Platte County Circuit Court
Circuit Court
September Term 1853 No. 75

Box 32 File 75

File 1 of 3

Stanton, Bluford (Admin. of the estate
of Layton Ewell, deceased)

vs

Pitt, John E.

Wrongful Detainer

- Re: Possession of slaves: Philis
Priscella
Ann
Ginney
- Refers to free blackman named Elijah Dale
- Defendant accused of unlawfully taking slaves from Ray County

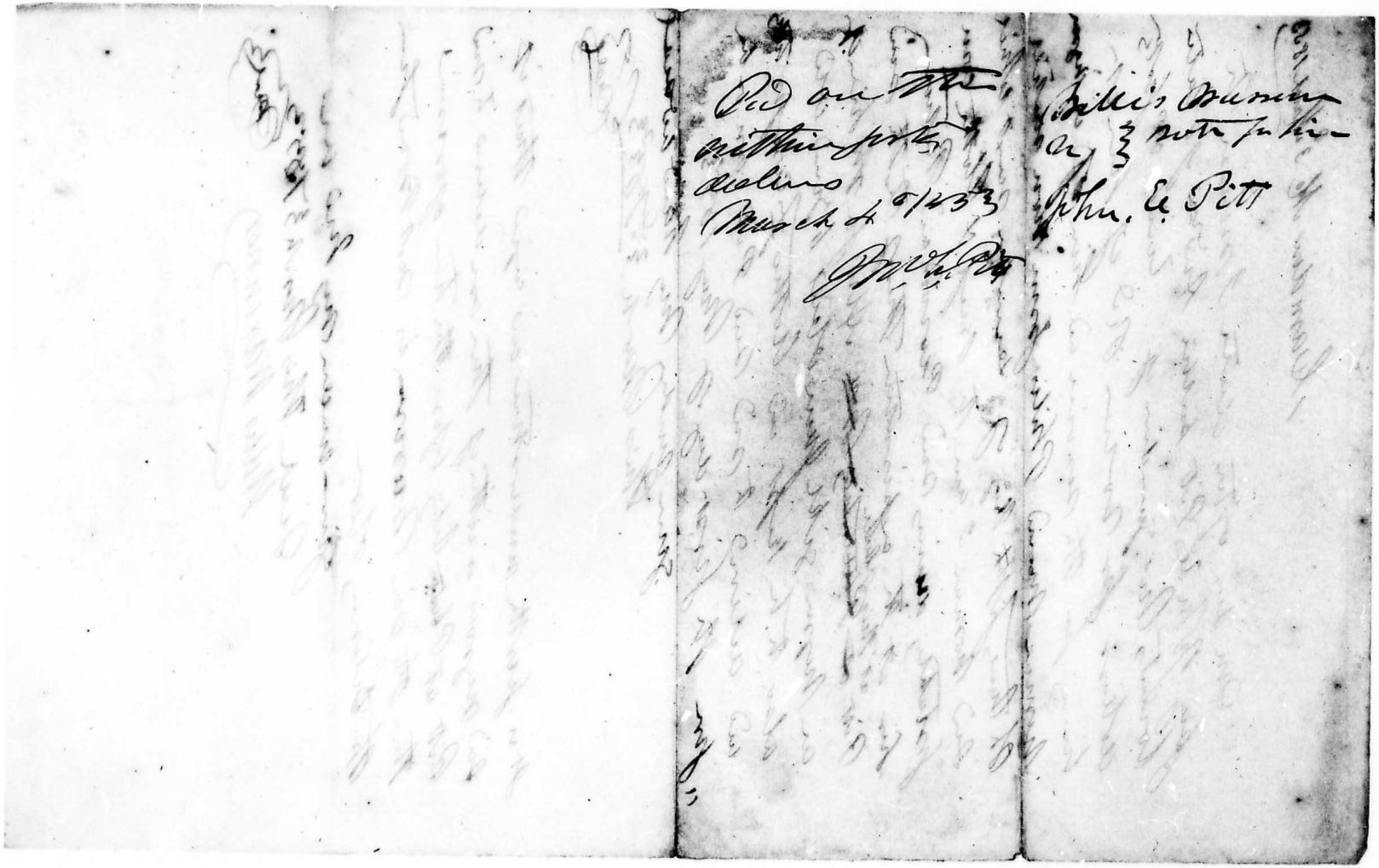
Camden No 3d March 1853

On the 27th ult I Summoned the
Jury Wm. E. Pitt Public Administrator Clerk
Coroner &c. Surgeon of Camden & Gloucester
Counties &c. Surgeon of Camden & Gloucester
Counties for the purpose of Viewing
the Body of a Woman named Phillis
Brown who died on the 26th day of January last
and Whose Body I am informed & believe
Jesticably Buried and Proceed and Return
Jury at the Inquisition Thereof to be had
Pitt at this place ~~at Philadelphia~~ Also for the Viewing
a Negro Girl Named Mary about 6 years old
also to be Present and Clothe & Compensate
and Attend to said Body Pitt on or before
the first day of May 1853.

