

Using Court Records in Your Family History Research

Class 4: Other Court Records: Naturalization, Divorce, and More

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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Naturalization
 - Divorce
 - Other
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

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Voice of
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Court Records

- Naturalization records
- Divorce records
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- Jury lists
- Witness lists
- Subpœnas

Naturalization Records

Early Citizenship

- Naturalization Act of 1790 required only two years of residency before an immigrant could claim citizenship.
- 1795 revision lengthened the residency requirement to five years.
- Three years later things were hotly debated and major changes were made to the naturalization law.

District of Massachusetts by his petition sets forth that he has resided within the limits & under the jurisdiction of the United States for the Term of six years & within the District of said for the Term of six years & prays being an Alien that he may be admitted to become a Citizen of the United States & America according to the direction of the Act of the Congress of the said United States in such case made & provided. Whereupon the Court upon due enquiry made find that the fact alleged the said Petition is true & that the said Benjamin is a Person of good character. The said Benjamin is therefore admitted by the Court to become a Citizen of the United States and the Oath prescribed by Law to support the Constitution of the United States is administered to him in open Court thereupon the Court doth certify that he shall be considered as a Citizen of the United States.

At a DISTRICT COURT held at Boston within and for the District of Massachusetts on the 20th day of December being the 10th day of the month of December 1790.

Be it remembered that on the 20th day of December 1790 came before Benjamin Lee of Boston in the said District of Massachusetts who sets forth that he has resided within the limits & under the jurisdiction of the United States for the Term of six years & within the District of said for the Term of six years & prays being an Alien that he may be admitted to become a Citizen of the United States & America according to the direction of the Act of the Congress of the said United States in such case made & provided. Whereupon the Court upon due enquiry made find that the fact alleged in the said Petition is true & that the said Benjamin Lee is a Person of good character. The said Benjamin Lee is therefore admitted by the Court to become a Citizen of the United States and the Oath prescribed by Law to support the Constitution of the United States is administered to him in open Court thereupon the Court doth certify that he shall be considered as a Citizen of the United States.

Wth H. Hall, Clerk

of the United States & America according to the direction
of the Act of the Congress of the said United States in
such case made & provided. Whereupon the Court
upon due enquiry made find that the fact alleged
in the said Petition is true & that the said Benjamin
Lee is a Person of good character. The said Benjamin
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a Citizen of the United States and the Oath prescri-
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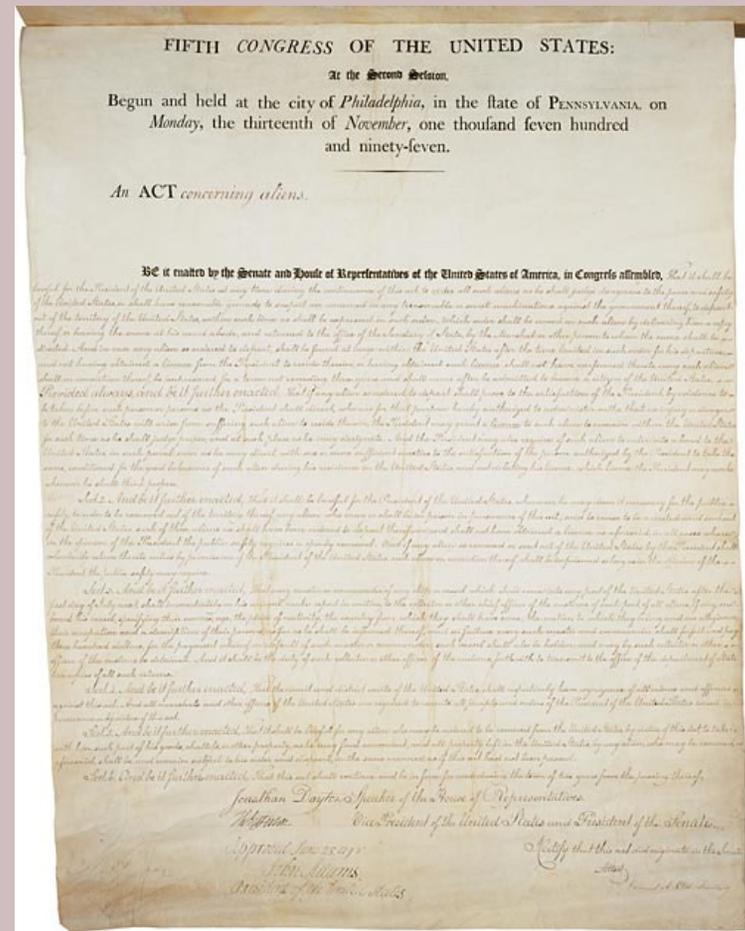
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resided within the limits of the jurisdiction of
the United States for the term of six years & within the
said District for a year & a day & has been
admitted that he may be admitted to become a Citizen
of the United States & America according to the direction
of the Act of the Congress of the said United States in
such case made & provided. Whereupon the Court
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Naturalization Act of 1798

- Played on the fears of a possible war with France.
- Increased residency requirements to 14 years.
- Allowed the President the power to deport those he felt were a threat.
- Other sections of this act dealt with enemy aliens and seditious individuals.



Naturalization Act - 1802

- Certificate given to immigrant to show as evidence of his arrival to courts.
- Required three years residency before beginning naturalization process
- Multiple steps to the process

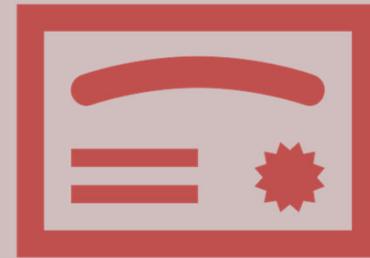
Naturalization Process



Declaration of Intent
(1st Papers)



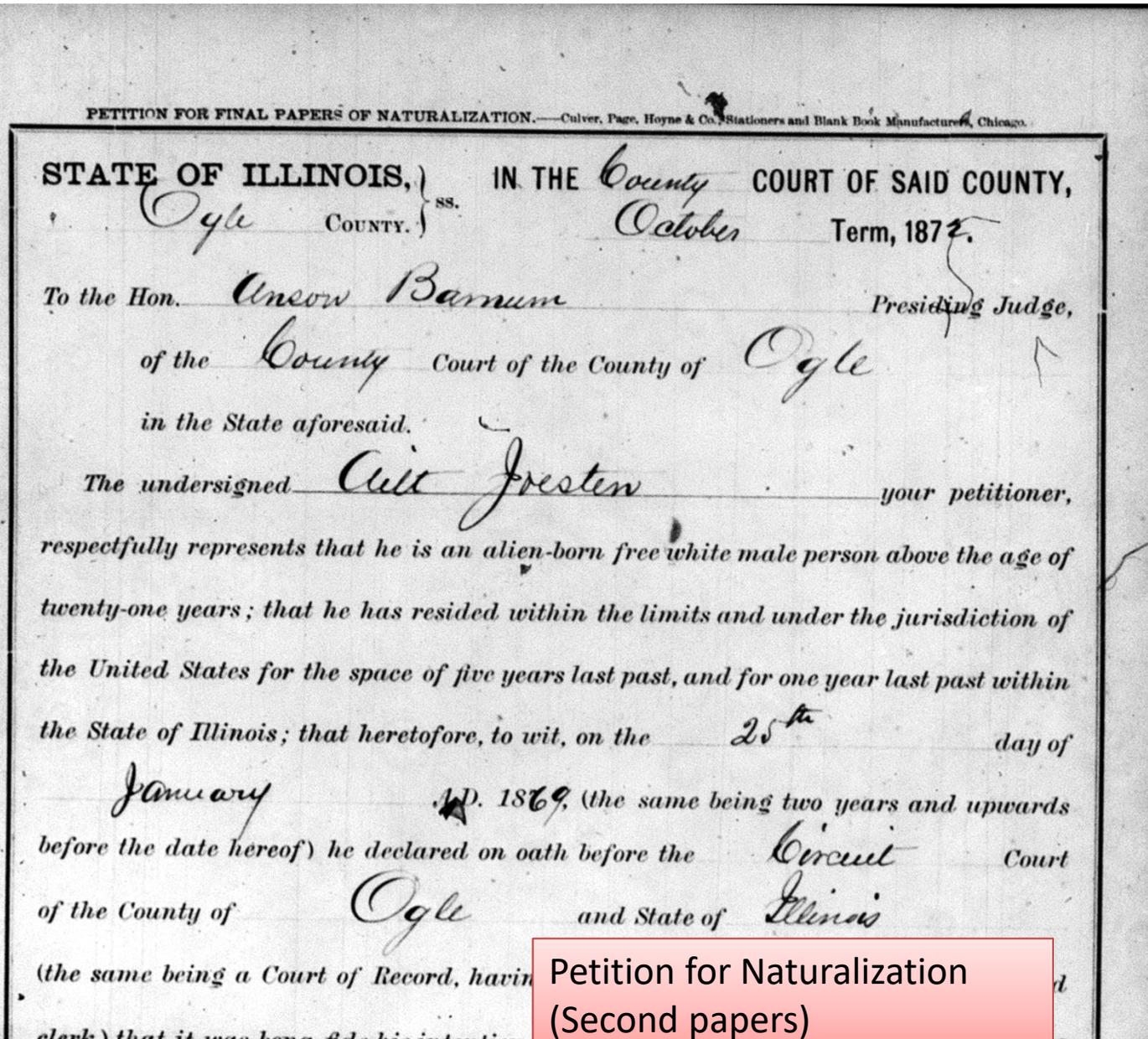
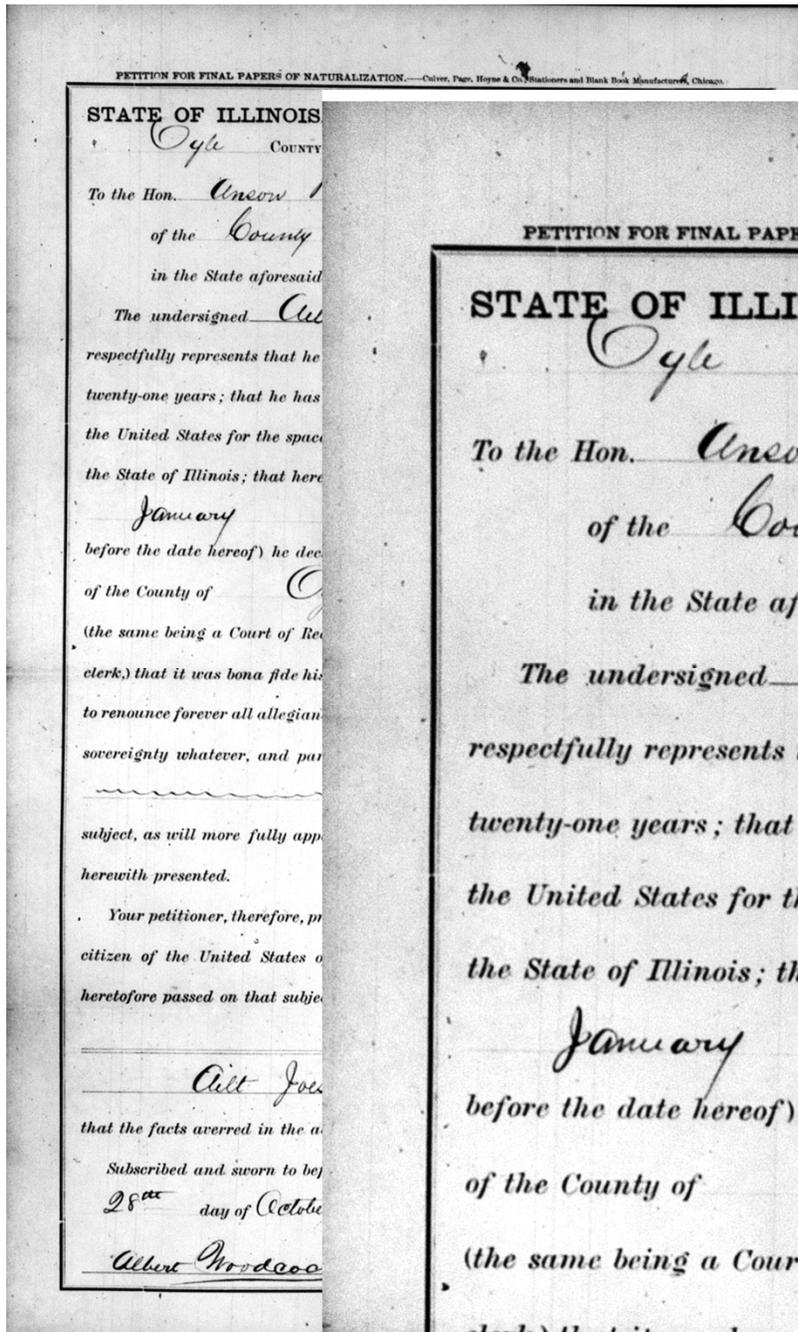
Application (Petition)
for Naturalization
(2nd Papers)



