

No. 8781

Supreme Court of Illinois

Meredith Hawkins

vs.

Thomas Hunt, et al.,

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In the Supreme Court

Plaintain
Hunt & others v. 3 Env't to Supreme

1st The Court ^{below} rejected
Rescuerne to Bill & dism'g
Bill - absolutely & without leave to amend

H. S. Torbeck for
Plaintain

2 The Court below erred in
dismissing Bill for want of
equity in the case, it being an
a general Demurrer.

3 The Court below erred
in sustaining a general
demurrer to Comp W^t. Bill
& dism'g cause

Motion in Error Motion for prop
Brought & allowed in mo
for dñe

At a Circuit Court begun & held
at the Courthouse in Mt. Vernon, County of Jefferson & State
of Illinois - at the September Term A.D. 1852, before the Hon.
S. S. Marshall Presiding Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit
of the State of Illinois

Be it remembered that heeto fore (to wit) on the 28th day
of August A.D. 1852, ^{Brookings, Tapscott & Company, Plano.} Amelius Richard Nelson his Collector
and filed in the Clerk's Office of the Jefferson Circuit Court,
on the Chancery side thereof - his Bill, which of Complaint
is - which is in words & figures, as follows: -

State of Illinois }
Jefferson County } Jefferson Circuit - Sep-
tember Term, A.D. 1852.

into the Honorable
Samuel S. Marshall Presiding Judge of
the Jefferson Circuit in Chancery Duly

Your orator Merideth Gao-
kins respectfully sheweth to your
Honor that some time in the month of
April, A.D. 1852 one Crawford Loomis
who owned an improvement upon a tract of
land situated in Jefferson County containing
eighty-acres, it being Congress land, and
one Thomas Hunt who with your orator &
the said Loomis ^{are} all residents of ~~the~~ County of
Jefferson, did by the consent & agreement
of the said Loomis lay a Land warrant
upon this eighty-acre tract of land, upon

which the said Connor had said improvements
as aforesaid upon the terms following, that is to
say, that said Hunt was to pay his said —
warrant upon the said Connor's improvements
& the said Connor was to swap or exchange
them for a certain forty acre tract of land
situated in Jefferson County ~~oppo.~~ described
as follows, that is to say, S. E. 1/4 of 10 gr.
Section 27 T - 8 R. 3 East-containing forty
acres, And the said Hunt was also to have
an improvement on Congregate lands adjoining
the said forty-acre tract of land also
belonging to said Connor in addition to
said forty acres of divided land which was
owned by said Connor in full simple and
a certain Bond or writing obligating him
was therupon made & entered into between
the said Connor & the said Hunt by which
said Instrument they were mutually bound
to each other, as your orator has been in-
formed & believes to convey to each other
in fee the forty acre tract of land and
improvements for the said eighty acre
tract of land, according to the premises
hersin before laid down & specified & the said
Instrument was therupon handed to one
Grimes & Preston to hold for them, and
according to the terms of the said Instrument
the said conveyance to be made to the said Hunt
by the said Connor & by ~~the~~^{the} said Connor to the
said Hunt as soon as said Hunt could
make a deed to the eighty acre tract of
land upon which he either had laid or

was to lay his said warrant in accordance
with existing acts of Congress as which —
could not then be done immediately under
the law as it then stood — and the said
Hunt did also thereupon take possession of
the forty acres of land & the said improve-
ments, and said Connor took possession of
the said eighty acre tract of land, & have
since then ~~respectfully~~^{truly} occupied & improved
the said tracts of land according to their
said agreement of purchase. Your orator fur-
ther shows ~~to~~ to your Honor that at the time the
said Hunt & Connor made said ex-
change or swap, and executed the said con-
tract as aforesaid, the said Hunt was con-
siderably involved in debt & amongst others
owed your orator \$24.26. or thereabouts and
one Joel F. Watson about \$16, or so besides
a debt of \$10, to one Wilkinson — and
other debts besides to a large amount, and
such bring the situation to condition of the
said Hunt as regards his aforesaid real estate
and indebtedness to your orator & others.

In the said Hunt was in the act of removing
in a sly way from the County of Jefferson before
said & was actually at a considerable distance
on the high ~~high~~ road from his dwelling, when
your orator & one Joel F. Watson took out
process against the said Hunt for their
respective demands & your orator & one
Asa B. Watson, a constable of said cou-
nty pursued him, that the said Asa
B. Watson & your orator on overtaking
did not arrest him nor serve the process upon him but he
the said Hunt did then & there propose

after some alteration between your Orator
& him. & had the said Asa D. Watson
respecting the time & security & manner
of his the said Hunt's leaving home in
debt- as aforesaid, and your Orator and
the said fool getting afraid and running
out- the process aforesaid, at last propon-
ed to your orator to buy his said said
forty- acre tract of land and the said
improvements on Congress lands purchased
by him of said Common as aforesaid and
did offer & propose to take therefor the
sum of \$ 125- to be paid in seven fol-
lowing. that is to say. the said Hunt offered
to sell & convey your orator the said forty-
acre tract of land & improvements- on
Congress lands in consideration of your
Orator- paying off & discharging the debt-
due by him to Joel I. Watson as afores-
aid amounting to \$ 16. or so & also the
debt due by him to your orator \$ 24.26
together with costs & costs of both suits
amounting to \$ 43.91 & paying off a debt-
due by him the said Hunt to the said
Watson of \$ 10. in the aggregate & also
giving him the said Hunt his part
your Orator's promissory note- for the
balance of the said sum of \$ 125- after
deducting the aforesaid claims, payable
at Christmas following, which would be
about \$ 91. some odd cents, and which
said last mentioned note might also
be discharged by your orator by taking