Given under my hand and Seal
This March 3d 1853

It is for the understanding and Agreed that if
Said Negroes or either of them are Living to said
Pitt at Philadelphia before the time appointed
That the Said Brown is not Bound for
the Delivery Over

Given under my hand and
Seal This March 3d 1853
Willis Warriner



Know all men by these presents that we the undersigned Blanford Stanton as Principal and James J Townsend as Security are held and firmly bound unto John E Pitts in the sum of One thousand four hundred Dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Given under our hands and seals this 29th day of July 1852.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the aforesaid bound Blanford Stanton as administrator of the Estate of Dayton Cordell deceased, has instituted his suit in the Platte Circuit Court by petition claiming the possession of two slaves, Ann and Tinsey - against the Defendant John E Pitts, and has filed them with his affidavit required by law, and procured an order to be made by the Clerk of the Platte Circuit Court in vacation requiring said Defendant to deliver said slaves Ann and Tinsey to the Sheriff, to be by him delivered to plaintiff. Now therefore if said plaintiff shall prosecute his said action with effect and without delay, and shall return said slaves Ann and Tinsey to Defendant if return thereof be adjudged, and shall pay to Defendant such sum of money as may for any cause growing out of the order in cause be recovered against the plaintiff, then this obligation shall be void else remain in full force.

Blanford Stanton (Seal)

James J Townsend (Seal)

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P. C. Hamilton
Clerk

Bluford Stanton Admr of the estate of Layton Ewell deceased Plaintiff
vs Petition
John C Pitt Defendant

In the Circuit Court of Platte County
September Term 1853

Platte County to wit

The plaintiff states, that he is the administrator of the estate of Layton Ewell deceased, and by appointed by the Probate Court of Platte County, his letters of Administration are herewith shown to the Court. Plaintiff states, that Layton Ewell deceased died seized and possessed of four Slaves to wit Phillis and her three Children Priscilla, Anna, and Irvin worth some seventeen hundred dollars. that after the death of Layton Ewell, said Slaves were permitted to remain in Ray County, without any parties clas Agent to take Care of them, for a Considerable length of time. that sometime about the 25th day of December last the Defendant [illegible] went down to Ray County and without the Shadow of right or Claim to said property gathered up and took said Slaves, with the exception of Phillis and her youngest Child, who he hired out in Ray County and brought them into Platte County where he has had and held and used them as his own, from that time until the present. Plaintiff has procured the Possession of Phillis and Priscilla, Defendant still holds the said Anna and Irvin

deed.

withholds them from the said plaintiff. Plaintiff
states that the two last Mentioned Slaves are worth
Eleven hundred and Seventy five dollars. Plaintiff
further states, that said defendant procured from
a free Negro Calling himself Elijah Dale, the
husband of the said Philis, one hundred and twenty
dollars in cash, pretending that he was guardian
for the Children of Layton Ewell, Claimed and received
from said Elijah Dale as the hire of Philis for time
past. He also received thirty dollars and eighty
five cents for the hire of [redacted] Christopher T Gaines, receipting for the same as guardian.
Plaintiff states, that he demanded said Slaves and
Money from said defendant, who a good many times
time to deliver them, until this day, when he re-
fused to deliver said Slaves or pay said Money.
Plaintiff states, that defendant procured said Slaves
and Money tortiously and withholds them from
-ly- Plaintiff states, that he is entitled to the immediate
possession of said Slaves and hereby Claimes the same.
Plaintiff further says, that the hire of said Priscilla
since said defendant has had her, is worth seven dol
lars per Month, the hire of the said Ann during the
same time is worth six dollars per Month, and
the hire of the said Lucy during the same
time is worth three dollars per Month, Plaintiff
asks judgment for said Slaves [redacted] for the hire of
the same and also for the said Money so received
as aforesaid with the interest thereon.

Blufford Stanton
By Rus, Wilson & Clark his attys

Bluford Clanton the above plaintiff Makes oath and says, that the foregoing petition and the Matters therein as Stated, he believes to be true