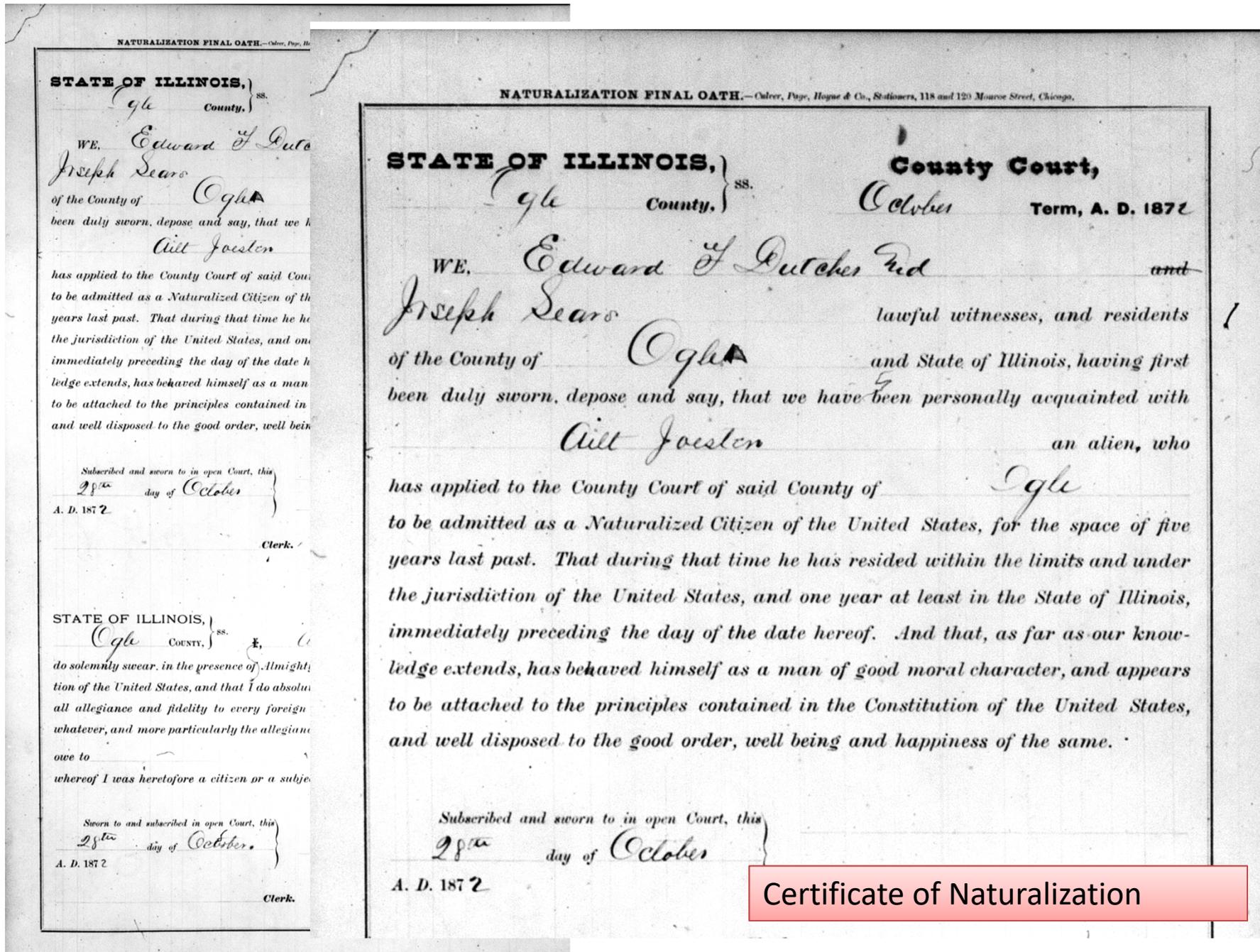
Certificate of
Naturalization

Where to Look

- State courts
 - Supreme
 - Superior
 - District
 - Circuit
- Federal courts
 - Circuit
 - District



Petition for Naturalization (Second papers)



Certificate of Naturalization

Information Found

- Earlier records supply less information in each step of naturalization.
- Pre-1890, majority of the naturalization records refer only to the country of birth, but they should not be ignored.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT, ss.

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| Height | 5 Ft. 4 1/2 | at a District Court of the United States, at Boston, within and for the Massachusetts District, on the <i>Seventeenth</i> day of <i>May</i> in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and <i>Sixty nine</i> , |
| Color | <i>white</i> | |
| Complexion | <i>light</i> | |
| Color of Eyes | <i>blue</i> | |
| Color of Hair | <i>gray</i> | |
| Visible Marks | | |
| Age of Wife | <i>59</i> | |

Be it Remembered,

Personally appeared before the Clerk of said Court *Charles A. Du*
of *Gloicester* — in said District, *Blacksmith*
an alien and free white person, and by his Declaration in writing, on oath set forth
he was born at
in the County of Digby, Nova Scotia

on or about the *ninth* day of *May* in
of our Lord eighteen hundred and *thirty three* and
about *thirty three* years of age; that he arrived at *Rocky*
in the District of *Massachusetts*
in the United States of America, on or about the *fourteenth*
of *April* in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred
fifty five — ; that it then was, and still is, his bona fide
to become a citizen of the United States of America, and to renounce forever all
and fidelity to every foreign Prince, State, Potentate, and Sovereignty whatsoever

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of New Orleans in said District, AN ALIEN,

and a free white person, and of the age of majority, that he was born at Schwitz
in the Kingdom of Bavaria that he arrived at New York

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in the Kingdom of Bavaria that he arrived at *New York*

in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA on or about the



in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, on or about the
26th day of *October* in the year of our Lord
eighteen hundred and *forty* ; that it then was, and still
is, his bona fide intention to reside in *the United States* and become a **Citizen of**
the United States of America, and to renounce all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign
Prince, State, Potentate, and Sovereignty whatsoever; more especially to *the King of*
Bavaria whose subject he has heretofore been:

That he has made the declaration of intention
as required by laws

And said *Nicholas Kalch* further
represents, that he has continued to reside within the jurisdiction of said UNITED STATES, to wit, at
New Orleans aforesaid, for more than five years
last past; that he hath never borne any hereditary title, or been of any of the orders of Nobility;
that he is ready to renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate
State or Sovereignty whatever; and particularly to

that he may be admitted to become a CITIZEN OF THE SAID UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, according to the
forms of the Statutes in such case made and provided.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

Nicholas Kalch



Albany Court

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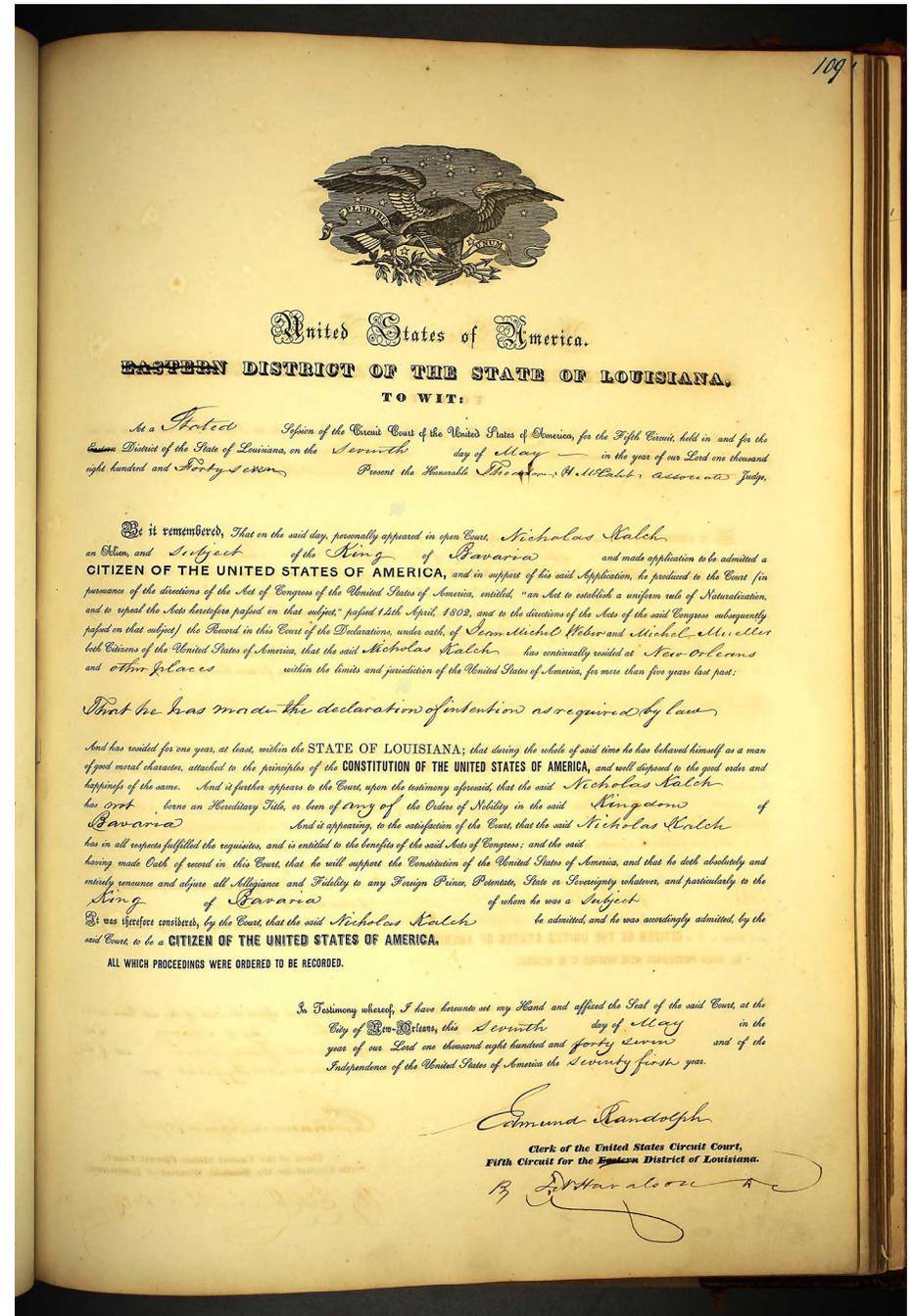
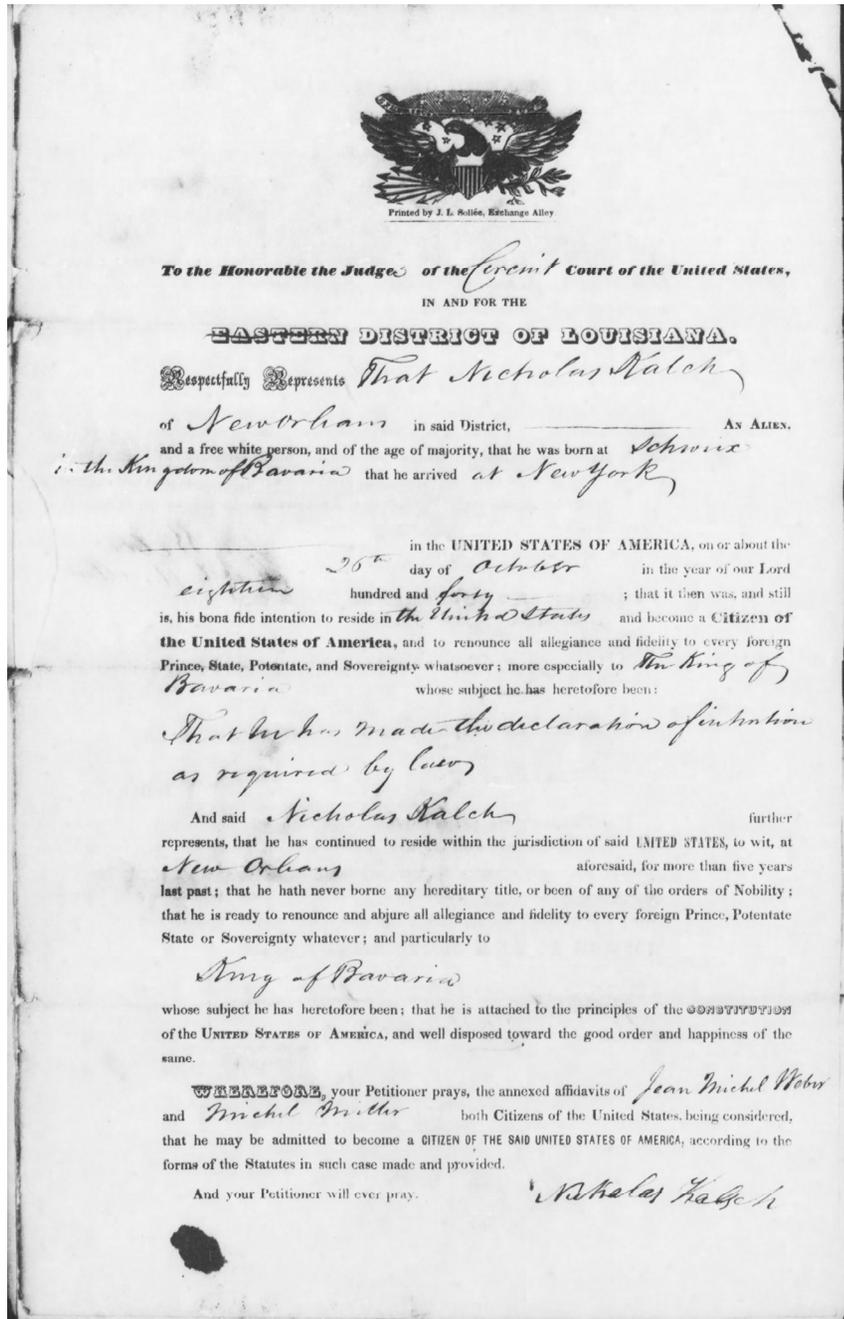
Albany County, ss. 

