Platte County Circuit Court
Circuit Court
November Term 1862 No. 210

Box 59 File 122

State of Missouri

vs

John, a slave

Enticing, Decoying or Persuading a Slave

- Accused of attempting to help 3 slaves, Mary, Reuben + Alfred escape
- Def. a slave belonging to William M. Paxton
- Includes testimony of slaves and references to Leavenworth, KS

State of Mo

Vs Recog

John (a Slave)

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Ramp Nicolas

State of Missouri } ss
County of Platte }

This affiant Nicholas, R. Green, being
sworn on oath states, that on the 26th day
of October A D 1862 and on divers days
and times before said 26th of October one
John a negro slave the property of
William, M. Paxton, did (feloniously) aid and assist
in enticing (decoying) or persuading certain slaves
to wit- Mary a slave the property of affiant
Reuben the property of this affiant
and Alfred the property of Mrs Marshall
to be carried away with the intent to effect
the freedom of such slaves & each of them, or with
the intent to deprive the said owners thereof of
the services of such slaves respectively-
this done at the County and State afore
-said.

N. R. Green

Sworn and Subscribed to before me
this 30th of October 1862

James McMurry J.P.

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The State of Missouri
vs
John A Shaw

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Geo H. Burch. Clk
By A. S. Vogan D.C.

Affidavit	.25
Warrant	.25
5 subs	.25
Writing Recognizance	2.25
Taking Bond	.25
2 Seals	.50
	3.75

Constables

Arrest	.50
3 Miles	.75
Guard Prisoner	2.00
	$3.25

Total $7.00

State of Missouri }
County of Platte } Sct.

Be it Remembered that on the 1st day of November A.D. 1862 John Paxton and William M Paxton of Platte County Mo. personally came before me James M. McKey a Justice of the Peace within and for said County and acknowledged themselves to owe to the State of Missouri; that is to say, John Paxton the sum of One Hundred and fifty Dollars and the said William M Paxton the sum of One Hundred and fifty Dollars to be levied of their goods and Chattels Lands & tenements if the said John Paxton shall fail in the condition underwritten.

The condition of this Recognizance is such that if the above bounden John Paxton shall personally appear at the Circuit Court on the first day of the next term thereof to be holden for the County of Platte on the 24th day of November 1862 then and there to answer an indictment to be preferred by the Grand Jury against the said John Paxton for the offence of attempting to entice away and persuade certain Slaves to wit Mary a Slave the property of J R Green Reuben the property of Same and Alfred the property of Mrs Marshall & he carried away with intent to effect the freedom of such Slaves & each of them: whereof he stands charged, and shall not depart the same without the

leave of said Court, then this recognizance
to be void otherwise to remain in full
force

his
John X Payton Seal
mark

William M. Paxton Seal

Taken & Certified the day and
Year aforesaid
James McBride J. P.

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State of Mississippi
Yalobusha County
I hereby certify that the
within instrument of writing
was filed for record in my
office on the 6th day of
November A.D. 1856 at
11 o'clock A.M. and duly
recorded in Book "I"
Page 210 &c.
Given under my hand
and official seal this
6th day of November
A.D. 1856.
Geo. M. Bell. Clerk
By C. S. Rogers. D.C.

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State against (John) a Slave the property of
Jon M. Paxton Examination of Witness
(Grant) a Slave Produced Sworn and Examined
on his oath says I saw John at divers times
in Leavenworth city I saw him three months
John told me sometime last week that Lem told
him to tell me to come over at any time and
I could get my Boy I told him to tell Lem
I would be over on Saturday night he said
he would tell him I had not said anything abo
ut sending word to Lem until then I came
over at the time I told John and saw Lem
I did not see John that night the negroes
I was running after was Mary & Reuben John
told me that Lem said to come on over that
he would get Mary & Reuben out & sent word
by John that I would be over on Saturday
night I came over at the time Mentioned
by John and got Lem and we made down to
Mr Greens and then got Mary Alfred & Reuben
I sent word I would meet Lem at Mr Burkhalters
Brush & I met him on the hill near Mr Morrows
between 11 & 12 o'clock we got the negroes Minting
at Mrs Erick Greens out through the window
the white family were all asleep I left Lem
Clothing for John to Bring over I learned after
had brought three when I came over I had
a knife & two Pistols one a Colt & the other a
Single Barrell Lem had a corn knife and after
we left Mr Greens I found Lem one of my Pistols
I Pasted with him at the Bend of the River
above the mill Lem took the Pistol I sent
him Alfred also had a Pistol the Pistols

I brought over I Boat one from the Shop & the other from Hazel

Cross Examination

I had Previously Sent word by Wes Ramey for Linn to meet me at Buckhorts Bridge I was at Howard Murry in Leavenworth City when this Conversation took Place when I met Linn George Coots was with him I told George Coots my Business when I was going all about my Business over I went to John Linn when he was at Leavenworth to inquire what word Linn had Send me I had the information before from Wes Ramey the Negros in Leavenworth Call John a Kidnaper and Say he is Southern the free Negroes Say the Same John told me on yesterday that my wife had him arrested in Leavenworth for Kidnaping

his
Frank X Linn
mark

William Linn being Duly Sworn and Examined Deposeth and Sayeth John told me he was about Lincoln County Securing Place about Lincolnton on Saturday Living that he was in company with Linn and a Black man belonging to Coots he Sayed that Linn the Coots Boy & himself went out as fare as Buckhorts Bridge to meet Frank that Frank was not Thier and they Returned Towards Home that he came Back to where his Road went to his Brothers House and this Left them that Linn and Coots Boy came on towards Town he also told me that Frank had Sent word by him to Linn that he would be there on Saturday night he told me that Linn gave him a Piece Shooting Coats Between

he gave Frank the Revolver Either the night before or the morning he went to Leavenworth City as he was going over he met Frank Lemmy Back a Prisoner and that he took the Pistol over and gave it to Howard Murray