Bluford Clanton

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28th day of July A.D. 1853

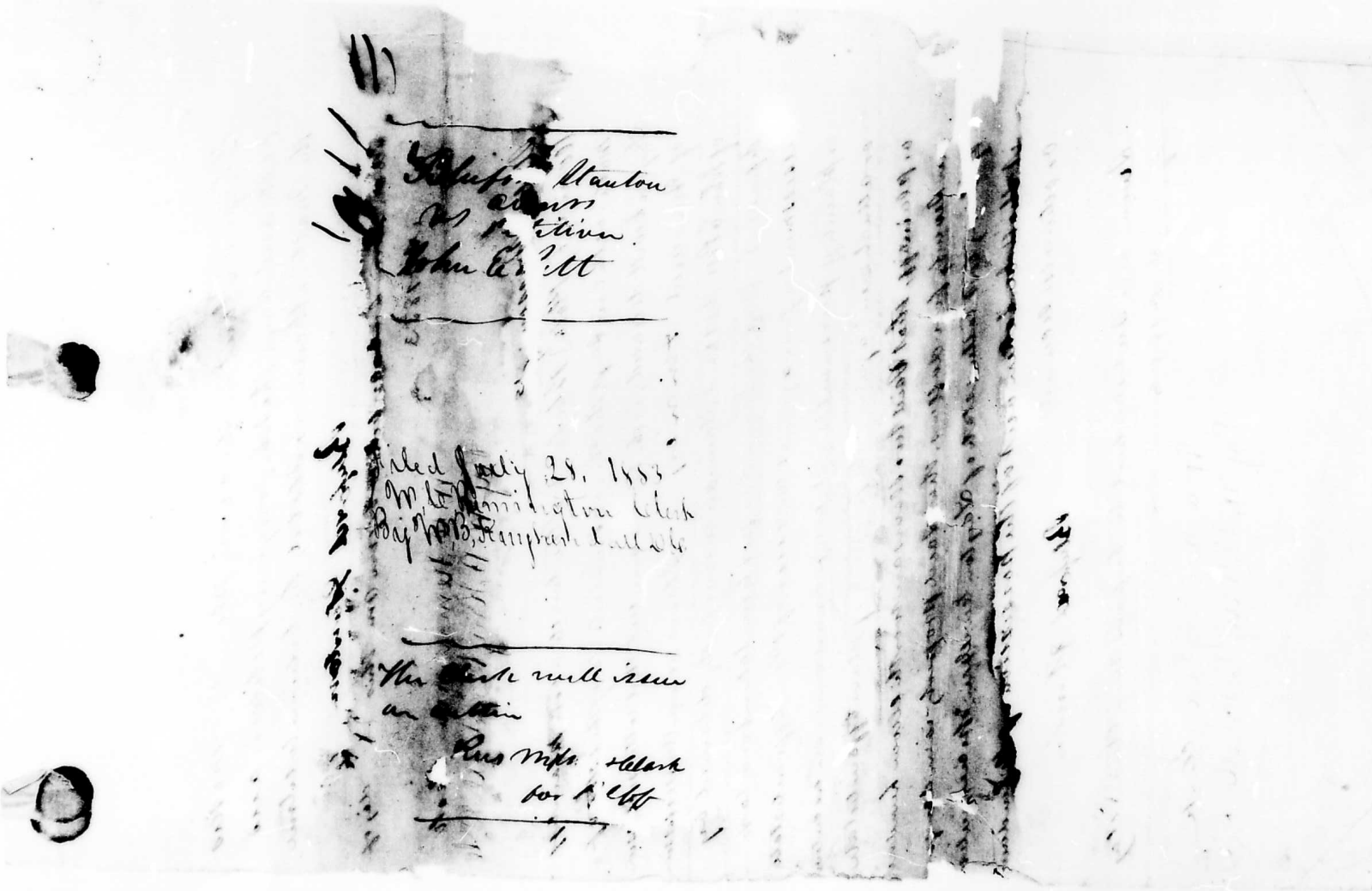
W. L. Remington Clerk
By W. B. Kay Deputy Clerk

Mississippi }
County of Hinds } Bluford Clanton the above plaintiff Makes oath and says, that he is administrator of the estate of Layton Ewell deceased, is the owner and entitled to the possession of Arm and Jim negro — Slaves now in the possession of John E Pitts, that said Slaves are wrongfully detained by defendant — That the same has not been taken on a tax, assessment or fine against the estate of plaintiffs intestate or plaintiff, pursuant to a Statute, or levied under an execution or attachment against the property of plaintiffs intestate or plaintiff, that said two slaves are worth eleven hundred and seventy five dollars, that said property is in danger of being lost to the estate of Layton Ewell in Specie, unless it shall be taken out of the possession of defendant or otherwise secured

Bluford Clanton

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28th day of July A.D. 1853

W. L. Remington Clerk
By W. B. Kay Deputy Clerk



STATE OF MISSOURI, } Sct.
COUNTY OF PLATTE.

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

You are hereby commanded to Summon John E. Pitt,
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 5th day of September next, then and there to answer unto the Petition of Blufurd Stanton admr of the state of Layton Enos dcd

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 29th day of July A. D. 185 3.

Wm C. Remington Clerk
By W B Kaykindall D C

Executed by giving a Copy of the within writ of summons and of the petition hereunto annexed to the within named defendants wife Mrs P. Watson at her usual place of abode in Platte County Mo. And delivering into the possession of the within named P. Bufford Stanton the within named slaves Ann & Jenny in Platte County Mo. on the 29th day of July 1853.

