Platte County Circuit Court
Circuit Court
December Term 1852

Box 23 File 133

State of Missouri

vs

Adamson, Samuel

Buying + Receiving Goods from a Slave

Accused of dealing with a slave named Abe,
property of Thomas McLain

In the Circuit Court
December Term A.D. 1852

Platte County To. wit

The Grand Jurors of the State of Missouri for the body of the County of Platte aforesaid upon their oath present; That Samuel Adamson late of said County on the first day of November in the year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty two, at the County of Platte aforesaid, did buy of and receive from a certain Slave named Abe certain Commodities, To wit; Twenty pounds of Bacon of the value of Two dollars, without the Consent in writing of the Master, Owner or overseer of said Slave named Abe then and there first had and obtained for that purpose (And that one Thomas McLain was then and there the Master, Owner, and overseer of said Slave named Abe) Contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State

James Craig
Circuit Attorney

Writ Issued July 7, 1853

Subpa. issd. Feby 17/53
" " Aug 20/53
" Feby 23/54

The State
vs
Samuel Adamson

Indictment for buying & receiving goods from a Slave without permit in writing from Master, owner or overseer

A True Bill
Asa Morris
foreman of Grand Jury

Witnesses
G. W. Jones.
N. G. Baker
John L. Merchant
Thomas McLane
Crowell Walling
Geo W Anderson

STATE OF MISSOURI, } Sct.
COUNTY OF PLATTE.

The State of Missouri, to the Sheriff of Platte County; Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to ~~Summon~~ Samuel Adamum. and him safely Keep so that he be and appear before the Judge of our Platte Circuit Court, in and for said County, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be holden at the Court House in Platte City, on Monday the Seventh day of March next, then and there to answer unto The State of Missouri for buying and receiving goods from a Slave without permit in writing from Master, Owner, or overseer, of which he stands Indicted by the Grand Jury of said County

Wherein fail not, and have you then there this Writ.

Witness, WILLIAM C. REMINGTON, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the SEAL thereof affixed at Platte City, on this Seventh day of January A. D. 1853.

Wm C Remington Clk

Fee $2.00

State
No 3 Writ
Samuel Adamson

20 March 1853

Sheriff

To Smith: You enter on the 20th day of February 1853
in Platte County, Mo. a tract of land lying in Platte County, & bounded
& described as follows to wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of
Section No. Eighteen (18) in Township No. Fifty-Seven (57) North of
Range No. Thirty-Four (34) West of the 5th Principal Meridian, &
from this place of beginning run West on the South line of said
Section Eighteen (18) Eighty (80) rods; thence North One Hundred
& Sixty (160) rods; thence East Eighty (80) rods; thence South One
Hundred & Sixty (160) rods to the place of beginning, containing
Eighty (80) acres more or less, & you will remove all persons
therefrom, & deliver the possession thereof to Samuel Adamson
or his attorney, & you will make return of this writ within
ten days from the date hereof.

Given under my hand & seal of said Court this 20th day of March 1853.

J. S. Lapsley Clerk
by W. Wallace D.C.

Know all men by these presents that we Samuel Adamson as principal and E. E. Hill as security are held and firmly bound unto the State of Missouri in the sum of Two hundred Dollars and Cents, that is to say, the said Saml Adamson in the sum of Two hundred Dollars and the said E E Hill in the sum of Two hundred Dollars for the true and faithful payment of which we bind ourselves; our heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents signed, sealed and dated this 2. day of February A. D. 1853.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Adamson has been indicted by the Grand Jury of Platte county For dealing with Slaves

Now if the said Saml Adamson 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 Seventh day of March A. D. 1853 to answer to the indictment aforesaid and shall not depart the said court without leave, then this obligation to be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Attest A R Blundell D.S.
Jas G Stephenson Clk

Samuel Adamson
E E Hill

STATE OF MISSOURI, } SCT.
COUNTY OF PLATTE,

The State of Missouri,

To G.W. Jones, R.G. Baker, John L. Merchant, Thomas McLane, Conrell Walling, and George W. Anderson

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 16th day of March 1853, to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plaintiff and Samuel Adamson 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
vs
Appa
Samuel Adamson
16th March 1853

Summon
G. W. Jones
R. G. Baker X
Jno L. Buchanan X
Thos. McClane
C. Walling X
Geo. W. Adamson X

Sheff $2.00

The within Writ came to hand the 17th day of March 1853 - in Platte County and executed on the same day by summoning the within named persons to wit
G. W. Jones
R. G. Baker
Jno L. Buchanan
Thos McClane
C. Walling
Geo W. Adamson
Sheff $2.00

STATE OF MISSOURI, } SCT.
COUNTY OF PLATTE,

The State of Missouri,

To Francis Randal, David Atkins, Jacob Adamson, Edward Johnson
Nicholas Swaley.

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 16th day of March 1853.,
to give evidence between The State of Missouri — Plaintiff
and Samuel Adamson — 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 14th day of March 1853

W. C. Remington Clerk.

State
of
Ga

Jane Adamson

Summons

Francis Rankin

Davis Carlisle

Jacob Adamson

Edward Johnson

Nicholas Smalley

Sheriff fee 2.50.

Executed by reading the within
summons to the within named Defendants
in manner on the 14th day of
December 1853

Samuel Strickland

Sworn and subscribed
to before me this 16th
day of December 1853. R. C. Cummins J.C.C.

