Platte County Circuit Court
Circuit Court
September Term 1854

Box 28 File 98

State of Missouri

vs

Townley, a free negro

Selling Liquor w/o License;
Selling Liquor on Sunday

- Two distinct charges
- Unable to separate due to possible inaccurate division of documents

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,
September TERM, 1854.

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 Townley (a Negro man) late of said county, on the first day of July — in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and fifty four at the county aforesaid, did sell to divers persons, to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, certain intoxicating liquors (not made at the place of sale, and to be drank at the place of sale,) in quantities not less than one quart, to wit: one quart of Whiskey, one quart of Gin, one quart of Wine, one quart of Brandy, and one quart of Rum, without a license therefor, then and there continuing in force, contrary to the form ~~to~~ of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State.

And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present, that the said Townley ~~(a Negro man)~~ on the day and year aforesaid, at the county aforesaid, did sell and deliver to divers other persons, to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, certain other intoxicating liquors, in quantities less than one quart, to wit: one pint of whiskey, one pint of wine, one pint of Gin, one pint of Brandy, and one pint of Rum, without, a license therefor, then and there continuing in force, 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

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State
vs
Townley (a Negro man)
Selling Liquor without License

$50.00 paid by
Holland

A True Bill
Hiram Beller
Foreman of the
Grand Jury

Witnesses
William Forbion
John S Bell
Thomas Ingram
Robt. Chism

In the Circuit Court
September Term 1854

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 Townley (a Negro Man) late of said County on the first day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty four at the County of Platte aforesaid, did on the first day of the week Commonly Called Sunday, sell and retail to divers persons to the Jurors aforesaid Unknown Certain fermented and distilled Liquors to wit one pint of Whiskey, one pint of Brandy and one pint of wine the same not being then and there an Article of immediate necessity: Contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State

James Craig
Pr Atty

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State
vs
Townley (a Negro Man)

Selling Liquor on Sunday

A True Bill
Hiram Keller
Foreman of the
Grand Jury

Witnesses
Wm Gordon
John F Bell
Thomas Ingraham
Robert Thom

STATE OF MISSOURI, } SCT.
COUNTY OF PLATTE.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To William Gorbin John S. Bell Thomas Hyson
Robert Chrisman

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 day of September 185[illegible], to give evidence between the State of Missouri Plaintiff and Tinsley (A Negro Man) 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 day of September 1854.

W. C. Remington Clerk.
By [illegible] D.C.

Return the within Writ not executed in consequence of the Defts not being found &c

Wm. P. Sprake Sheff
By Danl. O'Leary
Depy Sheff

State
of Ohio
Franklin County (ss)

Jeminiah Williams Adams
John C. Bell
Thomas Ingram
Robert Rhoads

Depositions

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To William Forbin John T. Bell Thomas Ingram Robert Chism

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 day of September 1854, to give evidence between the State of Missouri

Plaintiff and Fomby (A Negro man) 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

day of September 1854

W. C. Remington Clerk.

By E. O. Selby D.C.

State
vs
Shea
Indict (Forgery)

Summons
William Gorbin
John T. Bell
Norman Ingram
Robert Chism

Sh. Fees

I certify that I have executed the within Summons by delivering a true copy thereof to each of the within named persons at Platte City, Platte County, Mo. this 8th day of March 1859.

Thos. L. Smart, Sheriff
By Allen, D.S.C.

Fees

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To the Sheriff of Platte County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to ~~Summon~~ Take Downey & Negro man) 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 Fourth ~~day of~~ with next; then and there to answer unto the State of Missouri in a plea for Selling Liquor on Sunday of which he stands indicted by the Grand Jury of Platte 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, the ~~9th~~ ~~sixth~~ day of September 1854.

W. C. Remington Clerk.

I return this writ not Executed in Consequence of the Defendant not being found in Platte County

W.S. Sprake Sheriff
By David P. Dennis D. Sheff

State
vs
Copias
Damages (a fi fa)

Sheriffs fees. 50



STATE OF MISSOURI, } sct.
COUNTY OF PLATTE,

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To the Sheriff of Platte County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to ~~SUMMON~~ Take Tunley (a free Negro man) 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 day of~~ Forthwith next, then and there to answer unto the State of Missouri for Selling liquor without License of which he stands charged by the Grand Jury of the County aforesaid

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, the Ninth day of September 185 4.

W. C. Remington Clerk.
By E. O. Sayle D.C.

I return the within writ not Executed, in consequence of the defendant not being found in Platte County

W.H. Sprall Sheriff
By Dan'l P. Lewis D. Sh'ff

State
vs
Cashia
Com'l Cy. Spr Agency

Sheriff's Fees

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To the Sheriff of Platte County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to ~~summon~~ take Towney a free negro man

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 fifth day of March next, then and there to answer unto the State of Missouri in an indictment against him for selling liquor on Sunday of which he stands indicted by the Grand Jury of Platte 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, the fifth day of October 1854.