Lycurgus Shepard Shff

State of Missouri } In the Platte Circuit Court in
County of Platte } Vacation Friday July 29, 1853
Richard Stanton admr of the
Estate of Layton Covell Deceased } Plaintiff
vs Petition
John C Pitt Defendant

Now at this day, comes the said Plaintiff by his Attorney and files his petition and affidavit stating that Defendant has in his possession two negro slaves named Ann and Jenny belonging to Plaintiff as admr. of the estate of Layton Covell deceased and to the possession of which Plaintiff as is legally and of right entitled that said property has also stated has not been taken in any assessment or fine against the estate of Layton Covell deceased pursuant to any statute or seized under an execution or attachment against the property of said Layton Covell deceased that said two slaves are worth fifteen hundred and fifty dollars that said property is in danger of being lost to the estate of Layton Covell unless it be taken out of the possession of the Defendant or otherwise secured &c. is therefore ordered by the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court within and for the County of Platte aforesaid in vacation that the said defendant deliver the property specified in the affidavit aforesaid to wit two negro slaves named Ann & Jenny to the Sheriff of the County of Platte and if the same shall not be delivered by the said defendant to the said Sheriff the Sheriff is required

to take the said Stone from the said
ground and keep clear the same to said
Plaintiff.

In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and
affixed the seal of said Court
at Seattle City this 29th day
of July A.D. 1853
W. G. Remington Clerk
By W. B. Maryland Att'y for Pl

Bluford Stanton and. Plaintiff
As
John. E. Pitt Defendant
} Replevin

In the Circuit Court of Platte
2d of September Term AD 1853

Platte County To wit

Defendant for Answer Says
He admits that Plaintiff was appointed by the
Probate Court of Platte Administrator of the
estate of one Lyton Ewell but whether said
appointment is legal and regular this
Defendant does not know nor has he suffi-
cient knowledge thereof to form an opinion and
requires proof of the same —
Defendant denies that said Lyton Ewell
died seized and possessed of four slave to wit
Phillis and her three children Priscilla. Ann and
Jinny — Defendant admits that there
were negroes of the name and description men-
tioned in Plaintiff Petition. remaining in Ray County
without any particular Agent to take care of
them for a considerable length of time — —
Defendant denies that about the 25th day of June
he went down to Ray County and without shadow
of title gathered up said slaves except said
Phillis and her youngest child — but admits that
about the 1st of January 1853. there was three negroes
named Ann & Priscilla sent from Ray County to Plaintiff
in this County — Defendant states that he found
and held said negroes as the property of Eliza
Jane. Martha. James. R. Pleasant and American Ann Ewell
the Reputed Heirs at Minors of one Lyton Ewell and
that he took care and

disposed of said negroes in the best manner he could for the benefit of said Minors that he often several attempts hired said Priscilla for seventy five dollars for the year 1833. which hiring had progressed about 6 Months when Plaintiff wrongfully And without right took possession of said Priscilla- That he made various efforts to hire said girl Ann- but failed therein that she remained contemporaneously with defendant from the time aforesaid until the Plaintiff wrongfully took possession of her at the commencement of this suit defendant further that said plaintiff Ann during a great portion of said time was sick and unfit to hire and unable to do service. and was another reason why she was not hired as was Priscilla- defendant denies that he died on or about the 25th of December 1833. hire ann in Ray County the negroes Philis and her youngest Child as stated in Plaintiffs Petition. but states that he did some time as Plaintiff now remembers in the latter part of Month of February or March hire the said Philis first above mentioned as the property of said Minors to one Willis Bannon of Ray County. and left with her her youngest child living without hire. until about the first of June last when she living was sent to defendant in this county from which time she remained with defendant until Plaintiff took possession of her at the Commencement of this suit- during which time she was of the value to defendant. but much more to and expenses. for denies that for bringing said Ann from Ray- he paid four dollars. for bringing said Ann & Priscilla from Ray as aforesaid he paid [illegible] dollars & to one George Hearon. for all which trouble

and expense Plaintiff claims a reasonable al-
"lowance — Defendant states that at the time
of the transaction aforesaid he acted in good faith
and believed he was duly and legally authorized
to do what he did under and by virtue
of appointment of guardian of the Property of
said Minors but since finds he was mistaken
in said Appointment — Defendant states that
at that time he was acting as Public Admin-
"istrator of Platte County by appointment duly made
by the Probate Court of said County. and
was entitled to the possession of said property
Defendant denies that that said negroes Jim
and Jinny are worth eleven hundred and dollars
"six dollars — Defendant states that he did
not receive one hundred and twenty dollars from
said Elijah Dale a fine negroe as stated by
Plaintiff but states the fact to be that he did
of one Willis Barnes of Ray County eighty dollars
for the hire of said Philis & Minors for 1833
and also forty dollars for the hire of said Philis
the year 1833. for which year Defendant sued
& said Barnes. that said Money was paid
in the presence of and with the advice and con-
"sent of said Elijah Dale and doubtless for his
benefit. though the business was transacted with
& between said Barnes & Myself — that said
hundred and twenty dollars was thus Rec'd by Defendant
Defendant states that he Rec'd said Sum of Money for
the use and benefit of said Minors as well as the
said Sum of eighty dollars and eighty six cents claimed
by Plaintiff as Rec'd by Defendant of Administrator J. Turner
all of which he yet holds for said purposes

