P.



We the Jury find the defendant not Guilty

Richard W Budd