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Year	Month	Day	Activity
1861	1	19	Pitt's bill of expenses to Paxton for milling wheat, meal, bone meal, flour, work at steam mill, cutting lumber (walnut) Jan 19, 1861 thru Sept. 3, 1862
1862	2	27	Pitt's bill of expenses to Paxton for milling wheat, meal, bone meal, flour, work at steam mill, cutting lumber (walnut) February 1862 thru July 1862
1862	4	0	$40 paid to John S. Wilkinson for bringing negro man from Kansas $40.00.
1862	4	20	Paxton owed Pitt $80.00, including $125 for 5 months work and labor in or about mill done for you by my negro man Isaac commencing April 20, 1862 & ending Sept. 20, 1862, at $25 per month.
1862	5	10	Account of John S. Wilkinson to Pitt (Copy per Paxton Nov. 16, 1863) May 10, 1862 John E. Pitt c/o John S. Wilkinson For arresting out of this State a runaway slave named Isaac belong to said Pitt and returning hims to Platte County Missouri as per Statute — $100.00 John S. Wilkinson
1862	5	20	Account of John S. Wilkinson to Pitt (Copy per Paxton Nov. 16, 1863) For value received I assign the above account to William M. Paxton this 20th day of May 1862. John S. Wilkinson
1862	6	10	Exhibit A: Contract between Leander Hollingworth & John Pitt (by Mrs. Pitt) Rent of 25 acres of land on Mr. Pitt's farm 1 mile south of Platte City; 15 acres West of Mr. Pitt's house and 10 acres South of his house on the road. I bind myself to plant corn & cultivate well & deliver to Mr. Pitt 1/3rd of the corn produced from said land.
1862	9	0	Mrs. Pitt goes to James M. Moore asking for money to pay off Paxton.
1862	9	20	Paxton owed Pitt $90 for work & labor done for you in and about Platte City Mills & in other capacities of my negro man Isaac from Sept. 20, 1862, to Jan. 20, 1863, 4 months at $22.50 per month.
1863	2	4	Filed for Suit
1863	6	0	Platte County Circuit Court

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1863	7	24	W. Sublette Almond July 24, 1863: In May 1862 Almond recalled Mrs. Pitt, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Paxton going to Mr. Gaylords to see a negro man Isaac belonging to John E. Pitt. Isaac had been brought back from Kansas. Mrs. Pitt was "anxious" for Mr. Paxton to pay Mr. Wilkinson money for bringing Isaac back. She would not allow Isaac back on the place and suggested that if Mr. Paxton paid the money to Wilkinson then she'd allow Paxton to "have him for one year." Paxton did not seem to want to take Isaac at all. Almond thought Paxton would be "running a risk by paying it, for I did not consider the negro worth the $50." Mrs. Pitt was "troubled" about Isaac, fearing he had returned from Kansas to steal from her.
1863	8	13	Aug. 13, 1863: Trial before Justice of the Peace James M. Mulkey for $125 for hire of negro man Isaac, credit of $40 paid by Paxton for bringing Isaac back from Kansas, and $5.00 for use of same leaving balance of $80.00 Against Pitt for $27.07 and a Note for $20.50 Jury finds for Deft Paxton $47.20 Henry F. Freeland Foreman Whereupon judgment is rendered against the Plaintiff and in favor of Defendant for $47.20 for this debt & damages of $15.38 dollars as court costs. With jurors fees, total judgment is $64.11.
1863	8	22	Aug. 22, 1863: Pitt appeals from judgment of the Justice of the Peace: affirm the judgment or new trial.
1863	9	11	Filed for Suit
1863	10	31	Oct. 31, 1863: Paxton summoned for Nov. 16, 1863, to appear before Justice of the Peace in Platte City; Paxton served Oct. 31, 1863
1863	10	31	Suit filed
1863	11	6	Summons issued on behalf of Defendant Paxton to appear before Carroll Township Justice of the Peace: J.S. Wilkerson Elizabeth Pitt L.F. Hollingsworth, served H. Clay Park A.B. Hartman, served Jeff Campbell, served Mrs. Almond, served