W. C. Remington Clerk.
By P. Gentry D. C.

I Execute the within Writ by arresting the within named Jeff in Shelby County and on the 29th day of June 1855, and by taking his bond for his appearance before the Shelby Co. Circuit Court on the 5th day of March 1855 which bond I herewith return with this Writ

Jno H. Smith Shff
By Chas D. Stevens D Shff

Thos Bullock Clk

State
Vs Copias
Lewis Collins Adm

Filed July 1, 57

STATE OF MISSOURI, } sct.
COUNTY OF PLATTE,

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To the Sheriff of Platte County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to ~~SUMMON~~ take Lowry (a free negro man) 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 fifth day of March next, then and there to answer unto the State of Missouri for selling liquor without license of which he stands by the Grand Jury of the County aforesaid

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, the fifth day of October 185 4.

W. C. Remington Clerk.
By J. L. Collins D. C.

I Executed the within writ by arresting the within named Jeff in Platte County Mo. on the 29th day of Jany. 1855, and by taking his Bond for his appearance before the Platte County Circuit Court on the 5th day of March 1855 with Thos. Hatfield Security, which bond I herewith return with this writ

Wm. H. Grall, Sh'ff
By Dan'l P. Lewis D. Sh'ff

Fee
As Sheriff
Lewis Ellerman

Rec'd payment 1 Feb 1855

Know all men by these presents that we Sawnley

as principal and ~~Thos. Holland~~ Thos. Holland as security are held and firmly bound unto the State of Missouri in the sum of two hundred dollars that is to say, the said Sawnley in the sum of one hundred dollars and the said Holland in the sum of one 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 29th day of January A. D. 1855

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Sawnley has been indicted by the Grand Jury of Platte county, for selling liquor on Sunday Now if the said Sawnley 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 fifth day of March A. D. 1855 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,

Wm J. Sprall Clk
By Danl P. Lewis D. Clk

Sawnley his mark + SEAL

Thomas Holland SEAL

Know all men by these presents that we Sawnley

as principal and Thomas Holland as security are held and firmly bound unto the State of Missouri in the sum of Two hundred dollars ~~~~~ that is to say, the said Sawnley in the sum of one hundred dollars and the said Thos. Holland ~~ in the sum of One 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 27th ~~~~~ day of January — A. D. 1855

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Sawnley has been indicted by the Grand Jury of Platte county, ~~ for selling Liquor without license Now if the said Sawnley ~~ 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 fifth ~~ day of March A. D. 1855 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,

Wm A. Sprall Sheff

By Danl. P. Lewis D Sheff

Sawnley his mark X SEAL

Thomas Holland SEAL

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To Moses Hanbion

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 fifteenth day of March 185 5, to give evidence between the State Plaintiff and Lowndes (a free negro) Defendant on the part of the defft

Fail not at your peril

Witness, WILLIAM C. REMINGTON, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the Seal thereof affixed, at Platte City, the fifth day of Feby 185 5.

W. C. Remington Clerk.
By P. J. Collins D. C.

State
vs
Lowndes (a free negro)

Ind

Moses Faubion

For Mich 15th
Allen Jr 304

Served the within Subpoena by delivering
the same to Moses Faubion in said
County in the State aforesaid on the
26th day of February 1853
Briggs & Allen
Sheriff Lowndes County

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To Moses Faubion

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 Thirteenth day of Mar 185 5, to give evidence between The State Plaintiff and Lowndes (a free man) 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 [illegible] day of February 185 5.

W. C. [illegible] Clerk.

By [illegible]

State
vs
Lowry (a fugitive)

Miss Hamilton

Postage 5¢

For Mch 18
Allowance 50¢
Postage 05
55

I received the within subpoena by
reading the same to Miss Hamilton
in Clay County Missouri on this 9th
day of February 1853 Wyatt Allen
Sheriff
Holly Springs Miss

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF PLATTE, } SCT.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI, (Robt. Atkinson

To Williams Gardner, John S. Bell, [illegible]

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 Thirteenth day of March 185[illegible], to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plaintiff and Lavinia (a negro man) 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 [illegible] day of Feby 1855.

W. C. Remington Clerk.
By P. J. Collins D.C.

State
of
Lowndes County

Sra.

x William Faubion
Wm T. Bell
x Thomas Ingram x
Robt. Chism

Fee. 18 ¢
Sheriffs fee $1.20

Received the within Capias ad respondendum & executed the same by arresting the within named Defendants & taking bond & security for their appearance at the next Term of the Circuit Court of said County

This 1st day of Dec. 1845

Wm. Ellis, D.S.