Defendant states he is advised and believes that he holds and is liable for said Money to said Minors as Trustee— and not to Plaintiff

Defendant further states that there is now pending in this Court a suit by said Elijah Sale against Defendant for the said one hundred and thirty dollars— Defendant states that he now is and at all times has been ready and willing to pay the same to whom it is due —

Defendant admits that Plaintiff did as Administrator of Leyton Ewell demand of Plaintiff said Negroes Anne & Jim, and that Defendant refused to give them up to him— Defendant states that he believed then as now that he was entitled to the possession of them. — & Defendant denies that Plaintiff had then or has now right to the possession of said last mentioned Negroes. or either of Philis or Priscilla —

Defendant denies that the hire of said Priscilla is worth since she came to possession of Defendant seven dollars per Month as that the hire of said Anne is worth six dollars per Month during same time. and that the hire of said Jim is worth during the same time three dollars per Month

Defendant denies that Plaintiff is entitled to the possession of said Negroes. or to have judgment for said Money

Jno E. Pitt

John E Pitt Defendant makes oath and says that the foregoing Answer and the facts therein as stated he believes to be true

Jno E Pitt

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of Sept. 1853

W. C. Remington Clerk

Bluford Stewart
Wm. Patterson
Wm Patterson
John E. Pitt

Answer of Defendant

Filed Sept. 24 1813
W. C. Remington
Clk

Blaford Stanton adms Plff
vs
John E Pitt Defendant
} Petition
In the circuit court of Platte
County- September Term A.D 1853

The said Plaintiff moves the Court to strike from the record the answer of said defendant heretofore filed in this cause
Because 1st The said answer is not responsive to the said Petition
2nd The said answer does not state or set forth any matter constituting a defence to the plaintiffs cause of action

Rees Wilson Holcombe
for Plff

No 106

Bluford Stanton adm
vs
John E Pitt

Motion to Strike out
answer

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To James Bryant William Thompson G. W. Hudspeth

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 March. 1854, to give evidence between Burgess Remington senr Plantiff and John S. Pitt — — Defendant on the part of the Plaintiff

Fail not at your peril.

Witness, WILLIAM C. REMINGTON, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the Seal thereof affixed, at Platte City, the Eighth day of February 1854.

W. C. Remington Clerk.

Know ye that I have issued my writ of subpoena to
summon to James Bryant William Thompson
& G. W. Hodgesetts to appear in Buchanan County
State of Missouri this 6th day of March
1854

Joseph B. Smith
Sheriff Buchanan County

Stamm Ten
Fees
Pitt
Summons
Jas Bryant
William Thompson
G. W. Hargesetts
Smith Shff Fee $1.50

Pitt.

Dr Hargesetts lives at Rushville
Letters in neighborhood
Pettup 5

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To David Mathany Wells Warrener.

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 March 1854, to give evidence between Burgess Staunton adm. Plaintiff, and John E. Pitt — — Defendant, on the part of the Plaintiff — —

Fail not at your peril.

Witness, WILLIAM C. REMINGTON, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the SEAL thereof affixed, at Platte city, the Eighth day of February 1854.

W. Remington Clerk.

Stamtun
J. B. Shaw
Pitt
Seamman
Daniel Matheny
Wm Warrener

Postage 5 cts
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Warrener Case in Campaign
Matheny at Milwick

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To A. P. Stephens

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 10th day of March 1854, to give evidence between Benjamin Harrison Allen Plaintiff, and John E. Pitt Defendant, on the part of the Plaintiff

Fail not at your peril.

Witness, WILLIAM C. REMINGTON, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the SEAL thereof affixed, at Platte city, the Eighth day of May 1854

W. Remington

Staunton
vs
N B Stevens

Witness

A. G. Stephens +

for 10

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The within Executed on the 25th day of Feby 1854 - in Platte County Mo by reading the same to N B Stevens

L. Shepard Shff
By H B Herndon D.S.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } sct.
COUNTY OF PLATTE,

THE STATF OF MISSOURI,

To John A. Wickerson.

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 March 1854, to give evidence between Blevins Hamilton Plaintiff, and John C. Pitt 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 tenth day of February 1854.

W. C. Remington Clerk.

I Benjamin J. Brown Sheriff of Harris County Texas do certify that I executed the within Scire Facias in the manner and time therein required to the within named Thomas Parker & W. C. Gilman at May Court in said County on the 15th day of February A.D. 1838

B. J. Brown
Sheriff of Harris County

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To John Mason

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 March 1854, to give evidence between Pleasant Hanlon adm, &c Plaintiff and John E. Pitt Defendant on the part of the Plaintiff

Fail not at your peril.