up lifting or paying off claims or other
debts due by him the said Hunt - to the
amount of the said balance of \$ 91 some
odd cents as of onesaid & your orator
did may it please your Honor then &
^{and} there, to his the said Hunts ^{sitting} proposal
and did this & there settle & satisfy
the said claims of the said Joel G.
Watson & the satisfaction of the said
Hunt - & the said Asa B. Watson Con-
stable did return the said the said
process as sued out by your orator
& the said Joel G. Watson in full of
debt and cost, & your orator did ex-
ecute & deliver to him the said Hunt
his note for the said sum of \$ 91 some
odd cents & did also agree to settle
& pay off the said debt due by the said
Hunt to the said Wilkins so soon
as he got back to Mount Vernon, which
he has since then and immediately on his
arriving home paid or settled to the
^{satis}
satisfaction of the said Wilkins so, by
his agent Albion Taylor as can be
made appear, & that the said Hunt
did then & there in the presence of Asa
B. Watson & divers other persons who
some called upon to witness the trans-
action or bargain ofonesaid, verbally
in consideration of the premises sell &
convey to your orator the said for 4
acres tract of land & the said im-pro-
ments on Congrip lands & did then &
there express himself perfectly satisfied &

and declare that he gave your Oration
full possession of the aforesaid forty acre
tract of land and appurtenances and all
the rents & crops in fact every thing due or to
become due by way of rent upon the place
at that time worth about \$200, and fur-
ther told your Oration to take possession
thereof as well as of the said improvement
forthwith as he the said Hunt could
~~not~~ & would then go back & did also
call upon the said Wilson Constable
as apon said to witness that he the said
Hunt gave him possession of the said
premises & he the said Hunt further
stated ~~as~~ that as soon as he came
back to Jefferson County, which would
be at the ^{next} Circuit Court in Jefferson
County - aforesaid, he the said Hunt would
make him, your Oration a regular deed
of conveyance in fee to the apon said tract
of land so sold by him to your Oration
by verbal bargain as apon said, & forth-
~~that~~ directed your Oration to call upon
one Albert Conover who was living on
the said forty acre tract of land, for
the duplicate or certificate of entry
of said land which was in his the
said Hunts tract in the possession
of Conover & also to call upon F. D.
Brenton Esqr who held the said Bond
or writing between the said Hunt &
the said Conover, and get it, & your
Oration did accordingly obtain the said

duplicate, but Mr. Preston excused him
self from producing & giving up the said
Book to your Oraitor at that time on the
score of not being able to find it - but some
works afterwards told your Oraitor that he
had left it - with one James for safe-
keeping, your Oraitor further sheweth
unto your Honor that he did accordingly
on arriving home amongst other
things take possession of the said forty-
acre tract of land and improvements
on Congress lands and did notify Al-
bert-Crawford and one Sarah Ball who
were in possession of the premises last
before said either as tenants of the said
Hunt - or occupied the same under him
in some way - of the said purchase by him
of the said forty-acre tract of land &
improvements as aforesaid, & until the
said Hunt returned, without let-
molestation or hindrance of any kind
there did occupy papers enjoy & exercise
in as full and ample a manner as he could receive
~~over~~ & power have over the same ~~safe~~
owning up over the same without
~~and~~ actually residing on the premises
of all of which matters and things herein
before alledged, the said Crawford
Crawford here in before me mentioned
was fully apprised or at least as
far notified as to fully apprise him
of your Oraitors purchase of said forty-
acre tract of land & improvements, & his
having taken possession thereof by virtue
of said bargain & sale so verbailey made
by & between him & the said Hunt - as

can be ~~permitted~~ made appear before the
said Hunt - came back to Jefferson
County - as herein after mentioned &
fraudulently attempted, as herein after
mentioned to defeat & wrong your
orator in his said purchase, and to
oust him & eject him from the possession
of the said forty acre tract of land &
improvements, & to cause making him
a slave according to his said agree-
ment, so verbally by him made as aforesaid.

That the said note so
executed by your orator for the balance
was payable on or before the 25th day
of December next & your orator is
ready & willing when the same is
due, or soon how to pay the same or
debts or claims on the said Hunt ~~not~~
due by him, or in manner that this ~~honorable~~
Honorable Court should declare to be
just & equitable to the full amount -
Whereof, and he has in truth & fact
on his part, not only performed the
aforesaid contract in all things on his
part to be done & performed, but
has in truth in fact paid & sat-
isfied the whole of the consideration
money according to the true intent and
meaning & effect of the said verbal bar-
gain so made between him & the said ~~Hunt~~
^{actually} and did take possession of the premises
~~described~~ ^{embraced} in said verbal purchase as
before mentioned, pursuant to said

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contract, & is still in possession ~~of the~~ ^{things}
& your orator ~~says~~ ^{charges} that the performance
by him of the consideration by said verbal
bargain & sale in manner aforesaid,
and the doing & performing by him of
all things on his part to be done &
performed substantially and so far
as he was able or could do, the whole
of the consideration ~~being~~ ⁱⁿ a point of law
as well as ~~paid~~ ^{paid} off discharged & satisfied
first according to the spirit & effect
of ^{the} said agreement - did in equity &
good conscience entitle him to a deed
of conveyance in fee simple from the
said Hunt - on his return as aforesaid
to Jefferson County - in the spring
following Spring following the date
thereof, and does now ~~entitle~~ ^{entitle} him to
the said ~~forty~~ ^{forty} acre tract of land
with the appurtenances, from the said
Hunt - as he respectfully submits

But so it is may it -
Please your Honor, that the said Hunt
wholly unmerciful of the premises, sup-
posing ~~desperately~~ ^{desperately} that he could by art
& subterfuge evade & violate with
impunity - his aforesaid contract of
bargain & sale so made by him as
aforesaid, in manner following has
attempted to cheat, defraud & out manage
your orator in the premises, that is to
say, the said Conner and the said
Hunt - did fraudulently take the said