1863	11	14	Summons issued on behalf of Plaintiff Pitt to appear before Justice of Peace: Mrs. Mary Paxton, served Anna Paxton William Paxton E.O. Waller (Wolter), served W.L. Wilkerson, served Thos. Kimsey, served Coner Roger Jack Morrison, served L.W. Owens, served John Hartman, served
1863	11	16	Deposition of James M. Moore: Mrs. Pitt came to my house about September 1862 and told me she understood that I was owing Mr. Pitt some money for the hire of a negro that **belonged to Smith and Pitt formerly and to Pitt and myself** and; she wanted to get money to pay to Wm. Paxton, that Mr. Paxton had a negro named Isaac in his possession; that the negro had been brought from Kansas by some men; and she agreed with Mr. Paxton that if he would pay the amount charged for brining him (Isaac) home, he (Paxton) might have his services 12 months; but now she was in want of his services (Isaac) at home and wanted to get enough money to pay the balance of the time and get the negro out of Paxton's hands that Mr. Paxton was willing to allow her out of the amount he (Paxton) paid for her for bringing the negro home in proportion to time he (Isaac) had been in his (Paxton) service.
1863	11	19	Summons issued on behalf of Plaintiff Pitt to appear before Justice of Peace on Nov. 21, 1863 (Witnesses served Nov. 20, 1863): Jacob Baker John Berryman Noah Berry Levy Likens John Sidener James G. Spratt Wm Finchen Coner Roger
1863	11	21	Summons issued by Justice of the Peace to compel witnesses: John S. Wilkerson Henry M. Cochran, Justice of the Peace (served 11/21/1863)

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1863	11	27	Appeal Bond: John E. Pitt and James G. Spratt acknowledge debt to William Paxton for $40 in the event of losing appeal.
1863	11	27	Pitt's Application to Platte County Circuit Court for Appeal of the Justice of Peace's judgment
1863	11	28	Summons issued on behalf of Plaintiff Pitt to appear before Justice of Peace on Nov. 21, 1863 (Witness served Nov. 21, 1863): George W. Belt & evidence in the matter of Pitt v. Paxton
1864	5	14	Deposition of James M. Moore on behalf of Defendant Paxton: I know of Mrs. Pitt tending to business that Col. Pitt would have performed if he was home. She came to my house to get money to pay Mr. Paxton. She stated Mr. Paxton had advanced money for returning the negro man (Isaac) from Kansas & Mr. Paxton had agreed to advance the money & retain the services of Isaac for 1 year. Mrs. Pitt said she needed Isaac at home & that Paxton had agreed she could have Isaac if she paid the proportionate part of the rent for the rest of the year. I did not give her any money. It is my design to leave Missouri in a few days for Idaho or California.
1864	5	14	Deposition of L.F. Hollingsworth on behalf of Defendant Paxton Exam: I cannot state where Mr. Pitt was in 1862 or who acted as his agent. Mrs. Pitt transacted any business with me. I cultivated some ground on Plaintiff's place, which I rented from Mrs. Pitt. In May 1862, after returning from a visit to Kentucky, I found my negroes at work on Mr. Pitt's place, plowing as directed by Col. Pitt. Mrs. Pitt presented a contract for rent of the land prepared by Mr. Pitt. I declined to have anything to do with the cultivation of the property that year. Mrs. Pitt and I made a different contract for the cultivation of the farm. I drew up a new contract, Mrs. Pitt signed it, and I cultivated that portion of the farm. I was frequently at the house. Mrs. Pitt, her children, and some negro women and children constituted the family. I met Mr. Pitt 1x that season (1862) in the Summer for just a few minutes when he was home.

