

No. 8752

Supreme Court of Illinois

John Thomas Roach

vs.

Lewis L. Perry

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Randolph County Circuit Court.

Lewis S. Peny, Esq^r of James E. Roche, deceased

v/s

In Chancery on
John Roche & Thomas Roche, } account &c
now on the 13th day of Sept 1850. Comes Lewis S. Peny
Esq^r of James E. Roche deceased & files his bill in Chancery
on account which is in the words & figures following to wit as
also his account which is in the words & figures following
to wit -

State of Illinois. County of Randolph - Circuit
Court of Randolph County - Chancery side thereof, Sept Term
A.D 1850. - To the Hon William H. Underwood, presiding Judge
of the 2^d. Judicial Circuit of the State of Illinois, of which Randolph
County forms apart sitting in Chancery. Humbly Complaining
herein unto Your Honor, your orator Lewis S. Peny, a citizen
of the County of Randolph and State of Illinois, and Executor of the
last Will and Testament of James E. Roche deceased late of said County
and State, that on or about the year eighteen hundred and forty
two the said James E. Roche, your orator testator aforesaid, entered
of the United States, the following described tract of Land to wit
the South East gr of the North west ^{sq} of section ten. S. C. & T. west
& the said Jas E. Roche in his lifetime together with said John, Thomas
& Joseph Roche, on or about said time purchased from Brewster the following
described land to wit. The Nw gr of the 28th of sec 10. T. N. 6. R. 6⁷ west
40 acres, The Egr 2d gr of sec 10. T. 6 - 2N6⁷ w. & the Ngr Mo gr sec
15 - 56 - 2N6⁷ west. and that subsequent to the purchase of said
land by the said James E. Roche as aforesaid the said Roche conveyed
to Thomas Roche and John Roche brothers of said James both of whom
are also residents of said County and State a portion of said tract or parcel
of land, to wit one third of said tract of land to each of them, for the
purpose and to the end that they the said Thomas Roche and John Roche brother
of whom your orator makes defendants to this bill of Complaint, should
hold the same in partnership with the said James E. Roche, your orator's
testator as aforesaid. Your orator further represents unto your honor
that soon after the purchase so made as aforesaid by the said
Thomas Roche and John Roche from the said James E. Roche

of an undivided interest in the said lands as aforesaid. to wit in or about the year of our Lord / One thousand eight hundred and forty two the said James E. Roche your orator's testator as aforesaid and the said defendants Thomas and John Roche settled upon said tract of land and engaged in the farming and cultivation thereof as partners—your orator further represents unto your honor that when the said James E. Roche and the said defendants went upon the said land to live thereon and to farm the same in partnership it became necessary in order to carry on their farming pursuits with any degree of facility or success to procure for the use of said farm horses, Oxen, Cows, harnos, ploughs, and in short farming utensils of all kinds required by persons engaged in extensive and successful agricultural pursuits and that the said John Roche and Thomas Roche being poor and without the means necessary to purchase the said necessary a large sum of money being required in the purchase thereof. They the said John & Thomas called upon the said James who was a monied man, and possessed a large amount of funds, and requested him to advance the required amount of money to procure the said articles of personal property promising at the same time that they would account to him the said James for their share of the said money to be so laid out on their part as partnership account, and that in a reasonable time they would pay over to him the same, your orator further represents unto your honor that in accordance with the request of the said John Roche and Thomas Roche, and relying upon their promises to indemnify him for the same the said James E. Roche your orator's testator as aforesaid purchased for the use of the said farm many articles of personal property to wit, horses, Cows, Oxen, heifers, Steers &c which both the said James E. Roche bought on the joint or partnership account of him the said James and the said Thomas and John and paid for them in his own money, they the said articles of personal property being held upon the said farm and held as partnership property of the said James, Thomas and John, your orator further sheweth unto your honor that the said James Roche, Thomas Roche, and John Roche continued to live on the said farm, the said James occurring and the said Thomas and John continually from the year eighteen hundred and forty two until the year eighteen hundred and forty nine.