Bond or writing out of the hands of the
said Farmer & destroy the same before
your orator could find out where it
was, & further more he the said ^{proprietor} Connor
by some stratagem or other get into
of the dwelling house in which said Con-
nor resided or dwelt on the said
forty acre tract of land against your
orator's consent by means whereof they
the said Hunt & Connor believ'd your
orator's rights in the premises would
be thereby annihilated & destroyed, and
the truth is the said Connor igno-
rant & untrustward as he is in the
acts of fraud Chicanery and low cunning
has been so far misled by the said
Hunt, that he is actually in spite
of your orator & and the notice and
warning by him given to the said
Connor not to do so, living in the
said dwelling house in which the
said Connor did ^{live} and your orator
has frequently demanded a deed
of the said Hunt since the re-
turn of the said Hunt in the spring
as aforesaid, yet he the said Hunt
wholly refuses to make him a deed
according to his said contract all
of which is contrary to equity & good
faith as your orator charges &
contends, & your orator further
charges that the said Hunt &
Connor & the said Albert Connor

for me said sumt and am now
quest, or receipte for to him as
aforesaid & has besides got your
oratons made for the balance, which
he threatens to trade & transfer
before it becomes due to some
bonafide ayscue without notice
to the said Hunt bring at the same
time notoriously insolvent and for as
much as he is without security - save
in this Honorable Court where frauds
of this nature are peculiarly cognizable
and reuevable & when suits of
specific performance of contracts are
alone countained - he therefor prays
the aid thereof, and to these ends
that the said Crawford Connor
Thomas Hunt and Albert Connor
may be made dfts to this Bill &
may answer the same without
bring soon your oration fully & precisely
having their oath & shall upon
proof of the material allegation
of this Bill, your Honor may be
pleased to order and dicine the
said Hunt specifically to perform his
said contract of bargaine & sale
& that the said Connor may be like-
wise by deereff them of be ordered & compelled
with the said Hunt in making a
conveyance of the said for by aent
tract of land to your orator

your orator's former Tenant in point
of Law have fraudulently with others
other persons unknown to your
orator collected together for
the purpose of defrauding your
orator in the premises, and
endeavoring to make it appear
by the fraudulent destruction
of said writing as aforesaid
that the said contract of bargain
and sale was at an end &
that your orator was out of
possession of the forty^{acres} tract of
land, & the said Common in
possession as your orator believes
and carrying out fully their nefi-
cious design, the said Common has
since the said purchase by your
orator claimed the said occupa-
tion on Congreg lands & the said
Hunt has as your orator believes
entirely known that the said in-
provident bargained for & purchased
by your orator belongs to the said
Common, and so may it please
your Honor, by means of the pre-
miss your orator is not only
in danger of being cheated & defraud-
ed out of his said land so purchased
and paid for by him as aforesaid
but only claimed in the premises
in this Honorable Court heus ^{actually} last the

or make a deed of conveyance
to the said Hunt according to the
requestions of said writing oblig-
ating ordugeonable your Orator or
in case they refuse to comply —
with the decision of this Honorable
Court some suitable person as Commissioner ordered
to convey the same by proper —
deed of conveyance to your orator
^{their p[er]son & stead and} in ^{guilted}
that your orator be possessed in
the possession of the said forty acre
tract of land & improvements there-
with sold to your orator as ^{said} ~~for~~ ^{under}
a hearing hereof the said Hunt be enjoined
from selling or assigning your or-
ators said tract for \$75 or there abouts
and further that the said Hunt or
Commissioner or either of them ^{be required}, until a
hearing as aforesaid, ^{taking the rents as aforesaid} collect due on your orator
further ^{propos} that a suit of supersedeas
in chancery may issue &c
Commanding the said defendant to ap-
pear and answer this Bill & to
do & perform what shall be ordered
this Honorable Court — May make in the
premises & for such other & further
relief in the premises as your Honor
may sum meet & for so doing he will
ever pray as in duty bound —
Richd D Wilson
for Counsel —

State of Illinois }
Jefferson County }

This ^{first} instant

Hawkins being duly sworn according to law deposes & says that the matters & things in the fore-going Bill contained are true to the best of his knowledge & belief & so far as he has heard from Atkins, he believes he believes to be true & further he says wt sworn to & subscribe before me this 28th day of September A.D. 1832

Upon which said Bill in chasing the following file mark was enclosed

Filed August 28th 1832

John Williams

Clerk

Pro. T. B. Leonard, C.

Upon the filing of which said Bill
~~a. Stevens~~ the words & figures
~~following to wit~~ was found pro
the Clerks office of the Jefferson
Circuit Court in the words & figures
following to wit;

To the people
of the State of Illinois.

To the Sheriff
of Jefferson County - Greeting. We com-
mand you that you summon Thomas
Hornet, Crawford Connor & Albert

Cowger if he shall be found in your
County - to be & appear before the
Judge of our Circuit Court - at
the County of Jefferson & State
of Illinois on the first day of
the next term thereof, to be com-
menced & held at the Court-
House in the town of Mount Vernon
in said County on the third Mon-
day of September next to answer
unto Minidith Hawkins in a Bill
in Chancery - as he says and you
see this to shew this writ. Witness
John Wilbanks Clerk of said Court
at his office in Mount Vernon
this 28th day of August in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight-
hundred & fifty two and the
Seal of said Court affixed.

John Wilbanks
Clerk

B. A. Tammitt.

Upon the aforesaid Writ of Summons appear
the the following witness in the words &
figures following to wit -

Recd by de-
livering a true copy of the same to
Thomas Hunt & leaving a true copy
with a white person over ten years of
age at the residence of Crawford Com-
mon & Albert Cowger after telling the
afo-contents, Sept the 7th 1852

John D. Sullivan Sheriff
By W. N. O'Brien J.S.