1864	5	14	Deposition of L.F. Hollingsworth on behalf of Defendant Paxton Exam: I delivered the rent of the farm in the Fall per Mr. Pitt's directions. Col. Pitt was not at home & I built a rail pen where part of the corn was delivered. Cross Exam: Met with Mr. Pitt prior to going to Kentucky & discussed different part of the same land. Returned from Kentucky May 16, 1862. The contract signed with Mrs. Pitt was for the same amount of rent but the conditions were different than Mr. Pitt's contract. Mrs. Pitt was anxious to rent the land on my terms because she did not know of any other opportunities. Re-Examination: I met Mr. Pitt sometime in the Spring of 1863 with regard to renting the place. Told him Mr. Paxton had said it was for rent. Mr. Pitt could not say if it was for rent or not, there was plenty of time, that he had so many agents he could not keep up with them. I objected to renting the place at all because Mr. Pitt was away and had specific conditions in the contract he'd drawn up which I would not comply with.
1864	5	14	Deposition of L.F. Hollingsworth on behalf of Defendant Paxton Exam: Mrs. Pitt assured me that everything would be alright & that she would stand between me and all danger. She guaranteed everything would be alright.
1864	5	18	L.F. Hollingsworth produces the contract with Mrs. Pitt (marked as Exhibit A). Announces intent to leave Missouri in a few days.
1864	6	29	Defendant Paxton's Motion to Require New Appeal Bond Moves the Court for an order requiring Plaintiff Pitt to give a new appeal bond because the **security on the bond on file is insolvent and Pitt is a non-resident of the State**, having become so since the appeal was taken.
1864	11	25	Defendant Paxton's Notice of Deposition of F.G. Gaylord in Atchison, Kansas, on Dec. 3, 1864. (Pitt served with notice 11/25/1864)

1864	12	3	Deposition of H. Clay Park on behalf of Defendant Paxton: I do not know where Mr. Pitt was in the Winter, Spring, & Summer of 1862. I know he was absent from his house during that period. Defendant Paxton agree to pay the reward for Isaac according to his contract with Mrs. Pitt. Thinks the reward was paid at Mrs. Gaylord's house. Mrs. Pitt acted as Mr. Pitt's agent during the business about Isaac. Mrs. Pitt lived on the farm & I never knew of anyone else conducting Mr. Pitt's business during his absence.
1864	12	3	Deposition of Mary Gaylord on behalf of Defendant Paxton: I know of a negro man named Isaac who was the property of John E. Pitt, being brought "home" to Platte County between May 10th & 20th, 1862. I heard a contract between Paxton and Mrs. Pitt, which occurred at my house in Platte City, MO. Mrs. Pitt agreed that if **Paxton paid the reward** for bringing Isaac back to Missouri then he would have Isaac's services for one year. Do not recollect how much Paxton agreed to pay but he was to satisfy the party claiming the reward in consideration of keeping Isaac for one year. Mr. Pitt was not at his house during the Summer of 1862 but did not know where he was. Paxton paid the reward but doesn't know how much it was. During Mr. Pitt's absence, Mrs. Pitt attended to Pitt's farm & business with regard to Isaac. I never knew of anyone acting on Mr. Pitt's behalf except for Mrs. Pitt.
1865	3	18	Appeal Bond: John E. Pitt and G.J. Oliver acknowledge debt to William Paxton for $90 in the event of losing appeal.
1865	8	28	Summons to John E. Pitt to appear before Platte County Circuit Court Judge & to bring all letters in his possession pertaining to the matter. Pitt served Aug. 30, 1865
1866	1	20	Appeal filed
1866	1	28	Justice of the Peace Transcript submitted to the Circuit Court
			Defendant Paxton's Motion to Dismiss the Case: Court has no jurisdiction Same subject matter tried before prior Justice of the Peace & Deft. awarded judgment of $47.20, payment is a bar to this suit Plaintiff Pitt has split up his cause of actions, contrary to law