when the said James deserted this life, nominating and appointing
your orator his Executor - your orator would further represent
unto your honor that during the said interval, that is to say between
the year 1842 and the year 1849, the said James & Roche was employed
a considerable portion of the time in keeping a grocery store, and in
carrying on his trade (he being a saddler) in the Town of West Castia
and that the said Thomas and John were the principal and active partners
in carrying on said partnership ~~partnership~~^{business} on the said farm - your
orator further represents that during the continuance of said partner-
ship it became necessary at different times to purchase stock
to be used on the said farm, and to expend large sums of money in
payment of expenses incurred in carrying on said partnership affairs
and which were used by the said James, John and Thomas in carrying
on said farming pursuits - your orator further sheweth unto
your honor that during the whole of said time during which the
said partnership continued the said James & Roche, furnished money
to purchase said articles and in defraying such expenses as were
incurred on the said partnership account, an account of which said
articles furnished and expenses paid by the said James & Roche on the
said partnership account, and for the mutual benefit of the
said James, Thomas and John your orator herewith files marked
exhibit (A.) for their share of which the said John and Thomas
promised the said James that they would satisfy him by repaying him
in a reasonable time their share of said money so advanced by
him the said James in the construction of said house upon said farm
held in partnership as aforesaid by the said James, Thomas and John and
for their share of which said outlay of money by the said James, they the
said John and Thomas were bound in equity and good faith to account
for and pay over to the said James, your orator further represents
unto your honor that from the time of the commencement
of the said partnership in the year 1842, down to the period of
its termination by the death of the said James in 1849 - they the
said John and Thomas continued to own and cultivate the said farm
and to appropriate to their own use all the produce
arising from the cultivation thereof without accounting
to the said James for any part thereof.

(see this page after A.)

your orator further represents that in the year eighteen
hundred and forty three the said James E. Roach
Thomas Roach and John Roach built a house upon the
said farm, and that in the construction of the same the
said James E. Roach advanced a large amount of
money in the payment of ~~mechanics~~ and labours in pur-
chasing materials for which money so advanced, an account
of which your orator files with the bill of complaint and
says that it may be considered as a part thereof marked
exhibit -

and that the share of the said James to which he was justly entitled for the rent of the said farm was worth thirty Dollars annually - amounting to the sum of two hundred and two Dollars for the seven years during which the said James, John and Thomas was in partnership, and during the whole of which said period of seven years the said ~~James~~ John and Thomas so appropriated the products of said farm without giving the said James any part thereof and without paying to him the said James any rent for the use of his share thereof - your orator further represent unto your honor that during the continuance of the said partnership the stock put upon the said farm by the said James, and sold and consumed as aforesaid by the said John and Thomas amounted in value to the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars, and that the increase of the said stock sold and consumed by the said John and Thomas as aforesaid to the sum of five hundred Dollars and that the said John and Thomas failed to account to the said James for any part of the said stock so put upon the said farm by the said James as aforesaid or the increase thereof so consumed and sold as aforesaid by the said John and Thomas, they the said John and Thomas consuming the same for their own use and recovering the money for that stock and appropriating the same to their own use without accounting to the said James for any part thereof or paying over to him the said James any portion of the money so received by them - your orator further shows that the rent of the said house so constructed as aforesaid by the said James, John and Thomas upon the said farm and paid for principally by the said James, and to which the said James was entitled on account of his share, an interest in said house, they the said John & Thomas occupying the same continuously during the continuance of said partnership, the said James being about a great part of the time, amounting in value annually to the sum of twenty Dollars, making the sum of about one hundred Dollars which they the said John and Thomas were bound in good faith to pay over to the said James and which they refused to do - your orator beseeches leave to refer your honor to the said account herewith filed marked exhibit (A.) as aforesaid, and prays that the said account the items of which are numerous and amount to the sum of nearly three thousand Dollars, and prays that the said account may be taken as a part of this your orator's bill of complaint - your orator beseeches leave further to represent unto your honor that frequently during the continuance of the said partnership and in the life time

of the said James. be the said James called upon the said John and Thomas
to account to him for and to pay over what was justly due him the said James
for money and advanced by him the said James on the said partnership account
in building the said house in purchasing said stock, farming utensils
sc for what was due him the said James for stock consumed and sold
by the said John and Thomas for the increase of said stock also sold and
consumed by the said John and Thomas for the share of the said James for the rent
of the said house and farm, and for his share of the profits arising from the
farming and cultivation of said farm, and to render an account of all
that was due him the said James by the said John and Thomas in respect
to all the dealings and transactions arising between him the said James
and the said John and Thomas during the existence of the said partnership
and that they the said John and Thomas neglected and refused to
account to the said James in respect to the said partnership dealings or
to pay over to him the said James any part of which was justly due him on
said partnership account your orator also shows that since the death of
the said James your orator as the executor and legal representative of
him the said James has called upon the said John and Thomas and urged
them to make a settlement with your orator of said partnership transac-
tions and to pay over to your ^{orator}, what he was entitled to demand as
the executor of the said James as aforesaid. of and from the said John and
Thomas in respect to said partnership dealings, and that they the said John and
Thomas have pre-emptorily refused so to do - in consideration of the premises,
and in as much as the partnership dealings between the said James, John
and Thomas remain wholly unsettled, and in consideration of the fact
that the said John and Thomas refuse to pay over a large amount of mony
which your orator as the executor of the said James is entitled to demand
of them the said John and Thomas which they the said John and Thomas
ought and are bound in equity and good faith to pay over to your
orator as executor of the said James aforesaid and for the recovery of
which your orator has no remedy or relief in a court of law
Your orator prays this honorable court whose peculiar province
it is while sitting as a court of equity to compel the settlement and
adjustment of partnership accounts to compel the said John
Roche and Thomas Roche to render an account unto your orator
of all that is due him as the executor of the said James & Roche