BE IT REMEMBERED,

THAT *Nicholas Malch*
late of Germany, aged
about 24 Years

~~late of the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND,~~ appeared in the
Albany Justices' Court, on the *Third* day of *Sept.*
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty four*
(the said Court being a Court of Record, having Common Law Jurisdiction, and a
Clerk and Seal,) and declared **ON OATH**, in open Court, that it was bona
fide his intention to become a Citizen of the United States, and to renounce,
forever, all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty,
whosoever; and particularly to the ~~Queen of the United Kingdom of~~
~~Great Britain and Ireland.~~ *Empress of Germany*

In Testimony Whereof, the **SEAL**, of the said ALBANY JUSTICES' COURT
is hereunto affixed. this *Third* day of *September*



Naturalization Records

Pre-1906

- Two copies created
 - One for the court to file
 - One for the applicant
- Can be found anywhere the immigrant lived
- Can be found in any courts

1906 and After

- Third copy created and sent to INS
- INS standardized the forms
- Can still be found in the local courts

Repatriation

- Repatriation was often necessary for those women who had married aliens and lost their citizenship.
- U.S. born men who fought for another country (such as Canada during World War I before the U.S. entered) would lose their U.S. citizenship.
- Applying for citizenship in another country was another way to lose U.S. citizenship.

Women and Naturalization

- 1855: Alien women became citizens when they married an American citizen
- 1907: American-born women who married aliens actually lost their citizenship in the United States
- 1920: Very few alien women naturalized before
- 1922: Marriage was no longer a factor for women and citizenship
- 1936: Repatriation offered to women

QUESTIONS?

Divorce Records

Courts

- Chancery Court
- Circuit Court
- Court of Common Pleas
- District Court
- Family Court
- Law and Equity Court
- Probate Court
- Superior Court



Bound Volumes

Indexes

Dockets

Minutes

Orders

Judgements

Bound Volumes

- Usually arranged chronologically
- May have an index at the front of the volume
- Include just the highlights of the case
 - When the divorce is requested
 - When certain motions or orders are filed
 - Basic information about petitions, motions, summons, etc.

Suffolk Co., Mass. Supreme Judicial Court Docket

Montgomery 3⁴ Nancy J. Hicks v. Joseph A. D. Hicks
Libel
24
" Divorce a vinculo. Custody of the child Zorilda Adams
decreed to the libellant. D.

Divorce a vinculo = Divorce bond

The couple had a child,
Zorilda Adams Hicks, and she
was to be in the custody of
Nancy J. Hicks

Nancy J. Hicks of Boston

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| Bailey, Wm. S -----Estate | |
| Barksdale, Fountain Admr | vs Gould, R. H. Admr |
| Boaz, Fennesse | vs Boaz, Saml. F. |
| Brown, Agnes & husband | vs Jones, W. H et al |
| Bunch. Martha et al | vs Shannon. Wm. H et al |

Madison Co., Mississippi

Plaintiff: *Minerva Battle*
Defendant: *Turner Battle*

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GENERAL CHANCERY DOCKET, *January* **TERM, 1878**

Manufacturers and Stationers, St. Louis.

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| <i>Minerva Datto</i> | No. <i>1689</i> | PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY. <i>J. B. Pratt</i> |
| —vs.— | | DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY. |
| <i>Thomas Datto</i> | 1689 | |

| DATES. | | | PROCEEDINGS, ORDERS, DECREES, &c. | Reference to Minutes. | | Reference to Records. | |
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| <i>Nov</i> | <i>23</i> | <i>1877</i> | <i>Bills filed. Opus to Madison & Woods Cas handed J. B. Pratt Esq</i> | | | | |
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| <i>Dec</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>"</i> | <i>That Woods Cas returned Executed.</i> | | | | |

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Susan J. Taylor v. Eugene S. Taylor

Filed Jan. 16/88 + summons issued
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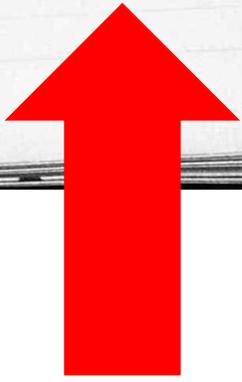
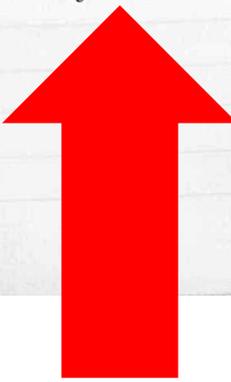
D. Divorce nisi Mar. 29/88 for
cause of sentence of imprisonment
for life in state prison. Custody of
minor child Price William Taylor
to libellant. Divorce made absolute
April 21. 1890

(certif issued)

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for cause of sentence
of imprisonment for
life in state prison.
with custody of minor
child Price William
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Docket Book – Franklin Co., Mass.

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Susan J. Taylor of Deerfield in the County of Franklin,
libellant for divorce against Eugene S. Taylor, her husband
of said Deerfield, libellee.

"To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court, at Green-
field within and for the County of Franklin

Humbly shows Susan J. Taylor of Deerfield in said County
Deerfield aforesaid, at Moses in the County of Chester and
State of New York, on the seventh day of September A.D. 1882,
that they have since lived together as husband and wife in
Deerfield aforesaid, except about four months from November
1, 1882, until March 1883, and she has ever conducted towards
him as a faithful, chaste, and affectionate wife, yet the said
Eugene S. Taylor, regardless of his marriage vows and obli-
gations, on the twenty fifth day of October A.D. 1886, at Green-
field in said County was convicted of the crime of murder (in the
second degree) of his son George Eugene Taylor, and was then
sentenced by the consideration and sentence of the Justices
of the Supreme Judicial Court then holden at Greenfield
in and for said County of Franklin, to be punished by im-

No 3
Susan J. Taylor
v
Eugene S. Taylor

Court Minutes

ered by said Court that the allegation of the imprisonment for life of the said libellee as set forth in said libel and complaint was proved.

And thereupon it was ordered by said Court that a decree of divorce nisi from the bonds of matrimony be entered in favor of the said Susan J. Taylor, for the cause of the imprisonment for life of the said Eugene S. Taylor, her husband, to become absolute on the application of either party to the Court or any justice thereof after the expiration of six months from the entry of said decree, unless the Court should have sufficient cause, on application of any party interested otherwise ordered. And it was further ordered by said Court that the care and custody of the said minor child of said Susan J. and Eugene S. Taylor be given to said libellant.

And on the 14th day of April A.D. 1890 said libellant made application to the Court that said decree of divorce nisi be made absolute. And on said application the clerk of said Court made his certificate that in said libel a decree nisi was entered in favor of the said Susan J. Taylor, for the cause of imprisonment for life in State Prison, on the 29th day of March A.D.

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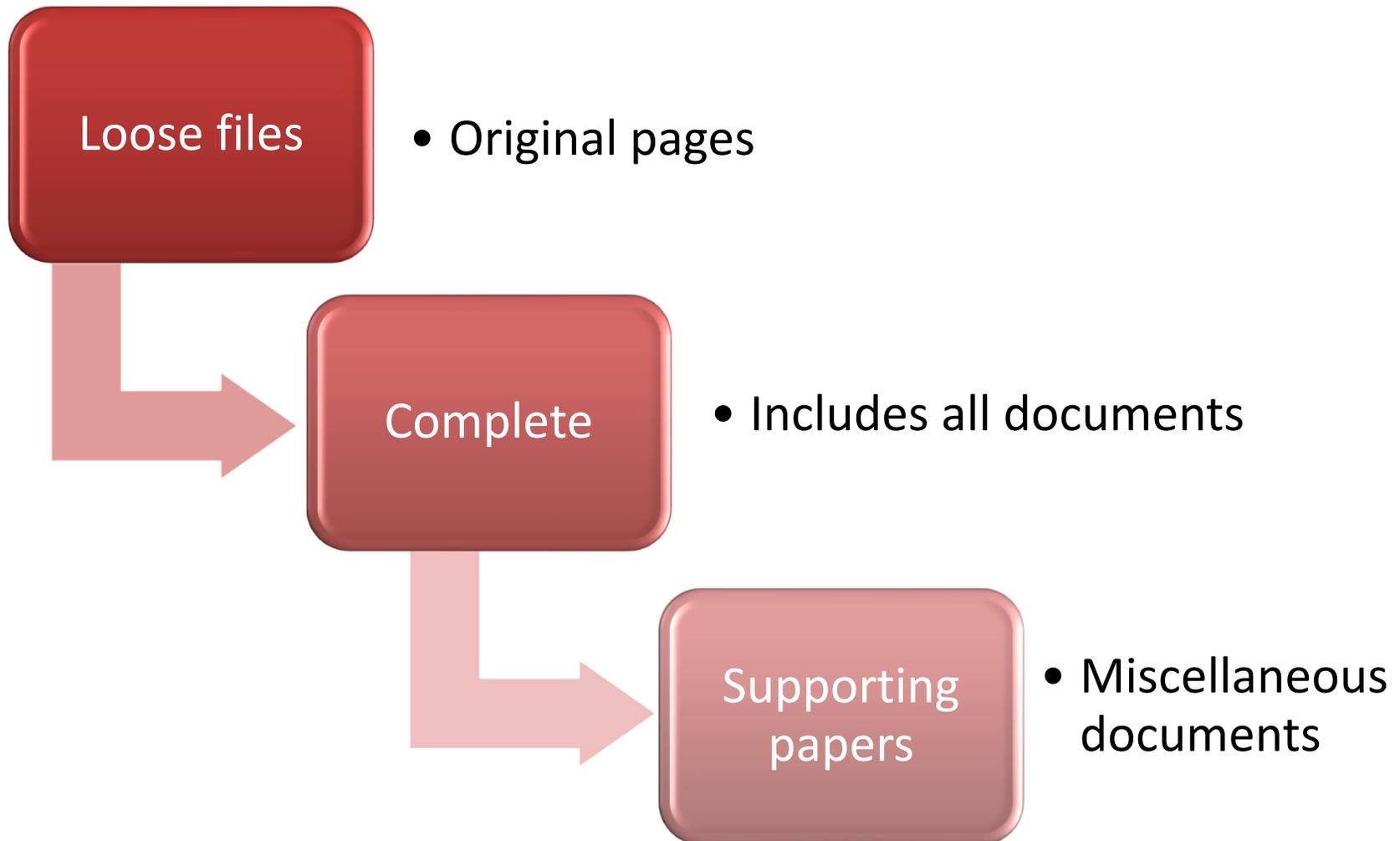
Appearance Docket 18, District Court, Atchison Co. Kansas.

| TITLE OF CAUSE | ATTORNEYS | Clerk's Costs | Sheriff's Costs | Credits |
|----------------|---|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Mary J. Moore | J. F. Allsworth | | | |
| - vs - | | | | |
| Samuel Moore | | | | |
| Oct 9 | Petition filed & set | 50 | | |
| | Process | 10 | | |
| | County affidavit | 40 | | |
| | Summons issued to Sheriff atch. Co | 25 | | |
| | Motion for temporary alimony & suit money | 20 | | |
| | Summons returned by Sheriff atch. Co | 20 | 1 00 | |
| | Set on by Judge | 50 | | J. B. Hargrove |
| | aff. of Mary Moore filed set, done | 40 | | |
| March 6 | Final entry on Motion for judgment | 30 | | |
| | Warrant & Writ | 20 | | |
| | Entering order & decree & judgment | 1 50 | | |
| | Dial | 50 | | |
| | Printing cost | 25 | | |
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Mary J. Moore Plaintiff
 vs
 Samuel Moore Defendant
 Now comes the Plaintiff by J. F. Allsworth, her Attorney and friends
her motion for temporary alimony and suit money, for reasons in said motion
 contained, and which motion after argument by Counsel and consideration of the
 Court, is sustained, and said defendant ordered to pay to said Plaintiff or her
 Attorney within thirty days from date fixed the sum of Ten (10) Dollars as
 suit money herein.