Witness, WILLIAM C. REMINGTON, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the Seal thereof affixed, at Platte City, the Eleventh day of February 1854.

W. C. Remington Clerk.

By M. L. Ray Kendall Deputy

Pluford Stanton adm
of Sra,
John E. Pitt
vs March 10, 1854

Summon
John Mason

Deliver the within Subpoena to the within named
John Mason to appear at the January Term
Missouri, on the 2 day of March A.D. 1854
Sheriff's fees 50 cents

Pluford Stanton adm of Sra
John E. Pitt
vs
John Mason

State of Missouri }
County of Platte } 1st

The State of Missouri

To John Mason and Daniel Matheny

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 4th & 25th day of March 1834 to give Evidence between Rufford Stanton Admr, Plaintiff and John E. Pitt Defendant on the part of ~~the Defendant~~ the Plaintiff Fail not at your Perils

Witness William C Remington Clerk of the said Circuit Court with the Seal of said Court affixed at Platte City this the Thirteenth day of March 1834

W C Remington Clerk

By W. L. Heyhendall D. C.

Requested Attention
to the
Petition of
Commissioners
for the
Pension Bureau

Yrs &c

Wm. Leggett Esq.
Chief Clerk
Navy Department

Sir

I respectfully solicit the attention of the Secretary of the Navy to the Petition of Robert Moore, Esq. Accountant of the Navy Department, dated the 20th October 1837, praying that he may be allowed the Commissions to which he is entitled as Purser in the Navy of the United States.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Wm. Leggett
Chief Clerk

Buford Stanton
Adm[r] Estate Layton Enel &c - Plaintiff
vs
John E. Pitt Defendant

In the Platte Circuit Court
March Term A.D. 1854

Defendant for answer says
He admits that Plaintiff was appointed by the Probate Court of Platte County Administrator of the Estate of Layton Enel but whether or such Appointment was properly made Defendant does not know. nor has sufficient knowledge to form and opinion and demands proof thereof — Defendant denies that said Layton Enel died seized and possessed of the negroes mentioned in Plaintiffs Petition or either of them. and alledges that said Enel was not at the time of his death entitled to the possession of said negroes. nor had he any right whatever in them or either of them Defendants admits that four slaves of the names and description mentioned in Plaintiffs Petition were permitted to remain in Ray County without any agent to attend to and controll them for a considerable length of time. and alledges that such was the case as he is advised and believes as well before as at and after the death of said Enel — Defendant denies that he went down to Ray county & changed by Plaintiff and ~~gathered~~ without shadow of title right and gathered up said Negroes — but says that about 1st of January 1853. that said Negroes Ann & Priscilla were sent

to him by Stage from Ray county. That said negroes were not the property of or belonging to the Estate of said Lafton Enl. but were the property of Eliza Jane. Martha. James R.- Pleasant and America Ann Enl. them all Minors- That he Recieved and held and disposed of said Negroes as the property of and for the benefit of said Minors- That after several efforts he hired said girl Priscilla for [redacted] dollars for the year 1853. That after about 6 Months of the said time of hire had elapsed. Plaintiff wrongfully took said Negroe into his possession. That he made various attempts to hire said girl Ann but failed. That consequently she remained with defendant until the Plaintiff took possession of her at the commencement of this suit- defendant states that said Ann a greater portion of the time was sick and unfit for hire or to do service- defendant denies that he hired Philis and her youngest Child in Ray County as charged by Plaintiff- but says that about the Month of July or March 1853. he hired said Philis to one Billis Bassner in Ray county- and left with her said Negroe Jinny, without hire- until about first of June last when Jinny was brought to defendant in this county. from which time she remained at the residence of defendant until the Plaintiff took possession of her at the commencement of this suit- during which time she was of no value to Defendant. but much trouble

and expense to him - That for bringing said Priscilla and Ann from Ray County as aforesaid he necessarily paid to George Carson Keeper of the stage office in Richmond six dollars and for bringing the said girl Ginny to this County as aforesaid he necessarily paid to Elijah Dale four dollars. ~~for~~ all which defendant ask an allowance as well as a reasonable compensation for his ~~trouble~~ trouble about said negroes - Defendant states that at the time of the transactions aforesaid he acted in good faith and believed he was legally authorized to what he did under and by virtue of an appointment of guardian for said Minors. duely made by the Probate court of Platte county ~~since~~ That at that time he was acting as Public Administrator of Platte county by appointment duely made by the Probate court of Platte county and was and is entitled as such Administrator to the possession of said negroes - Denies that said negroes Ann and Ginny are worth eleven hundred and seventy five dollars - Denies that he received one hundred and ~~twenty~~ dollars from said Elijah Dale as stated by plaintiff - But states the fact to be that he Rented from one Willis Bassener of Ray County, ~~for~~ eight dollars for the hire of said ~~Priscilla~~ two years previous to 1853. ~~for the year 1853.~~ he ~~had~~ during which time she had been in the service and employ of said Elijah Dale as negroes That for the year 1853 he hired said Philis to said Bassener for forty dollars - That said Amts. & Sums ~~due~~ making one hundred and ~~twenty~~ dollars

