Platte County Circuit Court
Circuit Court
May Term 1860

Box 52 File 21

State of Missouri

vs

Gray, James Lewis

Suspected Runaway Slave

- Defendant taken while attempting to cross river at Rialto to Leavenworth
- Includes pass defendant alleged was from his owner in St. Louis

State of Missouri
County of Platte ss!

Before George W Bell
Justice of the Peace within and
for the County and State aforesaid

Now at this time Lebridge
D Markham coming before me
Geo W Bell Justice of the Peace
as aforesaid James Lewis Grey
who is suspected of being a
runaway slave belonging to a person
unknown, who represents that
he lives in St Louis some four
hundred Miles from Platte County
and makes oath to the following
facts!

As I was going down to
my place Riddle I saw this boy
setting on the board and
asked him who he belonged to
he said he did not belong to
any body. He attempted to pass
without a written pass, the last
he had was the one herewith filed
marked "A". I have a Ferry at
the Nine Mile on Riddle and
that is the place where the boy

wanted to pass over the Mo
River to Lexington City
Under these circumstances I
took the boy up as a runaway
and brought him before Geo W
Bell Justice of the Peace of
Platte County State of Mo.

Z D Washburn

Subscribed Sworn to before
me this 10 day of April AD 1860

Geo W Bell J.P.

State of Missouri
County of Platte ss:

Whereas Z. D. Washburn has
this day brought before me
a Justice of the Peace within
the County State aforesaid a
boy who is suspected as being
a runaway slave and says
his name is James Lewis Grey and
lives in St Louis Mo and it appear
ing to the satisfaction of the under
signed Justice that the boy
is a runaway I therefore com
mand Z. D. Washburn the appre
hender to take and deliver
said boy to the Sheriff of

Platte County, State of
Missouri to wit
acquainted to Comm.
Witness my hand & seal this
10 April 1860.

Geo W Bell J.P.

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No bill found
in this
James McDaniel
foreman of the grand
jury

Filed June 11th 1866
W. A. Cunningham Clerk

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St Louis Mo Nov th 13.. 1859 This is to certify that I do hereby Permit my Boy Lewis gray to ship on Any Steam Boat to New Orleans & from thence I permit him to ship on any Boat wherever he can find Employment Unmolested

Mrs.. Mary Kane