Docket & Minutes

Case Files



Types of Records

- Petitions
- Affidavits
- Præcipes
- Summons
- Motions
- Orders
- Depositions
- Miscellaneous documents



Case Files

- Include a variety of documents
 - Depositions from witnesses
 - Full information on summons
 - Additional records
 - Financial information
 - Marriage certificate
- Bundled or put together in some way

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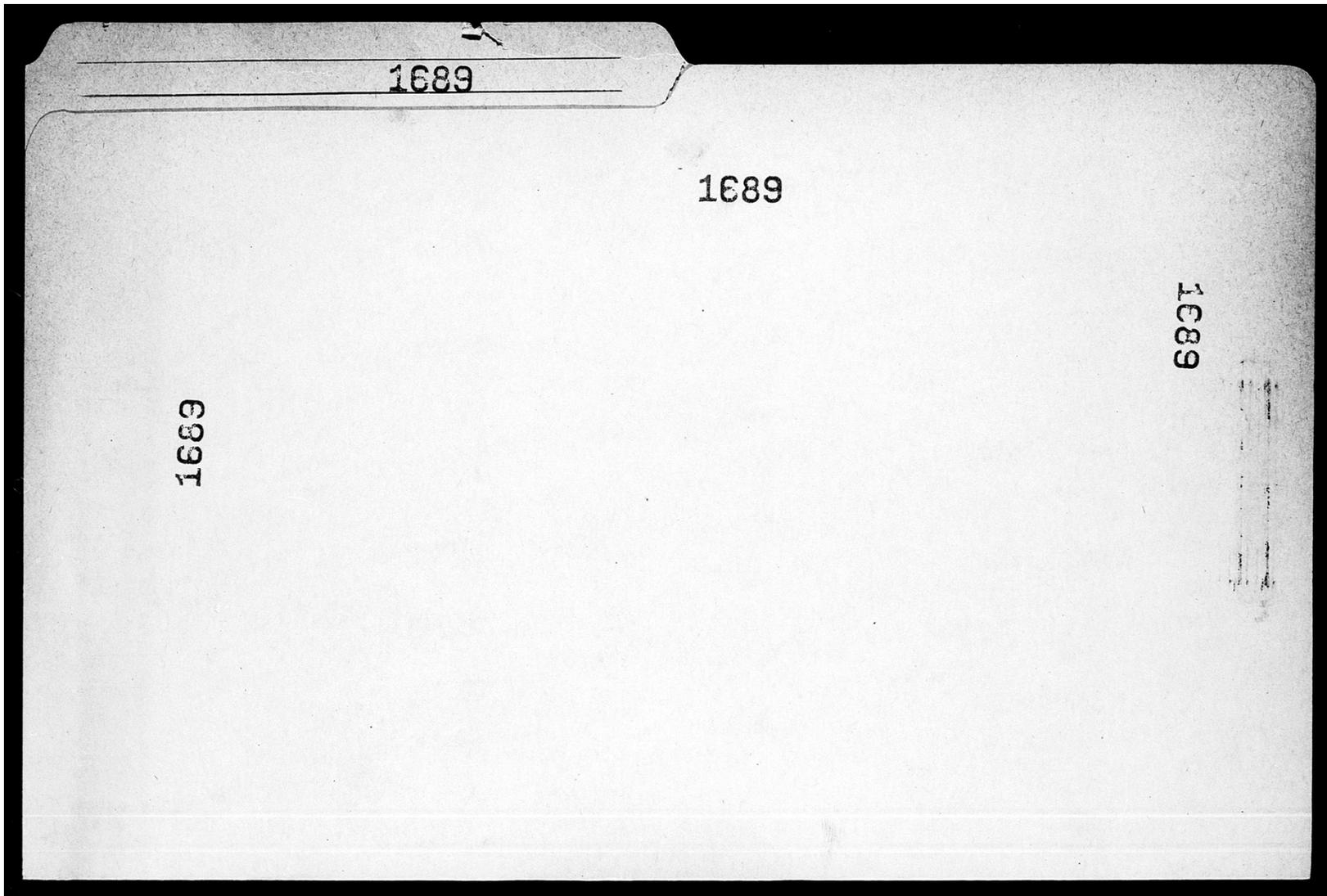
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Case File 1689

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State of Mississippi
Madison County

In Chancery Court of
said County do January
Term thereof 1878.

Mimera Battle
vs
Turner Battle

To the Hon. E. G. Peyton
Chancellor of the Chancery
District of the State of Mississippi
Your Oratory Mimera
Battle a resident of Madison
County Miss. would respect-
fully show unto your
Honor that her maiden
name was Mimera
Smith; that on the day
of January 1871 she was
married to her present
husband Turner Battle
at said County of Hinds
by George Whitfield a Justice of
the Peace of said County of Hinds.
Your Oratory would further
show that soon after her
said marriage her said

husband Turner Battle com-
menced a course of cruel
& inhuman treatment
towards her often striking,
beating & kicking her
without cause or provoca-
tion; which said treatment
of your Oratory on the part
of her said husband was
habitual from the time
it commenced until
she was compelled with her
infant child to abandon
his bed & board, about the
1st day of September 1876

Your Oratory would further
show that for several months
prior to leaving her said
husband he neglected to
provide sufficient food
& clothing for herself &
her infant child, after
leaving them without
food for several days at
a time, although he was
at the time able to furnish
her with necessary food
& clothing if he desired so

Case File 1689 – Complaint

CHANCERY COURT SUBPENA.—O'Leary, Page, Hooper & Co., Stationers, Chicago.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
Chancery Court of Madison County, } TO WHOM: **1689**
To *Samuel Batts*

GREETING:

For certain causes offered before us in our Court of Chancery of Madison County, we command and strictly enjoin you, that, laying all matters aside, and notwithstanding any excuse, you personally appear at a Court of Chancery, to be holden at the Court Room in the City of Canton, on the *20th* Monday of *December* next, *1877*, ensuing, to answer a bill of complaint exhibited against you

by *Minerva Batts*

Complainant in our said Court: And further, do and receive what our Court shall have considered in this behalf; And in this you shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of one hundred dollars, as well as the consequences that may fall thereon.

And have you then and there this writ.

WITNESS, The Hon. *Sam'l Young*, Chancellor of the *9th* Chancery District of said State, the *23rd* day of *November* A. D. 1877, and seal of said Court.

Issued the *23rd* day of *November* A. D. 1877

Wm. Jeff Clerk.

To the Sheriff of *Winds* County }
to execute and return.

CHANCERY COURT,
Madison County.

vs.

Minerva Batts

Samuel Batts

received _____ day of _____ A. D. 1877

Sheriff.

O'Leary, Page, Hooper & Co., Stationers, Chicago.

by constitute & appoint *Harriet*
my special deputy &

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 ATTORNEYS: J. F. Allsworth
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Mary J. Moore Plaintiff
 vs
 Samuel Moore Defendant
 Now comes the Plaintiff J. F. Allsworth, her Attorney and Friends
her motion for temporary Alimony and Suit money, for reasons in said motion
 contained, and which motion after argument by Counsel and Consideration of the
 Court, is Sustained, and said defendant ordered to pay to said Plaintiff or her
 Attorney within thirty days from date fixed the sum of Ten (10) Dollars as
 Suit money herein.

Moore vs Moore, Case 5084

5084
 No. 208
 Mary J. Moore
 Plaintiff
 - vs -
 Samuel Moore
 Defendant.

Filed Dec 9th 1885
 John Moore
 Clerk

J. T. Allenworth
 Atty for Plaintiff
 Cost not paid

In the District
 Court of the
 County of Kansas

Mary J. Moore
 Plaintiff
 vs.
 Samuel Moore
 Defendant.

Amended Petition.
 For cause of action against
 said defendant plaintiff,
 alleges that she is now
 for more than one year last
 has been a bona fide res-
 of Atchison County Kansas
 and at the time of the
 of this action was a resident
 said County.
 That she and said defen-
 are husband and wife
 were married on or abt
 October 27th 1879, and that
 since their said marriage
 plaintiff has conduct-
 self toward said defend-
 a dutiful and affec-
 wife; but that said
 disregarding his
 ties and has been
 extreme cruelty to

The State of Kansas, } ss.
 COUNTY OF ATCHISON, }

To the Sheriff of said County of Atchison, Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to Notify Samuel Moore

that he has been sued by Mary J. Moore

in the District Court within and for the said County of Atchison, and that unless he
 answer by the 8th day of January A. D. 1886, the petition of said
Mary J. Moore

filed against him

in the clerk's office of said Court, such petition will be taken as true, and judgment
 rendered accordingly.
 You will make due return of this summons on or before the 19th day
 of December A. D. 1885.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, at the
 city of Atchison, this 9th day
 of December A. D. 1885.

SEAL

John Moore
 CLERK.
 DEPUTY CLERK.

~~Suit brought for the recovery of money. Amount claimed, \$~~

Received this summons on the 9th day of December
 1885 at 6 o'clock P. M. and served the same in my County (Atchison)
 on the within named defendant Samuel Moore, on the 15th day
 of December 1885 by delivering to him in person a true and certified
 copy of this same summons with all the endowments thereon.
 December 15th 1885
 L. B. Hasgrove Sheriff
 By John Bronner Deputy

at the date
John Moore
 PLAINTIFF.

Moore vs Moore, Case 5084

The undersigned having been appointed
Special Commissioner to take testimony
in the above entitled cause, begs
leave to report as follows:

John Bolin being first duly sworn
according to law deposes as
follows:

Inter-st. State whether or not you are
acquainted with the parties to this
suit, if so how long have you known
them and where?

Ans. I have known them both
ever since they were babes.
Said Benjamin Standefer first in
Shelby County Illinois, and
in Moultrie County Ills, ever
since Moultrie has been
a county - and the said
Martha Standefer in Moultrie
County ever since she was
born

Q^d State what you know of the parties
to this cause being married,
and living together as husband
and wife?

Ans. I was not present at any
marriage between these parties,
but understand they were married
at Douglas County Illinois, some
time in the summer of 1867; and
I know they lived together in said
Moultrie County from the time
it was said they were married,
as husband and wife, until
about the first day of December
of the same year.

Deposition

of the same year -
Just 3rd If you know of the said Benjamin
Standafer deserting the said Martha
Standafer, state all the circum-
stances?
Ans In the fall of 1867, he sold all the property
of his wife, ~~Martha~~ Martha Standafer
consisting of Lands & personal property,
and took the money the said ~~Martha~~
had on hand of her own, amounting
in all to about five hundred
dollars, and went to Nebraska
for the pretended purpose of as he said

of buying a place, and was to have
returned for his wife; which he
did not do. He did return in
the fall of 1868 drapped, but failed
and refused to live with his ^{said} wife
and has ever since so failed
and refused to live with or
provide for her. Ever since
he sold her property and left
her, she has been compelled
to work out, to get a living
for herself and a child of
the said Benjamin Standafer
born since he left. The last I
heard of the said Benjamin Standafer
he was in the State of Iowa -

Deposition

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This is to Certify

Be it remembered

That Mr Thomas Laughlan of Adams Creek in the State of
Kansas and Miss Phebe E. Wyckoff of Adams Creek
in the State of Kansas were by me joined together in

HOLY MATRIMONY

on the Twenty Third day of September in the Year of our Lord
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Six

In Presence of
Nicholas Wyckoff
William Wyckoff

Joseph Denison
Minister of the Gospel.

W. B. Hanson & Hanks, New York

Marriage Record

QUESTIONS?

A large audience of people is seated in a conference room, viewed from behind. They are facing a presentation screen at the front of the room. The room has a patterned wall and recessed lighting. The word "QUESTIONS?" is overlaid in large, bold, white capital letters across the center of the image.

Other Court Records

Adoption

- Are often sealed
- May be found in clerk's copybooks (when case files are sealed)
- Include petitions, permissions, decrees, orders
- May include name changes
- Usually found in court that deals with family and probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
 SUFFOLK, ss.
 As a Probate Court holden at Boston in and for said County of Suffolk, on the *Nineteenth* day of *January* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four

ON the petition of *Daniel S. Ford* of *Boston* his wife, praying for leave to adopt *Abby Jennette Smith* a child under the age of fourteen years, child of *Samuel P. Smith* late of *Newburyport* in the County of *Middlesex*, deceased, and *Mary K. Smith* his wife, residing and for a change of said child's name; It appearing that the surviving parent of said child has in writing consented to such adoption and the Court being satisfied of the identity and relations of the persons, and that the petitioners are of sufficient ability to bring up said child and furnish her with suitable nurture and education, having reference to the degree and condition of its parents, and that it is fit and proper that such adoption should take effect.

It is decreed that from this day said child shall, to all legal intents and purposes, be the child of said petitioners, and that its name be changed to that of *Emma Jennette Ford* which she shall hereafter bear, and which shall be her legal name.

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 ISAAC AMES, Judge of Probate Court.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
 SUFFOLK, ss.
 PROBATE COURT.
 To *Daniel Sharp Ford* of *Boston* in said County, and *Samuel K. Ford* wife of said *Daniel Sharp Ford*

WHEREAS you have petitioned this Court for leave to adopt *Abby Jennette Smith* a child born on the *twenty second* day of *October* A. D. 1849, and for a change of her name, and the written consent required by law has been given thereto; now therefore,

TRUSTING in your ability to bring up said child, and to furnish her with suitable nurture and education, and being satisfied of the identity and relations of the persons, and the fitness and propriety of such adoption, I, ISAAC AMES, Esquire, Judge of said Court, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me, have decreed that from this day SAID CHILD SHALL TO ALL LEGAL INTENTS AND PURPOSES BE YOUR CHILD, and that its name be changed to *Emma Jennette Ford* which she shall hereafter bear, and which shall be her legal name.