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in respect to or connected with all the said partnership dealings and transactions arising and taking place between the said James Thomas and John during the existence and continuance of the said partnership between them, and that upon a ~~failure~~ final account of the said partnership transactions your Honor will compel the said John and Thomas to pay over unto your orator such sums of money as your orator is justly entitled to as the personal representative of the said James E. Roche, and further that your Honor will grant unto your ~~honor~~ orator such other aid and additional relief as unto your honor shall seem meet and agreeable to equity in the premises— your orator prays your honor to grant unto him the peoples writ of Subpoena directed to the said John Roche, and Thomas Roche and ordering them and each of them at a time to be therein named, and under a penalty thereon to be limited personally to be and appear before this honorable Court, and then and there full, true, direct and perfect answers make (but not under oath,) by your orator herein waiving the oath of said defendants to all and singular the matters and things herein contained and further to stand to abide and perform such further order directions and decree thereon as to your honor shall seem meet, and of your orator shall ever pray &c.

Lewis C. Perry Executor
of James E. Roche Esq;
Compl't. by,
Breeze & Morrison
his Solicitors

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Exhibits Marked (A)

Thomas & John Roche. To the Estate of James E. Roche deceased
1842

Nov 23	To mare named by Antoine Fortune	\$ 26 00
" "	" recording Deed	1 19
Feb 4 th 1843	" One yoke of Oxen (John Short)	35 00
" "	" 4 small Steers from Robt Morrison	16 00
" "	" one Yoke, Tom, of work Oxen (Peter Desouze)	40 00
" "	" One horse, Tom, from Joseph Lovall	10 00
" "	" two Cows from Samuel Bradford	15 00
" "	" two Cows from M D Smith	16 00
" "	" two Calves from M D Smith	4 00
" "	" One Wagon from Keaman & Co	45 00
" "	" Blacksmith work by Wm Mason	39 00
" "	" One heifer from Beal Hotchkiss	3 00
" "	" One Cord from Joseph Stater	8 00
" "	" One yoke of work Oxen from P. V. Union	40 00
" "	" One grey mare from Green Cullen	45 00
" "	" One two-horned wagon from Robert Morrison	50 50
" "	" One wheel farm, Coblentz for Fred Jr.	20 00
" "	" Amount of Corn furnished farm	40 00
" "	" Hodges from James Harmon	4 50
" "	" Balance of note on Keaman & Co drawn by S.	
" "	" You from Reily	20 00
" "	" To Saddles, bridles, martingales, harnesses Chains, backbands and collars	31 50
" "	" To Steel Iron and wheel boxes (Vaulin)	16 87
		<u>\$ 526 06</u>

April 7 1843	To Iron from A.W. Vaulin, St Louis	5 41
May 7 "	" Six bushels of feed Oats E. Seymour	1 50
" "	" Six bushels of wheat from N. Gant	6 00
" "	" Clap boards - - - - -	5 00
" "	" Two hundred bundles of Oats, Bollinger	4 00
" "	" Two years ferrage for 43844-	8 89
" "	" Service of one mare for Palmers horse	10 00
" "	" One work Ox from Leffel Kelley	20 00