And afterward, to wit: on the 25th day of September 1852, a decree was filed by the said Thomas Hunt in the words and figures following, to wit:

September Term of the Jefferson Circuit
Court A.D. 1852

Thomas Hunt &
Crawford Connor {
vs
Meredith Haishkins } Bill in Chancery

Thomas Hunt & the
said deft by Barragh Stonegate their
attys come & swearing & affirming all
and all ~~make~~ manner of exceptions
& for reasons to said Bill of Complaint
say that the material & things in Com-
plaints - Bill of complaint - as
there is set forth are not sufficient
to lay to entitle said Plaintiff to
a decree against him. And that

by law said defendant is not
bound further to answer & this
they are ready to certify & said
defts pray to be hence discharged
with the costs

Burroughs & Wm. Allen
for defts

upon which said demurrer of the
said Thomas Hunt - the following
filed Muster was endorsed

Filed Sept 25th 1852

Joh. Williams
Clerk

And afterward to-wit on the day &
year aforesaid the following demurrer
of Crawford Connor was filed
in the words & figures following to wit

September 25th 1852
Jefferson Circuit
Court - A.D. 1852

Crawford Connor
Thomas Hunt - {
Ats
Meredith Hawkins }

and the said
deft Crawford Connor ~~comps~~ & by
Burrough & Wm. Allen - his Atys
Saying & Swearing &c for answer
as counterplaints - bill herein filed
& says that the matters & things
hut contained as herein set forth

L charged are not sufficient in
law to entitle complainant
to a decree against him &
that by the law of the land he
is not bound further to ans-
wer & this he is ready to pre-
sry wherefore he prays Judgment
and his costs

Burroughs & Wragg
Sol for deft

Upon which said decree of the said
Crawford Connor the following file
mark was indorsed

September 25th 1852

John W. Edwards
etc

The following decree of ~~of the~~ Albert-
Liongan appears of record without
file mark being indorsed thereon
to wit,

Crawford Connor Et al { Of the September Term
of the Superior Court of the District Co-
urt-Court AD 1852
Wm H. Hawkins }

And the said
deft Liongan impleaded
him in his Burroughs & Wragg
his atys for himself comes and
depuds tht and that concurring
in or all of the allegations in
said complainants Bill contained
says that they are not sufficient
in law to entitle the said

Congrat - to relief.

B. F. Wingate
for drift -

3. Orders of Court which are
of record in this cause

Meredith Hawkings

vs.

Thomas Hawk et al

Bill in Chancery

And on that day comes the Plaintiff
herein by R. S. Nellor his solicitor, and also come the Defendants
by D. Baugh their solicitor. And the said Defendants file their Demurrer
to said Complainants Bill. Whereupon the Court, having heard the
arguments of Counsel for and against said Plaintiff, and being
well advised in the premises, finds the law to be with said Defendants.
It is therefore ordered & adjudged by the Court that said Demurrer
be and is hereby sustained — It is further ordered, & adjudged by
the Court that said Plaintiff have leave to amend his bill
herein &c.

Meredith Hawkings

vs

Thomas Hawk et al

Bill in Chancery

Now again comes the Complainant herein
by R. S. Nellor his solicitor & files his Amended Bill — And also again
come the Defendants by D. Baugh their solicitor, and file their demurrer, to
said Complainants amended bill; Wherefore the Court having ^{heard} the arguments
of Counsel for and against said Plaintiff, and being well
advised in the premises, finds the law to be with said Defendants.
Wherefore it is ordered & adjudged by the Court, that said Plaintiff
be, and the same is hereby sustained. It is further ordered & adjudged
by the Court, that said Complainants Bill, be dismissed, for
want of Equity &c — And the Court further orders & adjudges
that the Defts recover of said Complainant their Costs & Charges
expended in & about this suit &c

State of Illinois
County of Jefferson

I John Wilbanks Clerk of the Circuit
Court in and for the County & State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that the
foregoing record is, a true & perfect copy, of the record, ~~process~~ and
paper filed in my office, and of the proceedings had, in the cause
wherein Meredith Hawkins is Complainant and Thomas Hunt
are defendants.

In testimony whereof I John Wilbanks Clerk
of the Court aforesaid have hereunto affixed
my hand and the seal of said Court, this
28th day of October A.D. 1852

John Wilbanks Clerk
By G.B. Lammie W.C.

Filed the 30th day of Oct. 1852

R. D. Huston, Clerk

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Brought entirely from
not recorded paper

State of Illinois
Supreme Court
Southampton Common

The People of the State of Illinois
to the Sheriff of Franklin County Greeting:

Because in the record and proceedings, &
also in the rendering of the judgment in a suit which was lately in
the Circuit Court of Franklin County, before the judge thereof
between Silas A. Berry plaintiff and Meredith Hawkins
defendant of a plea of trespass on the case manifest error hath
arisen in it as it is said to the great injury of the said Meredith
Hawkins as by his complaint we are informed; a transcript
of the record and proceedings of which said judgment, we have
caused to be brought into our Supreme Court for the Southern
Division of the State of Illinois, before the justices thereof, to
correct the error in the same, if any there be, in due form &
manner according to law:

We therefore command you to summon
the said Silas A. Berry to be and appear before the justices
of our Supreme Court at the next term thereof to be commenced &
held in Mount Vernon on the first Monday in the month
of December next, to hear the record and proceedings and
errors assigned, if he shall see fit, and to show cause, if any
he can why the said judgment shall not be reversed for the
causes aforesaid; and further to do and receive what said
Court shall judge in this behalf. And have you then there
this ninth and make return thereof in what manner you
execute the same.