You therefore assume the relations of parents to said child, and will hereafter cherish, support, educate and otherwise provide for her as though you were her natural parents.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of said Court to be affixed at *Boston* this *Nineteenth* day of *January* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four

ISAAC AMES, Judge of Probate Court.

Countersigned: *WM. C. BROWN, Register.*
 A true record.
Wm. C. Brown, Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
 SUFFOLK, ss.
 As a Probate Court holden at Boston in and for said County of Suffolk, on the *Nineteenth* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four

ON the petition of *John Batchman* Picture frame Manufacturer of *Boston* his wife, praying for leave to adopt *Sophia Beck* a child under the age of fourteen years, daughter of *William S. Beck* late of *Boston* in the County of *Suffolk*, deceased, and *Catharine Beck* his wife both deceased, and for a change of said child's name; It appearing that the guardian of said child has in writing consented to such adoption and the Court being satisfied of the identity and relations of the persons, and that the petitioners are of sufficient ability to bring up said child and furnish her with suitable nurture and education, having reference to the degree and condition of its parents, and that it is fit and proper that such adoption should take effect.

It is decreed that from this day said child shall, to all legal intents and purposes, be the child of said petitioners, and that its name be changed to that of *Gertrude Batchman* which she shall hereafter bear, and which shall be her legal name.

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 ISAAC AMES, Judge of Probate Court.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
 SUFFOLK, ss.
 PROBATE COURT.
 To *John Batchman* of *Boston* in said County, and *Mary Batchman* wife of said *John Batchman*

WHEREAS you have petitioned this Court for leave to adopt *Sophia Beck* a child born on the *in or about the year* day of *1856* and for a change of her name, and the written consent required by law has been given thereto; now therefore,

TRUSTING in your ability to bring up said child, and to furnish her with suitable nurture and education, and being satisfied of the identity and relations of the persons, and the fitness and propriety of such adoption, I, ISAAC AMES, Esquire, Judge of said Court, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me, have decreed that from this day SAID CHILD SHALL TO ALL LEGAL INTENTS AND PURPOSES BE YOUR CHILD, and that its name be changed to *Gertrude Batchman* which she shall hereafter bear, and which shall be her legal name.

You therefore assume the relations of parents to said child, and will hereafter cherish, support, educate and otherwise provide for her as though you were her natural parents.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of said Court to be affixed at *Boston* this *Nineteenth* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

ISAAC AMES, Judge of Probate Court.

Countersigned: *WM. C. BROWN, Register.*
 A true record.
Wm. C. Brown, Register.

Abby Jennette Smith Adoption

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COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Daniel S. Ford of Boston & Sarah E. Ford his wife

“adopt Abby Jennette Smith”

County of Suffolk, on the Ninth
January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

ON the petition of Daniel S. Ford
in said County, and Sarah E. Ford

of Boston

his wife, praying for leave to adopt Abby Jennette Smith

a child under the age of fourteen years, child of Emery P. Smith

Late of Stow

in the County of Middlesex, deceased, and

Mary N. Smith his wife widow

and for a change of said child's name;

It appearing that the surviving parent of said child, has, in writing consented to said adoption;

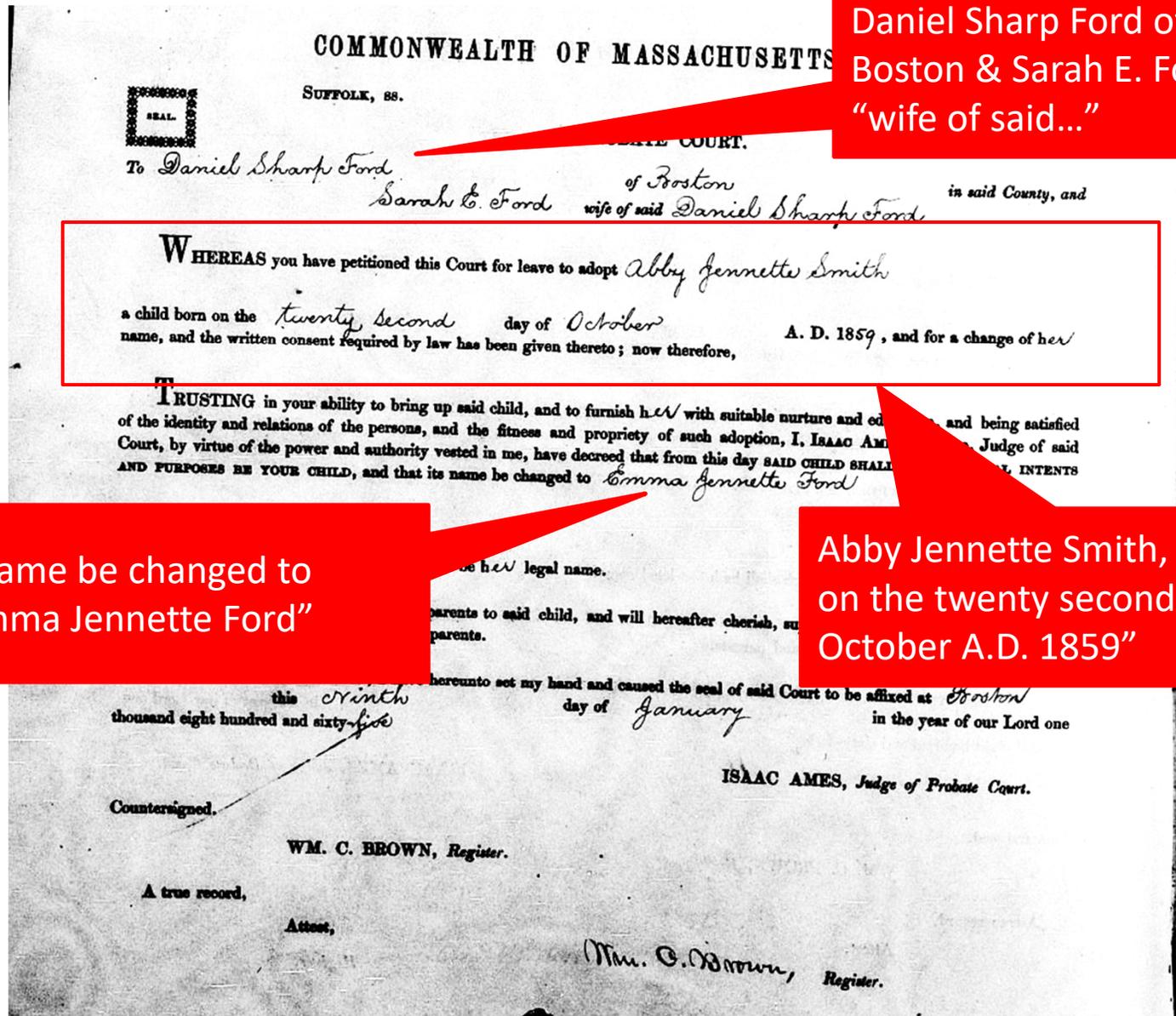
and the Court being satisfied of the identities of the persons, and that the petitioners are of sufficient age and standing up
said child, and that the petitioners are of sufficient age and standing up
it is fit that the petition be granted, having reference to the degree and condition of the child, and that

Mary N. Smith, his widow

Emery P. Smith, late of Stow,
deceased

45953.

Abby Jennette Smith Adoption



Daniel Sharp Ford of Boston & Sarah E. Ford "wife of said..."

WHEREAS you have petitioned this Court for leave to adopt Abby Jennette Smith a child born on the twenty second day of October A. D. 1859, and for a change of her name, and the written consent required by law has been given thereto; now therefore,

"name be changed to Emma Jennette Ford"

Abby Jennette Smith, "a child born on the twenty second day of October A.D. 1859"

Abby Jennette Smith Adoption

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Can. J. Burford & Co., Printers, 120-120-120.

PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF CHILD.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. In the County of Hancock Court, March Term, A. D. 1886.

To the Hon. John W. Boise Judge of said Court:

YOUR PETITIONER John E. Pashean and Susie W. Pashean (nee Williamson) his wife of Rockbank Township in said County, would respectfully show unto your Honor: That they are residents of said County, and child of George Pashean deceased, and that the name of said child is John Albert Pashean that it was of the age of 3 1/2 years on the twenty first day of January last, and is a male child. And further, that your petitioner desire the name of said child changed to that of John Albert Pashean. Your petitioner would further show unto your Honor, that the father of said child is dead, but the mother of said child is still living and consents to the adoption of said child by your petitioner, as will appear from written consent filed herewith. And further, that the marriage of the parents of said child was solemnized in Hancock County, Illinois, on the 27th day of March, 1885, in Rockbank Township. Their then residence was Margaret Colleton nee Miller husband and wife. That the children of the mother of said child, being the latter part of May or 1885, and now is in County Court, Rockbank Township, Illinois, being a 2 1/2 years old, and your petitioner, and also the father of said child, were at that time in the County of Hancock, Illinois, and that your petitioner were in the County of Hancock, Illinois, on the 27th day of January, 1886, and that your petitioner are of sufficient ability to bring up the child and furnish suitable nurture and education and that it is fit and proper that such adoption should be made - that the child has no guardian and that it would, therefore, be to the interest of said child to become the adopted child of your petitioner.

Your petitioner would further show, that the mother of said child has had due notice of the time when, and the place where this application would be made, as will appear by a copy of such notice filed herewith.

Your petitioner would, therefore, pray this Honorable Court to make an order declaring said child to be the adopted child of your petitioner and capable of inheriting their estate, and that the name of said child be changed in accordance with said as provided by the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, approved February 27, A. D. 1874.

John E. Pashean
Susie W. Pashean

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
Hancock COUNTY, } ss. John E. Pashean and Susie W. Pashean his wife
the above named petitioners, being duly sworn, depose and say that the facts contained in the above petition by them subscribed, are true according to the best of their knowledge, information and belief.

John E. Pashean
Susie W. Pashean
Petitioners

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 27th day of March A. D. 1886.

H. H. Stecker Notary Public

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
COUNTY, } I, _____ the child for
whose adoption the within petition is filed, being above the age of fourteen years, do hereby join in said petition, and consent to become the adopted child of _____ the petitioner herein.

NOTICE TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION OF CHILD.

To Mrs. Margaret E. Pashean (widow of George Pashean)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That I shall, on the 27th day of March 1886, and at the hour of 9 o'clock A. M., of said day, or as soon thereafter as I can be heard, present to the County Court of Hancock County, in the State of Illinois, my petition asking for an order of said Court, declaring your minor child, John Albert Pashean to be an adopted child, and also changing the name of the same in accordance with said as provided by Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, approved February 27, 1874; when and where you can appear and file objections to such application, if you desire so to do.

Dated this 25th day of March 1886.

John E. Pashean
Susie W. Pashean
Petitioners

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CONSENT OF PARENT TO ADOPTION OF CHILD.

I, Margaret E. Pashean (widow of George Pashean) in the County of Hancock and State of Illinois, being the mother of John Albert Pashean a minor child of mine, do hereby consent to the adoption of said child by John E. Pashean and Susie W. Pashean his wife in manner and form as provided by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, approved February 27, A. D. 1874.

Dated this 27th day of March 1886.

Margaret E. Pashean

CONSENT OF PARENT TO ADOPTION OF CHILD.

I, _____ of _____ in the County of _____ and State of Illinois, _____ a minor child of mine, do hereby consent to the adoption of said child by _____ in manner and form as provided by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, approved February 27, A. D. 1874.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 18__.

ORDER DECLARING CHILD ADOPTED.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. In the _____ Court of _____ County,
_____ County, }
_____ Term, A. D. 18__.

In the Matter of the Petition of _____

for an Order declaring _____

to be _____ adopted child.

AND NOW on this day, the above case coming on to be heard upon the petition and proofs adduced in support of the facts therein stated, and it appearing to the Court, from the petition and evidence herein, that said petitioner _____ resident of said County, and desire to adopt said child; that said child is a _____ and of the age of _____ years on the _____ day of _____ A. D. 18__ And further, that said petitioner desire the name of said child changed to that of _____ That the _____ of said child is dead, but the _____ is still living, and consents to the adoption of said child by said petitioner; and further, that _____

and that it would, therefore, be to the interest of said child to be the adopted child of said petitioner.

And it further appearing that the _____ of said child has had due notice of the time when, and the place where, said petitioner would make the application for an order in this case; it is therefore, ordered and adjudged by the Court, that the said _____ be the adopted child of said petitioner and capable of inheriting _____ estate; that the name of said child be changed to that of _____ and that said petitioner pay the costs of this proceeding.

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PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF CHILD.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
Hancock County. } ss. In the *County* Court, *March* Term, A. D. 18*86*.