were so Read in the presence of and with the advice and consent of said Elijah Dale and doubtless for his benefit. Though the business was transacted between said Brown and defendant. That said sum of money as well as the sum of sixty dollars and eighty five cents. Charged by Plaintiff to have been Rec'd of Christopher Brown was Rec'd by defendant as the money of & for the use and benefit of said Minors and which he yet holds for said purpose— Defendant is advised and believes he holds said Negroes and money and is liable for the same to said Minors as Trustee— and not to Plaintiffs in this suit— That there is now pending in this Court a suit by said Elijah Dale agt defendant for the recovery of said sum of one hundred and twenty dollars R'd from said Brown as aforesaid— Defendant states that he now and has at all times been ready and willing to pay the same to whom it is due— Admits that Plaintiff did as Administrator of said Layton demand said Negroes of Defendant and that he refused to give them up— Defendant denies that Plaintiff had them or now has any right to the possession of said Negroes Jim and Jinny or Philis & Priscilla as Administrator as aforesaid on judgment for recovery of money Defendant denies that the hire of said Priscilla was worth seven dollars per Month during the time since she came to possession of Defendant or that the hire of said Negroe

Ann was worth six dollars p Month during said time. or that the hire of said Jim was worth three dollars pr Month during said time –

And for further defence ~~in this~~ against the prosecution of this suit. ~~by~~ Plaintiff defendant states that the Probate Court of Platte County did on the 11th day of February 1854 appoint defendant ~~Guardian~~ of the Estate of said James R Ewel one of the above mentioned Minors which defendant became and is guardian of the Estate of said Minor and as such is entitled to the possession of said Negroes. and Money sought to be Recovered by Plaintiff defendant herewith files a certified Copy of said appointment Made by said Probate Court

Defendant further states that he is advised and believes that this Court has not jurisdiction of or ought to examine the same in this suit

Jno E Pitt

Jno. E. Pitt defendant makes oath and says he believes the foregoing answer and the matters and things therein as stated are true

Jno E Pitt

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 28 March 1854

W. A Leach Clk

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Bluford & Hunter
vs
Petition for
Personal Property
of Wm. M. Pitt

Answer of Defendt

Filed Nov 24/54
W. C Rumph
Clk

Bluford Standen

vs

Wm E Pitt

To Platte Circuit Court Sept Ter 1854

The clerk Circuit Court will issue Spena for following witnesses for ~~defendant~~ Plff

John D Wilkinson (Richmond)
John Mason Ray County
David Matney (Millerton)
William Warriner (Camden)
Nathaniel B Stephens Platte Co
James Bryant
William Thompson Buchanan Co
C W Hulspeth (Rushville)

Respectfully

A & R R Rees
Attys for Plff

Before Examiner

6 3/3 Receipts

John E Pitts

Feb. Aug 18th 1854
N.C. Remington Clerk
By E. A. Say D.C.

Messrs Sr Pleff
Clay Co
John S Welkinson
John Mason
David Matney
~~Wm Wesson~~
Willis Warriner
Platte Co
Nathaniel B Stephens
——
Buchanan Co
Charles Bryant
William Thompson
& W Huelspeth

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To John L Williamson

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 5th day of September 1850, to give evidence between Alexander Stanton Plantiff and John E. Pitt 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 22nd day of August 1850

W C Remington Clerk.

State of Missouri }
County of Ray } I executed the within & subpoena by reading the same to John S Wilkinson on the 28th day of August 1854 at Ray County

Geo. Carson
Sheriff

Sheriffs Fees 50 cts

Shff fee .50

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To Nathaniel P. Stephens

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 Fifth day of September 1854, to give evidence between Benjamin Stanton Plantiff and John D Pitt Defendant

on the part of the Plaintiff

Fail not at your peril

Witness, WILLIAM C. REMINGTON, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the Seal thereof affixed, at Platte City, the 22nd day of August 1854

Wm C Remington Clerk.

The within subpoena executed on the within named witness by reading the same to them in Berks County on the 1st day of Sept 1814

Levi Shollard Smith
By Wm Rawle Sprecher

To Messrs. Clay & Biddle Philadelphia

Jn 32

Smith Levi

STATE OF MISSOURI, } SCT.
COUNTY OF PLATTE.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To John S. Wilkinson. John L. Mason. David Matheny
Willis Hanson

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 Fifth day of September 1854, to give evidence between Plaintiff and Elisha Saunders John E. Pitt Defendant on the part of the Plaintiff

Fail not at your peril

Witness, WILLIAM C. REMINGTON, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the Seal thereof affixed, at Platte City, the 22nd day of August 1854.