Witness the Honorable William Wilson
Chief Justice of our Supreme Court & the
Seal of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County
at Mt. Vernon this 30th day of October
A.D. 1848

G. H. Ridgway Clerk C.C.C.
& Ex. of Ct. S.C.

Silis N Berry not found in
this county Worcester 13th 1848

Thomas J Monseiff
Sheriff G C Illinois
By S. H. Powell, D.P.

Mass. Court. S.C.
Worcester County

No 350 in corner
S. H. Powell

J. D. 1848

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Hawkins 3 The Bell should have
Hawkins 3 been deserved for
want of equity.

Whether payment of the purchase
money, nor the then taking possession
of land under a parol contract
of sale, or such part performance
as will take the contract out of
the statute of frauds, we do.

Beark's Valle. 2 Ohio R 126

(Adlegit page 575. See 863)

Payment of the purchase money is
not such part performance of
a parol contract for the sale of
lands as will take it out of the
statute of frauds.

Whiston vs Glancy 4 Blackf 94

(Adlegit page 575 See 864)

Or when the vendor is in possession
at the time of his purchase, in his
continuing in possession of the premises
afterwards sufficient *ibid.*

2 Ann See 845

But if the vendor takes and continues
possession of the premises under the
contract, and especially if he
makes valuable improvements upon
them, this will be sufficient to
take the statute.

Whiston vs Glancy 4 Blackf 94

Titter vs Baetler 1 do. 58

Morland vs Samuels 4 " 383

Thompson vs Henry 2 Scam. 218

Ibid 866

In Ohio delivery of possession of land
is considered as part performance
and sufficient to take a case out

out of the Statute of Frauds, unless
its effect is not controlled by other
facts. Blaggner v. Speck 3 Harmon 294

But the payment of the purchase
money on a contract for the sale
of lands is not sufficient to
take the case out of the Statute
of Frauds.

Gitts v. Kellon 6 Harmon 483
Tolland v. Kline 6 " 528

In Michigan the delivery of possession
under an agreement is an act
of part performance.

Wood v. Tomy Blattner Ch. 571
N. & D. 874 (See 849)

A taking of possession by a merchant-
by-a-purchasee of land must in
order to take a case out of the
Statute of Frauds, be such as
would make the purchasee a
trustee in the absence of the
contract.

Smith v. Smith 1 Recd. Ch. 130
Harmon N. & D. Digest 875 ⁸⁴⁹ See

In South Carolina payment of
the purchase money alone is not
sufficient part performance of
a contract for the sale of lands,
to take it out of the Statute of Frauds.
Smith v. Smith 1 Recd. Ch. 118
N. & D. Digest 875 See 848

But payment of the purchase money
under a parol contract for the
~~sale~~ of lands, remaining in
possession, when such payment
would make the purchase a
trust is such a part perfor-
mance as will take the case out
of the Statute of frauds,
Smith vs Smith 1 Rich Ch 130
N.C. Digest 575. See 849

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Exchman's possession is an undis-
missible ingredient in a case
for specific performance of a
parol contract for the sale of
lands.

Haslet vs Haslet 6 Wm. 4 66
Gough vs Martin 9 " 106

Possession by a tenant not
subject to judgment
1 Val. tape page 163
~~and before leading case~~ ~~See also 40-5268~~

Payment of part or even all the
purchase money is not such
part performance as will take
a parol contract for the sale
of lands out of the Statute of
frauds. See Gough vs Martin

1 Val 144 to 150
Gough vs Martin 6 Wm. 4 106

The entry of satisfaction on a
Instrument has no great effect
Gresham October 9th 1819

But though entry into possession with
the vendor contract by a purchaser
who acquires prudently that in possession
is part performance yet con-
tinuance in possession by a tenant
who acquires prudently in possession
of the premises at the time of the
contract will not be considered as
part performance

Saw Library 401 pages 524-5
and authorities thus cited

Possession taken by the vendor lessor
of the vendor's tenant and will
be part performance

3 Blatch 419 & 54, 63

And if the land is in the possession
of a tenant at the time of the
sale, and the vendor agrees
that the rent shall be paid
to the vendor, and the tenant
allows to the vendor, that is
sufficient delivery of possession
according to Williams, 8th edition
8 Blatch 419 & 58 100

Meredith Hawkins vs
3 Error to
Thomas Hunt et al Jefferson

The bill should have been dismissed
and for uncertainty

Bill for specific performance
of a parol contract for the
sale of land.

1. Bill should have been dismissed
for want of 'Equity'

Exclusive possession is an indispens-
able ingredient in a case for
specific performance of a
parol contract for the sale
of lands see 6 Blatts R. 463
Brougham & Martin 9 do 109
Sugden on Vend. 1 Val
top page 142

Possession by tenant that
supplements &

Sugden on Vend. 1 Val
top page 143

Payment of Rent, or even all
the purchased money is not such
part performance as will take a
parol contract for the sale of
lands out of the statute

Sugden on Vend. 1 Val 144, 6, 60
q Blatts R. 109

The duty of satisfaction has no
great effect q Blatts 109

2nd The bill should have been dismissed
for uncertainty

1 It avrs that complainant
to actual possession and occupied
by order of Hunt, and then
immediately acknowledges that
she had actual possession,
but that one Corrigan had
actual possession and surrendered
to Connor who still holds.

Again he says he actually
paid off and discharged the
note given to Hunt for about \$70.
and then acknowledges that
he had not paid it, and
offers to do so

Damns Ch Pl. 28 1 Val 421
422 & 423

Stony Eg Pl. Rec 241 to 253

Dismissed the paper made to raise
the question

1 Damns Ch Pl 425
Stony Eg Pl. Rec 249 &

Again the notice to Connor is
uncertain

uncertainty may be reached
by general opinion

Damns Ch Pl. 1 Val 656

3 The contract between Hunt &
Connor was void under the
act of Corryus

Comm & Hunt only having con-
nected his exchange lands had
a right to record said contract

Matter of substance may be
reached by general division
Attory's for PL sic 455.