To the Hon. *John B. Reese* Judge of said Court:

YOUR PETITIONER *s* *John E. Pershin and Susie W. Pershin (nee Williams), his wife*
of *Rock Creek Township* in said County, would respectfully show unto your Honor: That *they are* resident *s* of said County, and *are*
desirous of adopting a child so as to render it capable of inheriting *their* estate. That the name of said child is *John Albert Pershin*
, that it was of the age of *Six* years on the *twenty first*
day of *January* last, and is a *male* child. ~~And further, that your petitioner desire the name of said child changed to that of~~

Your petitioner would further show unto your Honor, that the *father*
of said child is dead, but the *Mother of said child* is still living and consents to the

adoption of said child by your petitioner, as will appear from written consent filed herewith. And further, that *the names of the parents of said*
child are George Pershin (who died about March 4, 1885, in Taylor County Iowa, their then residence) and
Margaret E. Pershin (nee Yetter, his wife); that the residence of the mother of said
child since the latter part of March 1885 was and now is in Genley County Missouri her post office
address being at Embury, that County, but now is in this Hancock County on a visit with
said child and that the child has been with your petitioners for several weeks past and under
their care that your petitioners were married in this County, February 24, 1881 - their
post office address Adrian and that your petitioners are of sufficient ability to
bring up the child and furnish suitable nurture and education and that it is fit
and proper that such adoption should be made - that the child has no guardian
and that it would, therefore, be to the interest of said child to become the adopted child of your petitioner *s*.

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is living, and consents to the adop

For order see Probate Journal P. page

CONSENT OF PARENT TO ADOPTION OF CHILD.
 I, Margaret C. Pershin, in the County of Hancock,
 a minor child of mine, do hereby consent to
 in manner and form as provided by an Act of the General
 February 27, A. D. 1874.
 Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of March, 1876.
Margaret C. Pershin

CONSENT OF PARENT TO ADOPTION OF CHILD.
 I, _____, in the County of _____,
 a minor child of mine, do hereby consent to
 in manner and form as provided by an Act of the General
 February 27, A. D. 1874.
 of _____ 18__

ORDER DECLARING CHILD ADOPTED.
 In the _____ Court of _____ County,
 Term, A. D. 18__
 do Petition of _____
 adopted child.
 case coming on to be heard upon the petition and proofs adduced in support of the facts therein stated, and it appearing
 herein, that said petitioner _____ resident of said County, and desire to adopt said child; that said child is a
 year on the _____ day of _____ A. D. 18__ And further, that said petitioner desire
 That the _____ of said child is dead, but the
 is living, and consents to the adoption of said child by said petitioner; and further, that
 and that it would, therefore, be to the interest of said child to be adopted child of said petitioner.

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the above named petitioner, being duly sworn, depose and say that the facts contained in the above petition by _____ subscribed, are true according to
 the best of _____ knowledge, information and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 27th day of March, A. D. 1876.
John E. Pershin
Sarah W. Pershin
H. M. Hecker Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
 COUNTY,) I, _____ the child for
 whose adoption the within petition is filed, being above the age of fourteen years, do hereby join in said petition, and consent to become the adopted child of
 the petitioner herein.

NOTICE TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION OF CHILD.
 To Mrs. Margaret C. Pershin, Guardian of George Pershin
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That I shall, on the 27th day of March, 1876, and at the hour of _____ o'clock
 A. M., of said day, or as soon thereafter as I can be heard, present to the _____ County Court of Hancock County, in the
 State of Illinois, my petition asking for an order of said Court, declaring your minor child, John Albert Pershin
 to be an adopted child, and also changing the name of George Pershin to John Albert Pershin and
 as provided by Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, approved February 27, 1874; when and
 where you can appear and file objections to such application, if you desire so to do.
 Dated this 25th day of March, 1876.
John E. Pershin
Sarah W. Pershin
 Petitioners

And it further appearing that the _____ of said child has had due notice of the time when, and the place where, said petitioner would make the
 application for an order in this matter; it is therefore, ordered and adjudged by the Court, that the said
 be the adopted child of said petitioner and capable of inheriting _____ estate; that the name of said child be changed to that of
 and that said petitioner pay the costs of this proceeding.

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County Court Record, Fourteenth Day, March Term, 1876. March 22, 1876

and in the presence of each other and that they believe said testator was of sound mind and memory of full age and senses no restraint at the time he executed the same or and in his last will and testament. It is therefore ordered that the same be taken as duly proven to be the true last will and testament of the deceased and that the same be recorded as such.

And now on this day comes in John E. Pershin Administrator of the Estate of David A. Pershin deceased and files his account in the examination of the said David A. Pershin his Receiver and Director of said estate. And the Court having examined the same and being fully advised in the premises Order the same filed be recorded.

Ordered that said account be returned to the Court on Monday Morning 27th March 1876 to Judge
Publishing Morning March 31st 1876
Clerk's Office in accordance with the order of the Court

John A. Pershin
State of Illinois
County of Cook
In the County Court
March Term 1876
In the matter of the petition of John E. Pershin and Susie Pershin his wife for the adoption of the child of John A. Pershin to be their adopted child.

On this day came the said petitioners by their attorneys their attorneys and their being testifies in the hearing here and there in and there this Court says in to be heard and sent the petition herein and the proof heard in open Court in this behalf including the testimony of Madge & Pershin the mother of said child: Also consideration whereof and being fully advised in the premises the Court finds that the said John A. Pershin and Susie Pershin are fit persons to be the parents of the child and that they having

1. John A. Pershin, A Minor Order Adopting Child
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in State of Illinois
Hancock County
In the County Court
March Term A. D. 1886.
In the Matter of the petition of John E
W. Pershin and Susie W. Pershin his wife } Order and decree
Order declaring John
an adopted child
and the said petitioners by Ma-
rriages and this being the time
and therefore and here
to be heard upon the petition
and the proofs heard in open Court in this behalf
including the testimony of Margaret E. Pershin the
mother of said child: Upon consideration whereof
and being fully advised in the premises the Court finds
that the said John E. Pershin and Susie W. Pershin
nee Williams are husband and wife they having

...including the testimony
of Margaret E. Pershin the
mother of said child...

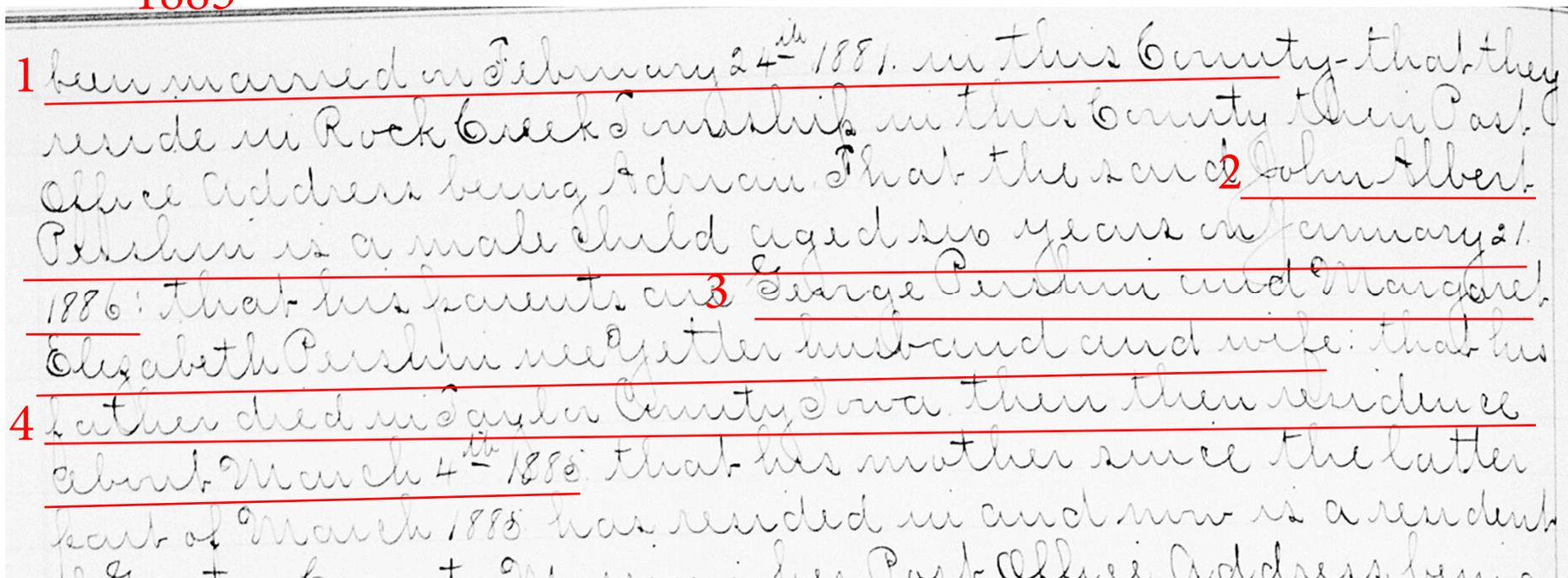
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in State of Illinois }
Hancock County }
In the County Court }
March Term A. D. 1886. }
In the Matter of the petition of John E }
W. Pershin and Susie W. Pershin his wife } Order and decree
petitioners for an Order declaring John }
Albert Pershin to be their adopted child }
On this day came the said petitioners by Ma- }
and this being the time }
therefor and here }
and upon the petition }
for Court in this behalf }
Robert E. Pershin the }
After consideration whereof }
and being fully advised in the premises the Court finds }
That the said John E. Pershin and Susie W. Pershin }
nee Williams are husband and wife they having }

That the said John E. Pershin and Susie W. Pershin nee Williams are husband and wife...

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1. John & Susie (mentioned previous page) married Feb. 24, 1881, Hancock County
2. John Albert Pershin, male, age 6 years on Jan. 21, 1886
3. John's parents, George Pershin and Margaret Elizabeth Pershin nee Yetter husband and wife
4. John's father died Taylor Co., Iowa, (their residence), ca. March 4, 1885



1 been married on February 24th 1881. in this County - that they
reside in Rock Creek Township in this County their Post
Office Address being Adrian. That the said 2 John Albert
Pershin is a male child aged six years on January 21
1886: that his parents are 3 George Pershin and Margaret
Elizabeth Pershin nee Yetter husband and wife: that his
4 father died in Taylor County Iowa. then their residence
about March 4th 1885. that his mother since the latter
part of March 1885 has resided in and now is a resident
of Taylor County Iowa. her Post Office Address being

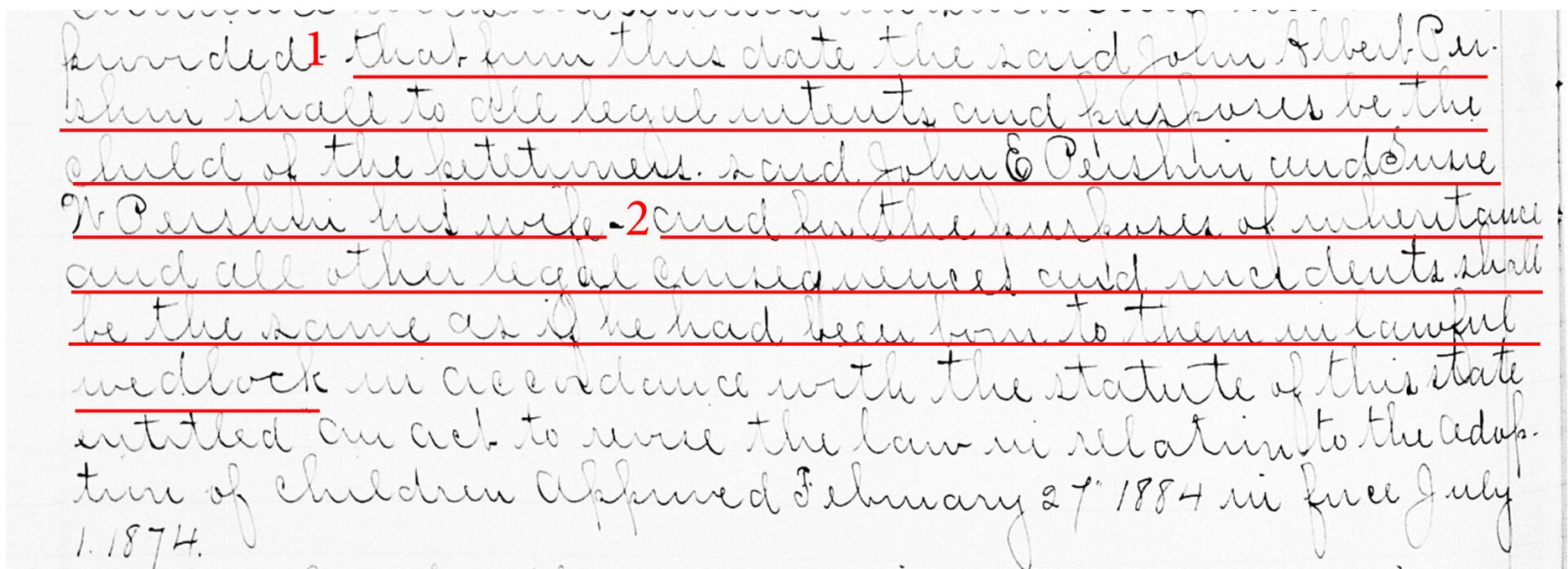
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1. John's father, George, died Taylor Co., Iowa, (their residence), ca. March 4, 1885
2. John's mother, Margaret, resided Gentry Co., Missouri (since latter part of March 1885)
3. John has no guardian & has been living with the petitioners (John and Susie) for several weeks