May 7-1843	To 4.500 feet of pine lumber from Dailey	65	25
"	11.000 Shingles from E. Seymour	24	75
"	Scantling, joist, rafters, sheeting &c,		
"	from Brewster. It rain Sulcer -	35	32
	To lumber from Bridge Co. J.M. Wheeler	9	00
"	Hardware stocks &c,	4	20
"	Alexis Beaureau making bricks	31	00
"	Toulouze	17	00
"	James Lassource	14	00
"	Antoine Pannis	14	00
"	Louis Lassource	12	50
"	Charles Labelle, quarrying	26	00
"	John Paschall making Cellars wad, done by Labelle & E. Gommer	38	06
"	Carpenters work done by Bursley	100	00
"	Michael Kelly brick laying	34	20
"	Nixon & Busey having Sleepers, Sills & plates	9	50
"	Boarding Nixon & Busey 15 months at \$6	90	00
"	Glaas & Putty, Paint & Oil	9	50
1843	To Nails	10	00
"	Time at various times & places	10	00
"	James Cooper 6 months work at \$7	42	00
"	Felix Polander 1 month at \$9	9	00
"	Boarding Filey & Cooper 7 months at \$6	42	00
"	Blacksmiths work by Mr. Lassource	8	00
"	Michael Brattelle bringing plank from St. Genoer	3	00
"	Four years rent due me from Farm	100	00
"	Seven months labor on farm from Nov 48 to June 49 at \$6 per month	42	00
"	Seven months service by wife at \$2	14	00
"	Cash, wages for Nails & boy	25	
"	For plank in Chester	20	
"	Amount of farming utensils bought in St. Louis	68	25
"	& Kaskaskia & still on the farm	100	75
"	Amount of furniture bought in St. Louis & Kaskaskia	100	75
"	Still on the farm	100	75

" Amount of Groceries & Grocery furniture remaining on hand	458 00
" Cash & County orders taken from my safe	5 00 00
" Money paid for Taxes from 1842 to 1848	20 00
	<u>2539 59</u>
" Rent of land from 1842 to 1849 \$30 per annum	210 00
" Stock raised	0 00 00
" Stock Consumed	500 00
" Stock Sold	500 00

Whereupon Summons issued of which the
following is a copy — State of Illinois Randolph County
The people of the state of Illinois to the Sheriff of Randolph County
Greeting. We command you to summon John Roche & Thomas
Roche if to be found in your county to appear before the Circuit
Court of said County on the first day of the next term thereof to
be held at the Court house in the Town of Chester on the
fourth Monday in the month of September Inst to answer Lewis
L. Penn, executor of ~~the~~ James E. Roche, deceased, in a bill in Chancery
on an account of Partnership dealings as he says and hereof make
due return to our said Court as the law directs. Witness James
M. Walls Clerk of our said Court and the judicial seal thereof
at Chester this 13th day of September A.D. 1850

J. M. Walls Clerk

Whereupon the Court made the following order viz =

Monday September 23^d 1850 —

Lewis L. Penn, executor of James E. Roche deceased

vs

John Roche & Thomas Roche

In chancery
One cause counted

And now on this day comes the said plff by Morrison his
atty, and the dfts by Roemer & Hamilton their atty and on motion
it is ordered that said defendants file their answer to plff's said bill
by the first day of February next, and this cause is continued until
the next term of this Court &c

whereupon the said John & Thomas Roche files their answer
to said plaintiff's bill of complaint which is in the letters and
figures following docket—

State of Illinois. — In the Randolph Circuit

Randolph County Court April Term 1851.

the joint and several answers of John Roche and Thomas
Roche to the bill of complaint of George C. Perry, Executor
of the last will and testament of James E. Roche, deceased
in the Randolph Circuit Court. These defendants now and
at all times hereafter saving and reserving to themselves all
manners of benefit and advantage of exceptions to the many
errors and insufficiencies in said bill contained for answer have -
nated or unto so much or such parts thereof as these defendants are advised
in material for them to make answer unto. They answer to say
that true it is the said James E. Roche entered the S 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ N 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 10
Iowa & South Range & West and that he sold & conveyed $\frac{1}{3}$ of the same
to these defendants. They admit that said James E. Roche in his
life time and these defendants and Joseph Roach purchased
from the said Brewster the lands set forth in complainant's
said bill. They admit that soon after said purchase they the
said defendants settled upon said tract of land and engaged
in the farming and cultivation thereof, but they deny that said
James E. Roche was connected with them in the said farming
business or that they the said defendants were in or had agreed to
enter into Partnership with said James in said farming & cultivating
business. They admit that when they the said defendants went upon said
land it was necessary in order to carry on said farming & to purchase
Horses, oxen, harness, Cows, ploughs, &c and that said James purchased
for the use of these defendants on said farm many articles of personal
property such as horses cows &c but they deny that said James purchased
them as partnership property for him and these defendants or that he
paid for them out of his own money and funds or that they were