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI, (Robert Pierson

To William Faubion, John T. Bell, Thomas Ingraham, and

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 Fifteenth day of March 185 5, to give evidence between The State of Missouri Plaintiff and Gourley (a negro man) 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 ~~Half~~ 15th day of April 185 5.

W. C. Remington Clerk.
By R. J. Collins D. C.

State

vs

Lowndes (a negro man)

Jas

+ William Faubion +

John T. Bell

+ Thomas Ingraham +

+ Robert Chism ○

For 15th

Sheriff's fee $1.20

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To Nathaniel Rowland

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[illegible], to give evidence between State of Missouri Plaintiff and Tommy (a boy) 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 March 185[illegible].

W. C. Remington Clerk.

I Executed the within subpoena on the within named witness by reading the same to him in Platte County on the 5th day March 1855 Wm R Smoot Sheriff

Mileage 10
Ferriage
Witness
Fees 1.50
Sheriffs Fees
5.00

State
by
Laundey
} selling liquor without A
License

Now at this day come
the attorney for the above
named ~~attorney~~ Defendant and
moves the court to quash
the indictment pending against
him for selling liquor without
a license for the following reasons
1st That the said Defendant
has not received his letters
of emancipation

2d and that the defendant is
not a freeman as charged in
the capias and not subject
to punishment by indictment
in such cases as the above
according to laws made and
provided ~~in such cases~~

Hay Kennedin
Atty for the Defendant

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State
v.
Lowndes, a negro man

selling liquor
without license

Demurrer to
Indictment

Filed Mar. 13/85
W. A. Rupert
Clk

State
of
Loundes } selling liquor on Sunday

Now at this day comes the
attorney for the Defendant and
moves the Court to quash
the indictment in the
above cause against the
Defendant for the following reasons
First that the defendant is
not a free person
Second that he has never obta-
ined his letters of manumis-
sion
Third that the said Defendant
is not a free person
as charged in the
Caption and not subject
to punishment in such
case by indictment as
made and provided
by law

Thomas Herndon
Atty for the Defendant

State } 8-9
vs
Lowndes } Affidavit
Selling liquor
on Sunday
Demurrer to
Quash the
indictment

Filed Nov. 12/85
W. A. Pruyn
Clerk

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To Williams Forbis John T. Bell [illegible]
Robert Chism

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 Ninth day of July 185[illegible], to give evidence between The State of Missouri

Plaintiff and

on the part of the State Townley (a negro man) Defendant

Fail not at your peril

Witness, WILLIAM C. REMINGTON, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the Seal thereof affixed, at Platte City, the [illegible]
day of June 185[illegible].

W. C. Remington *Clerk.*

By W. F. Robert[illegible]

I Executed the within by reading the same to the within named Witness in Platte County Mo. except John D. Bell not found.

W. F. H. Sprall Sh'ff
By Dan'l P. Lewis D. Sh'ff

State of Mo
Platte Co
Personally appeared before me
Samuel [illegible]
William [illegible]
John D. Bell
Thomas Bullman
Robert Chambers
Witnesses
Nov 5th 1860
Wm F. H. Sprall (Seal) Sh'ff

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF PLATTE. } SCT.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To Wm Forbeon John T. Bell [illegible] Esq. [illegible]
Robert Chism

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 Tenth day of July 1855, to give evidence between

The State of Missouri

Plaintiff and

Townley (a negro man)

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 [illegible] day of June 1855.

W. C. Remington Clerk.

By M. G. [illegible] Deputy

I Executed the within by reading the same to the within named Witnesses in Platte County Mo. except John L. Bell. not found in Platte County Mo.

Wm H. Sprawl Shff
By Danl Dennis D Shff

State of Mo
Township (Range Sec)
Fractional Quarter

Peter Parker
John T. Bell
Thomas Bryant
Robert Chrisman

Fee $1.00

Sheriffs (Clerks) 1.10

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To Moses Faubion

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 Ninth day of July 185 5, to give evidence between State of Missouri Plantiff and Lewis a negro Defendant

on the part of the Defft

Fail not at your peril

Witness, WILLIAM C. REMINGTON, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the Seal thereof affixed, at Platte City, the 2 2nd day of July 185 5.

W. C. Remington Clerk.

pr P. Gallen, D.C.

I Certify that I Executed the within Supena by Reading the Same in the hearing of Moses Faubion in Clay County, Mo on the 2nd day of July 1855

A. R. Murray D.S.C.

Fees 50 cents

Clerk
By
Amos Hawkins
Summoner
Moses Faubion
For Plaintiff