Cross Examination

he told me all the above conversation voluntarily I told him to tell the truth that he might get off Better by so doing I may have told John that both before and after what I said to him was in relation to his testifying as a witness I was guarding him at that time as a Prisoner

W. C. Quee

H. B. Scattaken being Sworn & Examined deposeth & Sayeth

I had a conversation with John yesterday evening John said he wanted to talk to me I told him it was all Right he says he was going to tell the truth I told him it was the better plan he then told me that he had gone down with Lem Lewis and George Coots as far as Burkharts Bridge on Saturday Evening Last to meet Frank and that they did not meet with Frank there and that when he came to the Road going to John Browns where his wife lives he turned off and went there he seemed to Expose himself by saying that he was heading to Leavenworth and wished to conduct himself in a way that he would not be troubled there and that he also had to manage to keep a friendly feeling with the

Negroes on this side and also that Tim
have him a message sent by him from
Lem to Frank or Frank to Lem I cant
say which but that he have failed
to convey the message for fear that he
might get into trouble over it and that
Miss Ranny have ~~Corroborated~~ the same
this declaration as to his testimony
seemed to cover the entire case as well
as witness as a party

Cross Examination

He told me that when he left Platte city
my Bill was with him and after leaving
~~they~~ he got in company with Lem Green
George Lee &

H. B. Callahan

a slave
George Coots, being sworn on oath
states:

I was in town Wednesday
night. I was at Mr Cochrans
at Mr Tipton. I and at Tipton
Henery Tipton, Milt Paxton
and other negroes; Paxton's Jack
Jordon Moore. They were fiddling
and dancing. I staid there about
an hour. I then went to Mr Cochrans
then. I staid there an hour and a half.
Lem Green came up there after I came
Remingtons negro woman was
also there. Lem and I left together
went down in town then I went
home. I got home about twelve o
clock. I met no person on the way

I was home the plain road.
I was in town also Saturday night. I was
at Cochranes and Liptons. I staid
at Liptons all night with Callahans
Bill. I got to Liptons at eight Clocks
Len came to Liptons after I came.
I saw John Paxton this side of
Liptons about the time I came in.
Len Green said he intended to fit
up with a sick child at Cochrans.
I did not stay long there at Liptons;
I left with Callahans Bill went up
to the church put out some lights,
then went over to Cochranes, staid
there about an hour, then returned
to Liptons with Bill, where we staid
all night. Len was at Cochranes
when I got there, and was there when
I left. I was about ten oclock. I
got up next morning about day-
light. I left soon after to go up to
Reilly to try a coat. I then went back to
Liptons; then to Cochranes; then cut
panels. It was about twelve o clock then.
Len Green did not mention having any
weapons. Paxtons John had with him
when I saw him a small bundle; stated
that he was going to visit his wife.
Len Green first told me that Mary
Alfred and the boy had left Sunday
morning; said Crick Green had take
him; told me in Liptons Yard. Did
not see Crick Green coming into
town; nor Len

The sun was about an hour high when Lee told me that the negroes had gone. I did not see John Paxton but once during the night. I did not know that they had been caught, till Alfred came for whiskey to the distillery on tuesday night. Bill Callahan and I slept together saturday night.

Cross Examination

I know Green Franks Green and his character for truth and veracity is bad

Reexamined by Permission of the Court.

I went out to meet Green's Franks with Paxton's John and Green's Lee. I started with John & Lee to meet Franks about ten oclock. I went on down the hill with John and we met Lee at the bridge. Lee invited me to go with him to meet Franks. We first met Franks about two miles from town. Lee then told Franks that it was first with me to get the child. John was not with us then.

Lee told Franks that he had been down to look for him three nights. They said that John had brought liquor between them. John told Lee that Franks would be over that evening certain. Lee had a Corn knife Lee said that if he could not get the child by fair means he would by foul. I told Lee he was a fool to talk about that. I was afraid to tell the truth at first, because the negroes over the river might harm me.

Cross Examined

"Have had no conversation with any one as to what I was to tell here. John staid with Lee and me about two hours he then left and took the direction of Weston. I knew Lee to wait John's Coming from Leavenworth to hear from negroes in that place.

his
George X Coats
mark

"Test Ramy a slave being produced and sworn deposeth as follows;

I have a wife who lives at John McCowns. I was at Leavenworth this day week. I went over on Thursday and came back Friday. Franks did not at any time speak any word to Lee here.

Never brought any message from any negro from in Leavenworth to any negro on this side the river save one which was from Green Locke, to tell Sposatts Judith howdie.

his
West X Ramy
mark

John Paxton, defendant, declines to make any statement

Frank Green, the slave, being produced states as follows:

That Paxtons John told me that he had forgotten to deliver the message I had sent by him to Lin. I told him it need no difference as it had been done by Ramy West.

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State of Missouri
vs
James A Allen
Executor

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