State
of
vs
Samuel Adamson

The clerk will issue s/pa for Reuben & Thos
John Stone, R. Baber, non part of State

J. L. Merchant

State of Missouri

vs

Samuel Adamson

Filed March 14th 1803

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

The State of Missouri,

To G. W. Jones, R. G. Baber, John L. Merchant, Thomas M Lane, Crowell Walling, & Geo. N. Adamson John W. Ragsdale

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 Samuel Adamson Defendant on the part of the State

Fail not at your peril.

W. C. Remington
Witness, ~~Hal NORRIS~~, 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
Sam.
Samuel Adamson

Summons
G. N. Jones +
R. L. Baber +
John L. Merchant +
Thomas McLane +
Criswell Walling
Geo. N. Augusen
John M. Ragsdale +
John Stone +
do
Fee 12
Sheriff fee 4.00

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To Edward Johnson Jacob Adamson Francis H. Rawdale
David Adkins Kelley Adamson Nicholas Sandley
Thos. Edwards

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 185 , to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plantiff and Samuel Adamson 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 5th day of September 185 3.

W. C. Remington Clerk.

By W. B. Kingkendall D. C.

State
vs Sfca.
Samuel Adamson
Fr 12th Sept. 1853

Summon
Edward Simmons
Jacob Adamson
Francis H. Rasdale
David Adkins
Kelsey Adamson
Nicholas Smedley
Thomas Edwards

Sheriffs fee 3,00

STATE OF MISSOURI, } sct.
COUNTY OF PLATTE,

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To G. W. Jones R. G. Paton Inv L. Merchant Thos M Lane Connell Walling Geo. W. Anderson

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 1854, to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plaintiff, and Samuel Adamson 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 23d day of February 1854.

W. C. Remington Clerk.

Served on R. G. Baber ~~and~~ and
George W. Anderson according to law
on the 2nd day of March on Thos McLane
on the 1st day of March 1837
L Shepherd Sh'ff
~~L Shepherd Sh'ff~~

State of Ohio,
Lucas County, ss.
Samuel Adamson

Summon
G W Jones
R G Baber
John L Merchant
Thomas McLane
Thomas Walling
Geo. W. Anderson

for March 18th
Dollars 2,60

Served on John L Merchant on the
sixth March 1837
L Shepherd Sh'ff

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To Edwin Johnson, Jacob Adamson, Nicholas Smiley & Thomas Maddox

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 185 4 to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plantiff and Samuel Adamson 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 10th day of March 185 4

W. C. Remington Clerk.

By W. L. Ely Deputy Clerk

State
of
Ohio
vs
Saml Adamson

Summons
Edward Johnson
Jacob Adgison
Nicholas Snodley
& Francis Randall

Sheriff's Fee 1.60
Feb 13th

The within Summons came to our hands on the 13th day of March 1852 in Clarke County and we have made due service of the same on the within named Samuel Adamson by reading the same to him in person this 13th day of March 1852

Wm Stuart Sheriff
By Wm Stuart D.S.

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To John Stone

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 14th day of March 1854, to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plantiff and Samuel Adamson 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 14th day of March 1854

W. C. Remington Clerk.

By W. L. Keyhendall D. C.

Know all men by these presents that we Samuel Adams of the town of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and John Hancock of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth aforesaid

are holden and stand firmly bound unto the Treasurer of the Commonwealth aforesaid for the time being in the sum of Fifty Thousand Pounds lawful money to be paid to the said Treasurer or his successors in office to the use of the Commonwealth aforesaid for the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden Samuel Adams shall well and truly execute the office of Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth aforesaid for the year ensuing the date hereof and shall duly account for all such sums of money as he shall receive by virtue of his said office when thereunto required by the Governor or Council for the time being then this obligation to be void and of none effect otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Sealed and delivered in presence of us

Samuel Adams

John Hancock

Suffolk ss

March 14th 1772

Then the above bounden Samuel Adams and John Hancock severally acknowledged this instrument to be their free act and deed before me

Jos. Pynchon Just. Peace

For 14th

...nd. defendant guilty & assess his
... dollars.
...it Court
...1854.

John G. Smith
foreman

State
vs
Larry
Vincent

G. Campbell
H. Rees
C. Bailey
L. Mathews
Wm. Sanders
J. Williams
C. Rucker

State
vs
Samuel Adamson

Given 1st

If they believe from the evidence that Defendant received the Bacon from Abr. or Silas of Thomas McLain, and in Platte County, they will convict

Given 2

The State is not bound to prove the above facts by positive testimony or by Eye witness but if the Jury are satisfied by circumstances in proof, that he did receive the Bacon as State charges they will convict

Given

If the Jury believe that defendant purchased the Bacon from Abe, and did not know Abe to be a slave, this is no excuse — persons who deal with Negroes are bound to ascertain that they are not slaves, or if slaves, that they have a permit in writing,

Given

All that defendant said to McLain is before the Jury for their consideration, but they need not believe it all — they may believe that which tends to prove his guilt, and disbelieve that part which goes to show his innocence

Given

If they convict they will assess the punishment to a fine of Twenty dollars

State
v
Adams

State

vs

Samuel Adams

The defendant moves the court to instruct the jury that before they can find the defendant guilty in this cause it must be shown by the evidence that the defendant murdered Isaac a negro man named as the property belonging to one Thomas McClain otherwise they will acquit.