W. C. Remington Clerk.

State of Missouri }
County of Ray } ss

I executed the within subpoena by reading the same to John Mason & Willis Warriner on the 24th of August and to John S. Wilkinson on the 26th day of August 1854 at Ray County not served on David Mathery he not being found in

Geo Carson
Sheriff

Sheriffs Fees $1.60

Shff fee. 1.60

Blufford Stanton Admr Plff
vs } Petition
John E Pitt } In the Circuit Court
Platte County

The Plaintiff by his attorney comes and moves the to Strike out from the record that part of said Defts amended answer, that sets up as a defence his appointment as public admr— Also that portion of said answer that sets up his appointment as Guardian of one James R Ewell a Minor by the Probate Court of said County—

Plff Moves also to Strike from the record the entire amended Answer herein for filed by said Defendant Because— That nothing set up by said Defts Constitutes a defence to said petition or action of Plff and that the same is not responsive to the petition, Contains irrelevant and immaterial Matter. ~~and that the~~ said answer is otherwise insufficient, irrelevant &c

Morris Rees Wilson & Clarke
Att for Plff

No 23 S[upreme] Ct

Bluford Blanton adm[r]
vs
Petition
Inv & Bill

Motion to strike
out Amended Answer

Filed Sept. 5 1834
N C Rumsey Clk
By D Day & Dc

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

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To Jno Bevearer

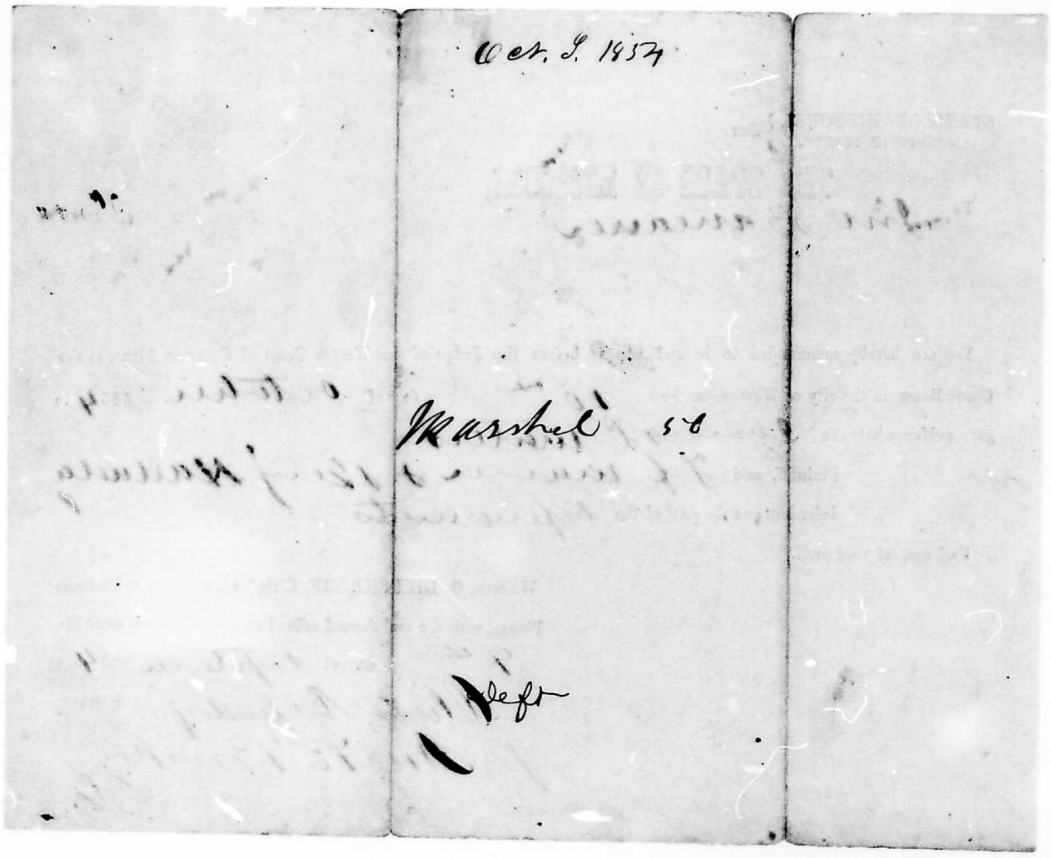
You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Judge of our Weston Court of Common Pleas, at the Court Room in the city of Weston, on the 10th day of October 1854 to give evidence between James L Waters Plaintiff, and J F Warner & Benj Hallenes defendents on the part of the defendents

Fail not, at your peril.

Witness, O. DIEFENDORF, Clerk of said court of common Pleas, with the seal thereof affixed at the city of Weston the 9th day of September 1854

Oliver Diefendorf Clerk.

M. Doc P. Brooks D.C.


Oct. 9. 1857
Marshal
Depr