On sustaining a general division
the Cause is out of Court
Barlow Ch Pl III

The bill charges that Comm
fraudulently got possession
but shows no facts to
establish the fraud.

He only took possession
of his own land

The bill may be injunction of
but is not sworn to. See generally
Ch Pl. 3 vol 1834 note 1

Hawkins
or
Kunt et al

Baugh
for afghanistan

Meredith Hawkins plff in error

Hunt Connor & Congar deft in error
error to Jefferson

The Compt^t filed his Bill against the deft alleging
that he purchased a tract of land of deft Hunt
verbally & paid the Consideration money
agreed upon according to Contract to S^d Hunt
that S^d Hunt thereupon in presence of witnesses
told him to take possession & to get a receipt
of entry of land from Congar his tenant which
he did. That Hunt ^{held} a Bond or writing obliga-
tory from Mr Cusack for S^d land which he had
exchanged with S^d Cusack for a tract of Hunt's
& that Hunt had taken possession of the
land sold, ^{exchanged} to Mr Cusack as agreed &
made valuable improvements on it & when
he sold the said land to Compt^t agreed to make
him a deed to it in the spring following, which
at the Jefferson Circuit Court A. D. 1852
that Compt^t took possession of land under
the Contract with Hunt & noted tenants
in possession. but that S^d Hunt & Cusack
in Cusack being ^{full} knowledge of the ^{actual} pos-
session destroyed the s^d writing, which by the
agreement made with S^d Hunt was to be
handed over to him, & S^d Cusack then
Collusion with deft Congar got into possession
of the premises against his ^{claims to hold premises} Complainant
Cusack with others & Hunt both placed
Compt^t further states that Hunt is
in so tract & that he holds a tract upon
Mr Compt^t for \$70 mon or less & threatens
to alienate the same before the same be any
due & before ^{to remove his gramine without notice} the 25th Dec^r next
Hunt agrees to convey at the said time has been demanded.

for a specific performance was to stand
and that Counsel be compelled to give in
consent or make you himself ~~the~~^{to} ^{directly} to
Hunt, or to compel him or in case of their default
that a Commissioner be appointed to do so
for them & also pay for an injunction to
Counsel.

To this Bill there was a general
objection for want of equity which was
sustained by the Court & relief dismissed
by the Circuit Court for want of equity.

MS. notes for the plaintiff.

1st The contract between Hunt &
~~Brown~~ Hawkins is binding in equity upon
Hunt the consideration being performed by
~~Hunt~~ Hawkins according to contract
& having taken property under the
contract & obtained the duplicate. This is
part performance & that is sufficient to take the case
out of the Statute. 3 Dill 140, 157. Thornton Heirs ^{2d} p.
219, 220 ~~18~~ 2nd Scammon 219. 2 20. 4th S. Swan 583, 600

~~2nd There was certain of equity reported to the Court
with regard to the contract in question the Statute
appears so far as the land or Counsel
which may be submitted to the Court in
order to be rejected & not to have been
dismissed, except the Plaintiff
has a right to sue 3rd Birney 129, Freeman
55, 68 Stewart vs Stewart 3 Watts 153, 285
White equity cases 521, 522, 523 - 8 Watts & Star
55, 60.~~

~~3rd Hawkins is ~~entitled~~ entitled to some kind
of relief upon the Bill, even he was
not entitled to all the relief sought
for there has certainly been a fraud practised on
him & that is the first of relief in Cases of this kind
274, 284 1st John Chay, Cases 16 130, 150~~

3rd Depositor of title papers is so far binding in
equity as to create a lien upon the land
of Depositor & with payment of purchase
Money & paper given ought certainly to take
the Case out of the Statute Water Lading Law
top page 525. & cases there cited

4th Comon had notice of his change of
~~with~~ with the record of Hunt at the time
he not guilty of any record himself
in part & so is Congue the other debt, and
a general Demurrer for want of equity ought
not to have been sustained & Bill absolutely dismissed.
Hawkins may let under the circumstances
to have a lien upon the land for his
advances at all events & some kind
of indemnity against further loss
of Hunt assuring his Roth & the witness
must be that the deposit was delivered by way of
security for his Money until the debt was paid off by Hunt
3rd Sandford 9-12-2 H.W. Hunt Co
Water Lading 4⁵⁷ 2nd Turner 617

W. Nelson for plaintiff
in Error

Hawkins
" B
Hunt Fall

plews brick
& points

Nelson for plews inc
Q

In the Supreme Court

3^d Grand Division At

Vernon Jefferson Co Mo

Samuel Hawkins plaintiff
vs

Philip Langford & David W. Hoge 3^d left in our
defensive cause

and that's plenty of Ruben
his solicitor comes to sue execution
judgment and decree of the Circuit
Court 1872 by being sitting as a court
of Chancery and in other jurisdiction
there of he say says that the judgment
and decree of that's Court is erroneous
in this

1st In sustaining the Ammons
filed by the defendant to sue over
to the bill filed by the complainant
in this cause ~~against~~ the plaintiff
error, against the defendant's error
in the Court before -

2nd The 2^d Circuit Court erred in
describing this bill filed by the
complainant in the Court before

3. The 1^d Circuit erred in sustaining
the Ammons absolutely and desiring
bill without giving the plaintiff over
leave to amend if necessary for him
so to do.

and from thence and lastly the said
Pliff in own assigne as a general
Ground of error that the Judgment
therein rendered is erroneous
in this that the Judgment decree
of the said Court so rendered as apd
in the action styled Cause was rendered
in favor of the debtors in error where
it ought to have been for the pliff
in error, and that the said pliff in
error ought to have been allowed
to recollect the provisions in the ~~not said~~
Bill described as being passed for
the debtors or one of them ought
to have owned to pay the costs

and for other matters
of error in the record appying
the pliff in error by his attorney
applies saith that the Judgment
decree of the said Circuit Court in
above styled Cause so rendered in
favor of the debtors in error ought to be
vacated and set aside & in setting
aside and so