1 Pershri is a male child aged six years in January 21, 1886: that his parents are George Pershri and Margaret Elizabeth Pershri nee Yetter husband and wife: that his father died in Taylor County, Iowa, their then residence about March 4th 1885: that his 2 mother since the latter part of March 1885 has resided in and now is a resident of Gentry County, Missouri her Post Office Address being at Strawberry 3 that said child has no guardian and has been with the petitioners in several weeks last past

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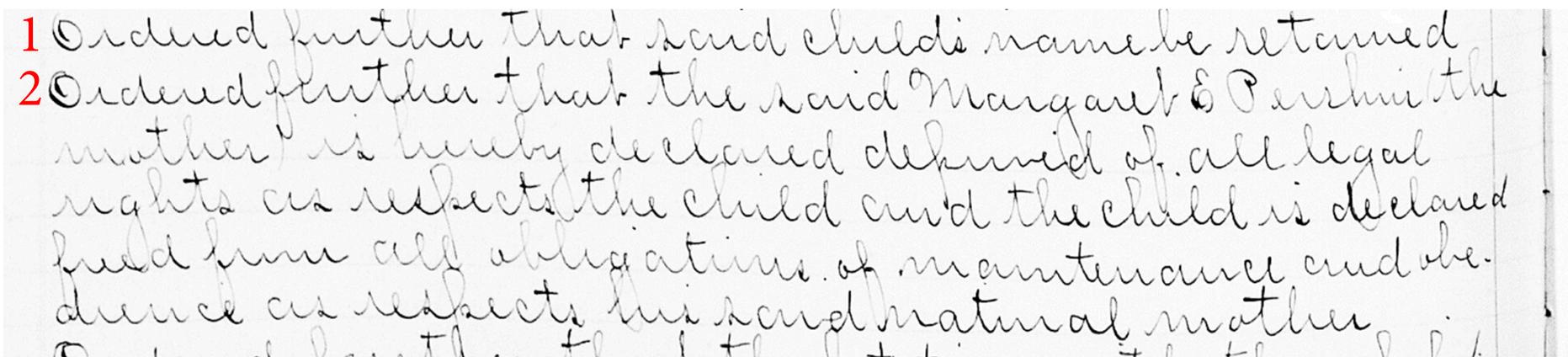
1. “...that fromt this date the said John Albert Pershin shall to all legal intents and purposes be the child of the petitioners, said John E. Pershin and Susie W. Pershin his wife...”
2. “And further purposes of inheritance and all other legal consquences and incidents shall be the same as if he had been born to them in lawful wedlock...”



provided **1** that from this date the said John Albert Pershin shall to all legal intents and purposes be the child of the petitioners, said John E. Pershin and Susie W. Pershin his wife. **2** and in the purposes of inheritance and all other legal consequences and incidents shall be the same as if he had been born to them in lawful wedlock in accordance with the statute of this state entitled an act to revise the law in relation to the adoption of children Approved February 27 1884 in force July 1. 1874.

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1. “Ordered further that the said child’s name be retained” (Johan Albert Pershin)
2. “Ordered further that the said Margaret E. Pershin the mother...deprived of all legal rights as respects the child and the child is declared free from all obligations of maintenance and obedience as respects his said natural mother”



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1. Petitioners: John Cook and Idell Cook his wife of Newark, Essex County, New York
2. Adoptee: Lawrence Eugene Hibbler, age 8 on 20 Aug 1880
3. Lawrence was born and resides in Newark

1 The petition of John Cook and Idell Cook his wife of the city of Newark in the County of Essex, respectfully shew, That they are desirous of adopting Lawrence Eugene Hibbler a minor of the age of eight years, on the Twentieth day of August last. 3 That said minor was born and now resides in said city of Newark. That the said minor is the son of Jacob Hibbler who is fifty five years of age, and resides in the city of Newark. That the mother of the said minor was the second wife of the said Jacob Hibbler, and that she is now deceased.

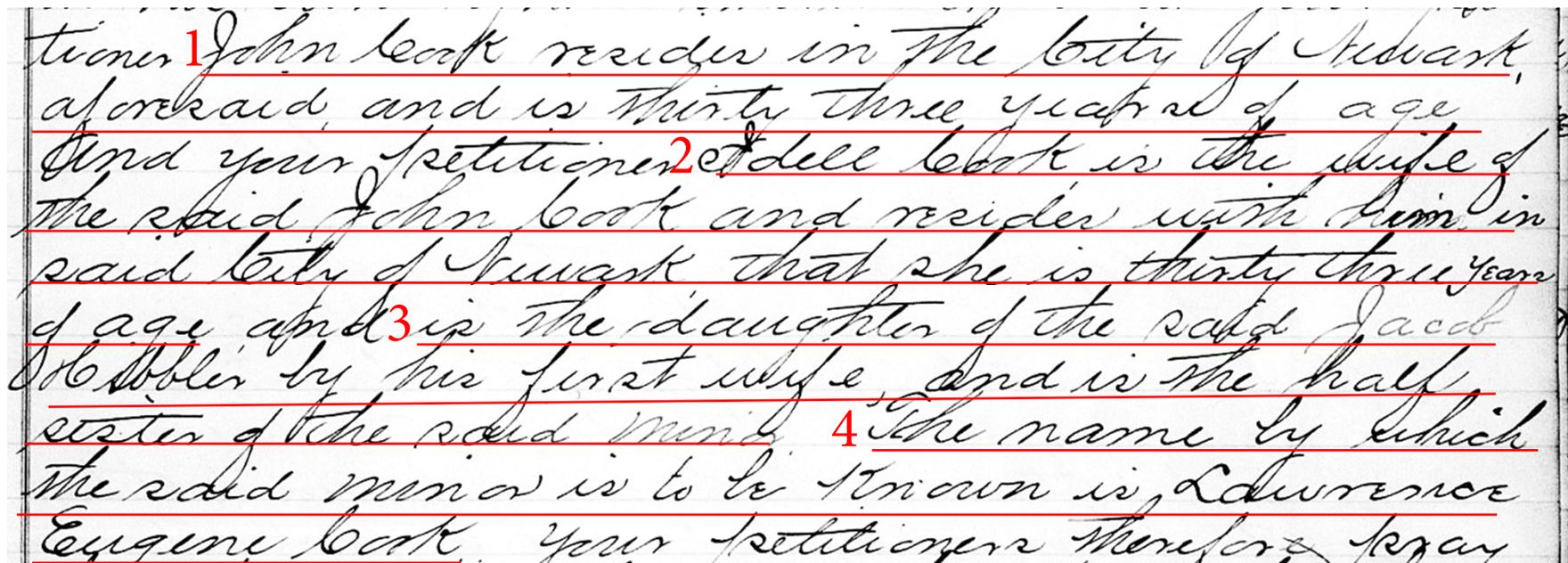
Lawrence Eugene Hibbler Adoption

1. Lawrence Eugene Hibbler is the son of Jacob Hibbler
2. Jacob Hibbler is 65 years of age and resides in the city of Newark
3. Lawrence's mother was the 2nd wife of Jacob Hibbler and is now deceased

The petition of John Cook and Idell Cook his wife of the city of Newark in the County of Essex, respectfully shew, That they are desirous of adopting Lawrence Eugene Hibbler a minor of the age of eight years, on the Twentieth day of August last. That said minor was born and now resides in said city of Newark. That the said minor 1 is the son of Jacob Hibbler 2 who is fifty five years of age, and resides in the city of Newark, 3 That the mother of the said minor was the second wife of the said Jacob Hibbler, and that she is now deceased.

Lawrence Eugene Hibbler Adoption

1. Petitioner John Cook resides in Newark and is 33 years of age
2. Petitioner Idell Cook, wife of John, resides in Newark and is 33 years of age
3. Idell is the daughter of Jacob Hibbler by his 1st wife and half sister to Lawrence
4. Lawrence's name be change from Lawrence Eugene Hibbler to Lawrence Eugene Cook



tioner **1** John Cook resides in the City of Newark, aforesaid, and is thirty three years of age. And your petitioner **2** Idell Cook is the wife of the said John Cook and resides with him in said City of Newark that she is thirty three years of age and **3** is the daughter of the said Jacob Hibbler by his first wife, and is the half sister of the said minor. **4** The name by which the said minor is to be known is, Lawrence Eugene Cook. Your petitioners therefore pray

Lawrence Eugene Hibbler Adoption

1. Consent of Jacob Hibbler for his son to be adopted by John and Idell Cook
2. Dated 1 October 1880
3. Jacob Hibbler's name written by the county clerk (as this is recorded in the clerk's copybook)

1 I Jacob Hibbler of the County of Newark, ^{Essex} County New Jersey do hereby consent to the adoption of my son Lawrence Eugene, a minor of the age of eight years, by John Cook and Idell Cook his wife of the said County. Witness my hand this 2^d First day of October A.D. 1880
of 3 Jacob Hibbler.

Lawrence Eugene Hibbler Adoption

1. That the petition be filed with the Clerk of the Court
2. 12 October 1880 – date of the hearing on the adoption

1 On the presentation of the foregoing petition to the Court, it is ordered that the same be filed with the Clerk of this Court, and 2 that Tuesday the Twelfth day of October instant be appointed for the hearing of said petition, and the examination under oath of the parties in interest.

Dated Oct. 12th 1880

Ludlow McCarter
President Judge
of the Probate Court

Lawrence Eugene Hibbler Adoption

2

I Jacob Hibbler of the County of New York, County of Sullivan, do hereby consent to the adoption of my son Lawrence Eugene, a minor of the said Eight years, by John Cook and Edell Cook his wife of the said City. Witness my hand this first day of October, A.D. 1880
 of Jacob Hibbler

Now on the first day of October A.D. Eighteen hundred and eighty before me the subscriber, a master in chancery of Sullivan, personally appeared Jacob Hibbler, I know to me to be the person who signed the foregoing instrument of consent, and having made known to him the contents thereof he did acknowledge that he signed the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Joseph R. Brown
 No. 6. 6.

On the presentation of the foregoing petition to the Court it is ordered that the same be filed with the clerk of this Court, and that Tuesday the twelfth day of October instant be appointed for the hearing of said petition, and the examination under oath of the parties in interest.

Dated Oct 12 1880

Ludlow McCarter
 President Judge
 of Sullivan

Exec. Order of Court.

In the matter of the petition of John Cook and Edell Cook, for the adoption of Lawrence Eugene Hibbler.

The petition in this case having been duly filed, and the Court having appointed a day for a hearing thereon, and having on said day proceeded to a full hearing of the petition,

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examination of the parties in interest under oath, and the receipt being of the opinion from the testimony that the facts stated in the petition are true and being satisfied upon examination, that the petitioners are of good moral character and of reputable standing in the community and of ability and desirability to maintain and educate the child should it be adopted, having reference to the degree and condition in life of the child's parents, and further more that the best interests of the child will be promoted by the proposed adoption. Now therefore, the Court doth adjudge and decree that the said petition is granted, and that the said minor child heretofore known by the name of Lawrence Eugene Hibbler, and born the son of Jacob Hibbler shall be, in adoption, the child of John and Edell Cook, and shall be known hereafter by the name Lawrence Eugene Cook, and the Court doth further declare, and adjudge that from the date of this decree the mother, duties, privileges and relations heretofore existing between the said minor child Lawrence Eugene and his father, (and only surviving parent) Jacob Hibbler shall be in all respects at an end, excepting the right of inheritance, and further that the mother, duties, privileges and relations between the said child Lawrence Eugene and his parents by adoption, the said John and Edell Cook shall heretofore in all respects be the same, including the right of inheritance as if the said child had been born to said adopted parents in lawful wedlock, except only as is provided otherwise in an act entitled "An act providing for the adoption of children," approved March 9 1877.