M. Stetson Shultz
for pliff in error

Pleas held in the Peoria
Circuit Court before the Hon^r
W^m H Underwood Judge of the
Second Judicial Circuit of the
State of Illinois of which County
of Peoria forms a part

Be it Remembra that he testifies
to wit on the 25th day of September
in the year of our Lord One thousand
and eight hundred and eight thousand
and fifty one Samuel Hawkins made
& filed in the clerks office of the Peoria
Circuit Court the following Bill in
Chancery

State of Illinois

In the Circuit Court in & for the
County of Perry October Term A.D. 1837

To the Honorable

William H. Underwood Judge of the Circuit
Court of Perry County State of Illinois

Humbly Complaining Sheweth unto your Honor
your Oath Samuel Chadens of the County of
Perry and State of Illinois that on the 25th day of
January A.D. 1847 he was served in his simple in
his own right of and in the following described
tract or parcel of Land situated in said County and
~~is bounded~~ as follows to wit beginning at the north West corner
of Section Eighteen in Township five south of Range
one meet thence south eighty poles thence
East ninety six poles thence south forty eight
degrees East forty four poles thence north forty six
degrees East Eighty one poles at the Section line
running East from East to West thence west one
hundred & ninety poles to the beginning containing
in all seventy one acres and eighty rods of Land
a part of which to wit sixty five acres thereof is
cuttured & included within the said North West
quarter of Section Eighteen in Township five south
Range one West land that before that time to wit
on the day of A.D. 18

Philip Viney

- and of Perry County State of Illinois has recorded
a fragment against your Oath in the
Circuit Court in and for the County of Franklin
Sue in said State for the sum of \$¹⁰⁰ besides
the cost of said suit as by a copy of said fragment
herewith exhibited will more fully appear and that
affidavas on the 19th day of October A.D. 1838
the said Philip Viney and sue out & cause to be
issued from the Clerks office of the said Circuit

Court of Franklin County a suit or execution
commonly called a Special ~~uit~~^{uit} of fier facias on
the said fragment which was placed in the hands
of David Mc Neog then being Sheriff of said County
of Perry to execute and that afterwards about the day
Lana year first aforesaid the said David Mc Neog
being Sheriff as aforesaid by virtue of the said suit
& to satisfy the same sold the whole of the said north
west quarter of Section eighteen in Township five South
Range one west ~~in Massy~~ including the fifty five acres
thereof contained within the said lines & boundaries
and belonging to your Orator as aforesaid at public
auction at the highest bidder at which said public
Sale the said north west quarter of Section eighteen
in Township five South of Range one west including
the said fifty five acres of Lana herein above
mentained who struck off & sold to the said Philip
Vineyard plaintiff in said Execution for the sum of
sum of sixty five dollars all of which will run fully
& at large appear by references to said suit of fier
facias a copy of which is herunto annexed & may
be taken as part of this bill.

Said your Orator further saith, he being the
fragment debtor in the said Execution mentioned
afterwards that is to say on the 24th day of January
A.D. 1830 at the County of Perry aforesaid due before
the expiration of twelve months from the day of said
Sale in Order to redeem the said fifty five acres
of Lana herein above mentioned tenenza &
offered to the said David Mc Neog Sheriff as
aforesaid who sold the same for the use and
benefit of the said Vineyard the purchaser thereof
at said sale the sum of \$ twenty one dollars
& fifty cents for the redemption of the same

being the amount given or bid by the said
Vineyard being the Plaintiff in said execution
together with interest thereon at the rate of ten per centum
from the time of such sale and then and then requested
him to accept the same and the said Hawkins
said that the said sum of \$~~seventy~~^{one} dollars fifty
cents so by him tendered to the said George Sheriff
as aforesaid was the full amount given or bid by
the said Vineyard for the said sixty five acres of
Land together with interest thereon at the rate of
ten per centum per annum from the time of such sale
to the day on which the said tender was made
to wit the day and year last aforesaid and the
said Defendants wholly deny the right of redemption
of the said sixty five acres of Land to him the said
Samuel C. Hawkins also continue to hold him out
of possession ~~out~~ of the same pretending that he has
no right to redeem the said sixty five acres of Land
unless he will also at the same time redeem the
whole of the said with that quarter of section eight
in Township five South range on west and your
Orator expressly states that he never had any
title or had any title whatever to
the said quarter section of Land or any part thereof
except such part I particular thereof as is contained
& included within the metes & bounds aforesaid
and that the residue of the said quarter section of Land
at the time of said sale belonging to and still does belong
to one Samuel Benson of said County in his simple
when upon other oaths brings this suit & prays
your honor to consider his case in Equity & that upon
his ^{producing} ~~succeding~~ & lodging in Court (which he hereby offers
to do) all such sums of money as your honor shall find
to be due to the said Vineyard from your Orator on

+ account of said sale of the said suit from a case of
Land may be restored to the title & possession
of the same and may also have general relief
may it please your Honor

H.C. Jones attorney for
Samuel Hawkins

which said Bill was filed in the Perry Circuit
Court on the 25th day of September AD 1831

Lewis Hammack

Samuel Hawkins

OR

Philip ^{as} Vineyard & Davis { Bill in Chancery in
McMurry } the Perry Circuit
Court October term AD 1831

Served a Subpoena in Chancery in this cause
directed to the Sheriff of Perry County & also a
like subpoena to the Sheriff of Pottawattamie County

returnable said term August 21 1831

To the Clerk of the Perry
Circuit Court Mindenville

H.C. Jones attorney
for Hawkins

Filed August 21st 1831

Lewis Hammack OR

Samuel Hawkins

{ Perry County Circuit Court

Philip ^{as} Vineyard

David McMurry } do hereby enter myself
security for cost in this cause and acknowledge
myself bound to pay or cause to be paid
all cost which may accrue in this action
either to the deposit party or to any of the officers
of this court in pursuance of the law
of this state after the 13th day of August
AD 1831

John Redd Hawkins

Filed September 16th AD 1831

Lewis Hammack OR

Sixty days issued in the usual & figures following to wit
State of Illinois & The People of the State of Illinois
Perry County To the Sheriff of Perry County Greeting
We Command you that John Summers Philip
Vineyard & David McGeorge if they shall be
found in your County to be and appear before
the Judge of our Circuit Court in and for the
County of Perry on the first day of the
next Term thereof to be commenced and holden
at the Court House in the town of Pinckney
ville in said County on the first Monday of
October next to answer unto the matters
& things contained in a certain Bill in chancery
Exhibited against by Samuel Hawkins
and further to do & receive whatever the said
Court may shall consider in that behalf
and have you then and there this writ

Witness Lewis Hammach Clerk of our
said ~~Circuit~~ Court at his office in
Pinckneyville this 10th day of October
in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifty one and
the seal of said court affixed

Lewis Hammach Clerk
Executed by Copy to D McGeorge Sept 17
1831 P Vineyard not found

Service 50
12 Mates 60

Return 10
Fifteen Oct 10 1831 J. W. Pye to Sheriff
Lewis Hammach Clerk

Suek afterwards to wit At a Circuit Court
began and held at the Court House in the
town of Pinckneyville in and for said
County of Perry on the first Monday of October
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
fifty one and fifty one Leon Clegg
of Underwood ~~and~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~
Presiding ~~Counsel~~ ~~for~~ ~~plaintiffs~~
filed thereon which is in words and
figures following to wit

Samuel Hawkins { On Chancery
Philip Vneyard { In the Perry Circuit
David McCoog { Court October term
A.D. 1837

Sir Denner of Philip Vneyard and
Samuel Hawkins David McCoog & Bill
of Complaint of Samuel Hawkins
Complainant

These Defendants by protestation not con-
fessing or acknowledging all or any of the
matters and things in said Complaint bill
contained to be true in such manner and
form as the same are then and thereby
set forth and alledged do demand & the said
bill and for cause of demand show that the said
complainant has not by his said bill made
such a case as entitles him in a Court
of Equity to relief from these Defendants
respectively or either of them as to the matters
contained in said bill or any of such
matters and for cause of demand show
that it appears by the said Complaints own
showing by his said Bill of Complainant

That the said Complainant is not entitled
to the relief prayed by his said Bill against
these Defendants wherefore and for divers
other good causes of Demurrer appearing
in the said Bill of Complaint these Defendants
do demur to the said Bill and to all the
matters and things therein contained and
pray that judgment of this Honorable
Court whether they shall be compelled
to make any further or other answer
to the said Bill and they humbly pray to be
here dismissed with their reasonable Costs
in this behalf sustained

Allen & Edwards
for Defendants

Sila Octoer 7th A.D. 1831

Lewis Hammock

C.W.

And afterwards to wit on the 7th day of October
A.D. 1831 at said Circuit Court the Court quarencially
returning the following Order was entered of Record
to wit

Samuel Hawkins

Philip Viningard Bill in Chancery
David McGeogh Ama now at this day
comes Philip Viningard & David
McGeogh by their attorneys

as well as the said Complainant by James his
Solicitor hereinupon the said Bills by their attorney
Demur to the said Complainants Bill which Demur
is substance & it is therefore Ordered by the Court
that said Complainants Bill be dismissed whereinupon
the said Complainant prays an appeal to the supreme
Court of this State which appeal which said appeal
is allowed by the said Complainant giving bond in \$5000
with John R. Hawkins as his security &

Know all men by these presents that we
Samuel Hawkins & John R. Hawkins of the
County of Perry & State of Illinois and her and
formerly bonded and Philip Verry and David M. Cleoq.
of the County of Perry & David M. Cleoq. of the
County of Perry State of Illinois in the sum
sum of fifty dollars Lawful money of the United
States which payment well and truly to be made
we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrato
ratus jointly severally and firmly by these presents
Witness our hands & seals this 1st day of November
A.D. 1831. The condition of the above oblig
ation is such that whereas the above bondmen
Samuel Hawkins filed his certain bill in
Chancery against Philip Verry and David M.
Cleoq. at the October term A.D. 1831 of the Perry
Circuit Court which said Bill was determined
to be nonsuited & bill dismissed whereupon
the said Samuel Hawkins has taken an
appeal to the Supreme Court of the State
now of the said Samuel Hawkins shall well &
and truly prosecute his said appeal & pay
all costs that shall be adjudged against him then
& this obligation shall be null & void otherwise
to remain in full force and virtue in law
taken and approved by *Samuel Hawkins* *John R. Hawkins*
me this 1st day of November A.D. 1831

Levi Hannock
Clerk
Filed November 1st A.D. 1831

1370-22
Clerk fees
Sheriff fees of Perry Co

L Levi Hannock
\$ 6.30
120
6.50

State of Illinois, vs. J. S. Lewis Hammock
Perry County, 3rd Clerk of the Circuit Court within and
for the County of Perry and State of Illinois do hereby Certify
that the above & foregoing is a true and correct copy of the
Proceedings in the above Entitled Cause & also copy of
all of the papers belonging to said cause on file in
my office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & affixed the seal of
said Circuit Court at my office
in Princetonville this 15th
day of June A.D. 1832

Louis Hammock
Clerk

Issue of Copy

Harrison
" Hilliard
Livesay
& Moore

The Clerk will please be
bound to obey & the Co
and to answer for any
misnomer cause

Harrison
& Co

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