Dated this 12th day of October A.D. Eighteen hundred and eighty

Ludlow McCarter
 President Judge
 Stephen H. Hibbler

Granted & Recorded, October 12, 1880
 C. C. Brown, Clerk, Sullivan

Lawrence Eugene Hibbler Adoption

Jury Lists

- May be found in lists for a specific court
- May be found in records of a court case
- May be alphabetical for a court term
- May identify jurors by type of jury:
 - Grand jury
 - Petit jury

| | | | | | |
|----|---|-------------------|----|---|---------------------|
| 3 | B | Benson Chas W | 30 | F | Ford J. W |
| 4 | | Bird James | 31 | | Furvell A. J. |
| 5 | | Brisson Claudus C | 32 | | Furvell M. B. |
| | | | 33 | | Furvell Chas E |
| | | | 34 | | Farr Rev. J. |
| | | | 35 | | Fay W. H. J. |
| 6 | C | Cutledge Ben. W | 36 | | Fay Jas E. |
| 7 | | Creech Frank C | 37 | | Fisher Byron G |
| 8 | | Coleman Allen T. | | | |
| 9 | | Cranford Jas E | | G | |
| 10 | | Cranway Baseman A | 38 | | Graham Byron E |
| 11 | | Cranway Lewis B | 39 | | Grovesime Barbara H |
| | | | 40 | | Ginn Hamman |
| | | | 41 | | Gunnison A M |
| | | | 42 | | Guyton Chas P. |
| 12 | D | Dasher Homer R | 43 | | Graham Wain A |
| 13 | | Dasher Jas M | 44 | | Graham Lewis B |
| 14 | | Dasher Wlad E | 45 | | Graham Jacob M |
| 15 | | Dasher Warner A | 46 | | Graham Alvin O |
| 16 | | DeWitt Jacob A | 47 | | Greene W. T. |
| 17 | | Dasher Jas M | 48 | | Grippin W W |
| 18 | | DeWitt Jas J | 49 | | Ginger H M |
| 19 | | Dasher Ben J. | | | |
| 20 | | Duggan W. B. | | | |

Alphabetical List

I have served the within writ by reading the same
to the within named Samuel Jackson Richard Clark
William Can John P Carle John Sharp James W Dudley
Ryon Brittingham Joseph Harness Henry M Shepherd
Stedman Nash Joseph Powell William Richards
Hiram Rogers Henry Root Western Mearns Lynch
McKinney Stephen Booth Jr. Aaron Taylor James
M Crawford & James McVitt September 10th
A D 1846 James M Titman Sheriff A C J C S
By W W REX Dep

I cannot in my county find the within named
William Kirby John A Collier & John B Hobbs
Sept 19th 1846 J M Titman Sheriff A C J C S
By W W REX Dep

Filed September 19th 1846
James & John
Dover N.H.

Proof of Juror Notification

List of Jurors

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1 G. W. Carter | D 3 |
| 2 J. Martin | 3 D |
| 3 Charles. Irwin | P 9 |
| 4 W. F. Manspeaker | |
| 5 Jacob Betts | P 3 |
| 6 J. D. Dailley | |
| 7 John Wilson | P C |
| 8 J. W. Smith | P 5 |
| 9 F. J. Pearson | D H |
| 10 J. A. Temple | D 6 |
| 11 Josiah Faber | |
| 12 Keri Purdue | P 4 |
| 13 B. F. Boyd | |
| 14 Mr. Janderson | P |
| 15 Luke Wright | D |

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VERDICT OF JURY.

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The State of Nebraska, }
Dawson County. } ss.

TERM, A. D. 18

TO - WIT: October 3^d 1874

Herbert Hunt

Plaintiff,

vs. Leonard G. Brooker

Defendant.

We, the Jury in this Case, being duly impaneled
and sworn ~~and affirmed~~

do find and say that
we find a verdict in
favor of Defendant

O. C. Byrd
J. Haber
A. B. Johnson
J. I. Smith
W. F. Manspecker
Benj. F. Krier

Jury Verdict

Witness Lists

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- If a list in a case, examine for
 - Relatives on the plaintiff side
 - Relatives on the defendant side

| Witnesses Summoned | | | | Before Grand Jury | | | |
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| August | | | | Term 1867 | | | |
| | | Aug. | 6 | 1867 | lines at | Jack M Donnell | Aug. 8. 1867. |
| Ex | Thos R. Williamson | " | " | " | Dr Shubert | Daniel White (F) | " |
| Ex | W H Prigue | " | " | " | " | Dick (F) | " |
| Ex | J M Shipman | " | " | " | " | R. L. Donnelly | " |
| Ex | John Gilmore | " | " | " | lines at | W W Cox | " |
| Ex | Charles Gilmore | " | " | " | W Vaggart | Eliza Spraggin (F) | " |
| Ex | M B McCreary | " | " | " | " | Rhody M Pherson | " |
| Ex | M C Gibbs | " | " | " | lines at | Wells Harvey (F) | " |
| Ex | Wm Otley | " | " | " | For A. Harvey | Isaac Harvey (F) | " |
| Ex | Wm Green | " | " | " | Ex | John Dowdle | " |
| Ex | Joseph M Street | " | " | " | Ex | Edw Chamberlain | " |
| Ex | Sid Street | " | " | " | on docket | George Fitch (F) | " |
| Ex | James H. Butler | " | " | " | Wm's place | Hardy Ryan (F) | " |
| Ex | B. C. Dancy | " | " | " | " | Edith Prang (F) | " |
| Ex | L. S. Powell | " | " | " | " | Maria Brownigg (U) | " |
| Ex | Dr A. Reynolds | " | " | " | " | Allen Brownigg (U) | " |
| Ex | Wm L. M Hopkins | " | " | " | " | James M Carter | " |
| Ex | George Fisher | " | " | " | " | M K Cahn | " |
| Ex | Henry Timberlake | " | " | " | " | Lo Hirschman | " |
| Ex | L. A Middleton | " | " | " | " | James C. Little | " |
| Ex | Jason C. Davis | " | " | " | " | Ezekiel Cobb | " |
| | | | | | | Joe Urean (F) | " |

Witnesses List Before Grand Jury

OTTAWA PROBATE COURT.

No.

Style of Case.

Insanity

Against.

J J Zortman

Verdict.

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|--|-------------|-------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------|---|----|
| Dr Bartlett + | 25 | 4 | 75 | W D Bowland | 25 | 2 | 00 |
| Dr J Mc Miller | | 4 | 25 | William Snider x | 25 | 2 | 00 |
| J M Zortman | | | | Harman Vethoff x | 25 | 2 | 75 |
| Sarah Zortman + | | 2 | 75 | Wred Camper x | 25 | 2 | 00 |
| Caroline Long x | 25 | 2 | 75 | Henry Snider x x | 25 | 2 | 75 |
| Elisabeth Long ^{Meyer} + | 25 | 2 | 75 | James Enright | 25 | 2 | 75 |
| Elisabeth Jackson | 25 | 2 | 75 | Donald G. Snider | 25 | 2 | 75 |
| Thomas Ruden + | 25 | 2 | 75 | James W. Wright | 25 | 2 | 75 |
| John Brinkley | 25 | 2 | 75 | Wm L Lewis x | 25 | 2 | 75 |
| Henry Reynolds | | | 75 | John B. Lucky | | | |
| James Short | 25 | 2 | 75 | John Andrus | 25 | 2 | 00 |
| | | | | Jacob M Zortman + | 25 | 2 | 75 |
| | | | | John Young x | 25 | 2 | 00 |
| | | | | John P Davis + | 25 | 2 | 00 |
| | | | | Charles E Bairbridge | 2 | | 75 |
| | | | | John C Snider | 25 | 2 | 00 |
| | | | | John W Young | 25 | 2 | 00 |
| | | | | James Shepards | 25 | 2 | 00 |
| | | | | Frank Kendall | 25 | | |

Oct 12-1876. D. Gangerer not having been certified here & James Enright having been here but not certified by D. Robinson Probate Judge it was ordered by me that J. Enright draw the D. Gangerer order for his individual pay of \$12.00
 D. Robinson Probate Judge

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|--|-------------|-------|
| Dr Bartlett | 25 | 45 |
| Doct Mc Miller | 4 | 25 |
| <u>J M Kortman</u> | | |
| <u>Sarah Kortman</u> | 1 | 75 |
| Caroline Long * | 25 | 2 |
| Elisabeth ^{Moffrey} Long * | 25 | 2 |
| Elisabeth Jackson | 25 | 2 |
| Thomas Pruden * | 25 | 2 |
| John Brinkley | 25 | 2 |
| Henry Blanchard | | 175 |
| James Shorter | 25 | 2 |

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| Deed Mc Miller | | 4 25 | William Snider | 25 | 2 00 |
| <u>J M Zortman</u> | | | Harman Uthoff | 25 | 2 75 |
| <u>Sarah Zortman</u> | | 1 75 | Fred Camper | 25 | 2 00 |
| Caroline Long | 25 | 2 75 | Mary Snider | 25 | 2 75 |
| Elisabeth ^{Muller} Long | 25 | 2 75 | James Enright | | |
| Elisabeth Jackson | 25 | 2 75 | Harriet Gansper | 25 | 2 75 |
| Thomas Pluden | 25 | 2 75 | James W Wright | 25 | 2 75 |
| John Brinkley | 25 | 2 75 | Wm L Lewis | 25 | 2 75 |
| Henry Hynth | | 75 | John B Lucky | | |
| James Short | 25 | 2 75 | John Andrus | 25 | 2 00 |
| | | | <u>Jacob M Zortman</u> | 25 | 2 75 |
| | | | John Young | 25 | 2 00 |
| | | | John P Davis | 25 | 2 00 |
| | | | John E Bainbridge | 2 | 75 |
| | | | John C Snider | 25 | 2 00 |
| | | | John W Young | 25 | 2 00 |
| | | | James Shepards | 25 | 2 00 |
| | | | Frank Kendall | 25 | |

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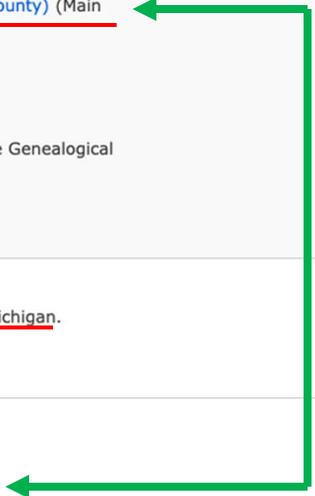
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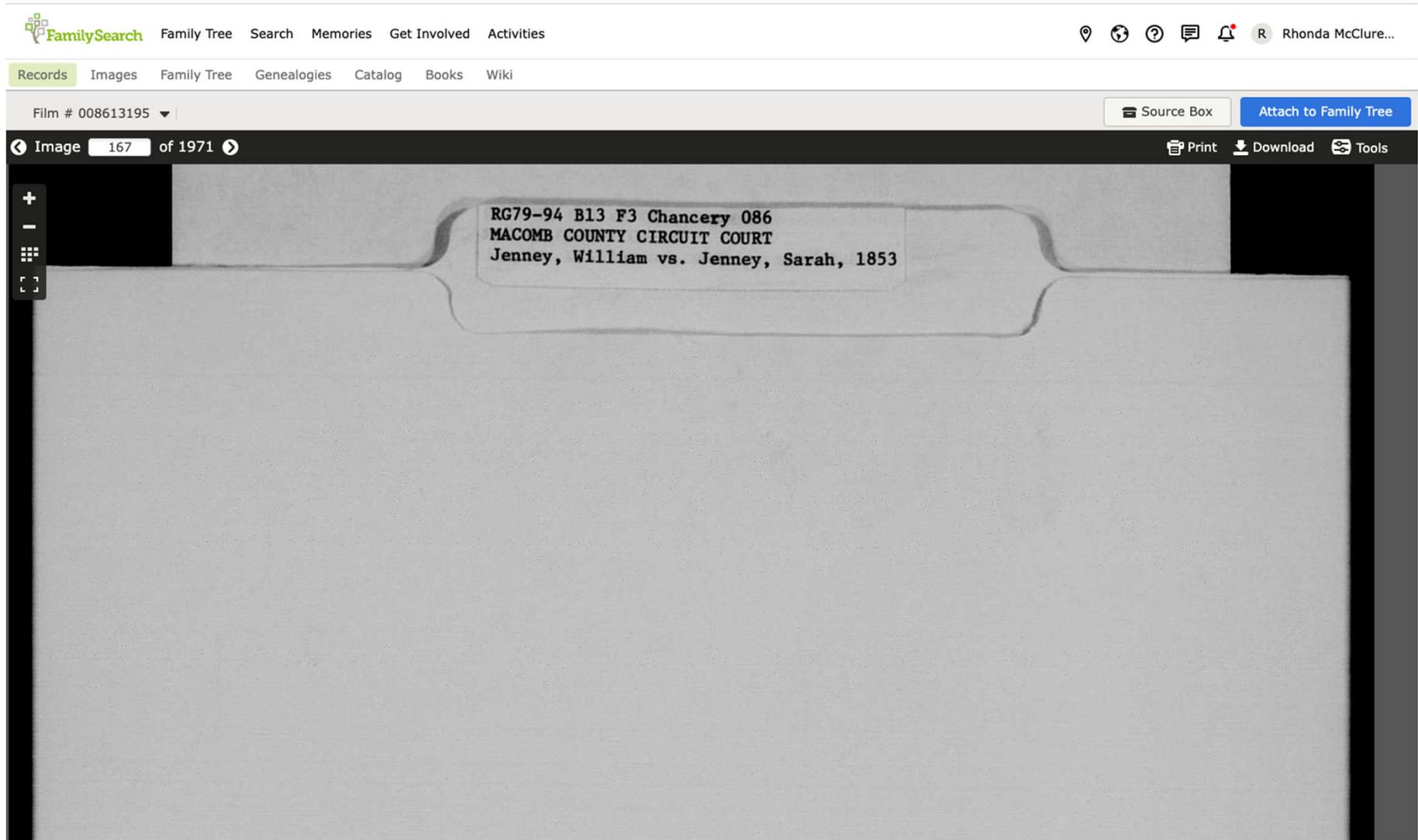
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