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poor, and the said James a morose man, but they stated that the money and funds were furnished the said James to make said purchases for these defendants and that he the said James was paid and fully satisfied for his trouble in making said purchases. They admit that they continued to live on said farm from the years &c. and that said James boarded with these defendants occasionally, but they deny that said James lived on said farm as a partner in the cultivation thereof. They admit that said James deserted this life in the years &c. and nominated & appointed the said complainant his executor. They admit that said James was employed in keeping a grocery & in carrying on the hardware business, but they deny that said James had any interest as a partner in carrying on said farm. They admit that said James purchased some articles on exhibit marked A for these defendants. But they deny that he purchased them with his own money or funds, or that said James had any interest in them as a partner but they state that the said James was paid and fully satisfied for all his trouble and expense in purchasing said property and that all the money & means to purchase the same was furnished him by these defendants. They admit that they and the said James built a house, but they deny that said James furnished any money or means for the building thereof more than what he was bound to furnish being part owner of said house. They also deny that they promised to pay him any thing. They deny that they did not account to the said James for his interest in the rents of said farm, or that they were in partnership in the farming business. And they state that they paid the said James & fully accounted for all the rents that was coming to him for his share in said land in the life time of him the said James. They deny that they sold or converted to their own use any property belonging to said James without accounting to him for the same. They deny that they did not account to said James for his portion of the rents arising from the use of said house. They deny that they did not account to said James for all the articles & items on said exhibit marked A of their bill which said James purchased, and they deny that he the said James purchased all or any part

of said articles or items on said Exhibit for them and paid for them out of his own funds. They deny that they neglected & refused account to said James in his life time for any thing that he had furnished them. And they state that they paid the said James in his life time in full for all and every thing he had done & performed for them. They further state that the said James at his decease was pretty indebted to them for money, work & labor done by them for the said James at his instance & request in a large amount to wit. Dollars as will more fully appear by reference to exhibit marked B, herewith filed & made a part of this answer and that the same was not paid to them by the said James in his life time nor by the said complainant since the death of said James. All which matters and things these defendants are ready to aver and prove as this Court shall direct, and they pray to be hence dismissed with their reasonable costs and charges in this behalf most wrongfully sustained &c's

Kelner, Bissell & Hamilton
Atts. for Dfts. pro P. P. H.

Copy of Exhibit marked (B)

Novr 1848 to	James E. Roche dec'd To John & Thomas Roche	do
June 1849	To seven months board for self & wife	
	at \$12. per month	\$ 84 00
Oct 1849	James E. Roche. Dec'd. to Thomas Roche Jr.	
	To Cash	2 10 00
1841 to 1843	Interest at 10 per cent	
June 1845	To 30 months Clerkship at \$20. per month	4 00 00
	To a Razor & Case	2 00
1845	Taxes to a fourth of 4 \$ 44 Cents	1 11
1846	Taxes do 5 \$ 8 do	1 27
1847	do do 4 \$ 32 cents	1 08
"	To Taxes on \$29 1/4 Mo 1/4 sec 10	86
1848	To a fourth of \$ 5 & 40 cents	1 35

1848 - To Taxes on \$8 1/4 M 1/4 Recs 10-	86
1848 - To Cash -	7.50
Oct 1847 - James E. Roche died to John Roche Dr	
To Cash	105.00
July 4-1842 - do	96.00
" To Interest of 10 per cent	
1842 to 1849 - Labour on farm	1260.00
1843 to 1849 Labour on farm	315.00
1843 to 1849 Labour on farm at 15 dollars per month	1080.00
	270.00

Whereupon the said plaintiff files his replication which is in the words and figures following to wit—

State of Illinois. County of Randolph. In the Randolph County Circuit Court. Chancery side thereof. April Term 1851. The replication of Lewis S. Penn Executor of James Roche Complainant & the answer of John Roche and Thomas Roche defendants, the plaintiff saving and reserving unto himself all and all manner of advantage of exceptions to the manifold insufficiencies of the said answer for replication thereunto saith that he will answer and prove his said bill to be true, certain and sufficient in the law to be answered unto, and that the said answer of the said defendant is uncertain, untrue and insufficient to be replied unto by this plaintiff, without this that any other matter or thing whatsoever in the said answer contained material or effectual in the law to be replied unto ~~unto~~, confessed and avoided, traversed or denied is true, all which matters and things this plaintiff is and will be ready to any and prove as this honorable Court shall direct and humbly prays an in and by his said bill he hath already prayed.

Brown & Morrison
for Complainant

Whereupon at the April Term of said Court 1851
the Court made the following order to wit - of which
the following is a copy

Lewis L. Peny Executor &c. { In Chancery on
vs John & Thomas Roche } account of
Partnership

And now on this day comes the said plaintiff
by Breeze & Morrison his attorneys and said defendants by Horner
& Hamilton their attorneys, and said plaintiff enters his motion to
strike the answer of said defendants to Complainants said bill,
from the files in this cause, and the court being fully satisfied
of and concerning said motion. It is considered that said motion
be allowed and said answer and said answer is ordered
to be stricken from the files, therefore said defendants by their
attorneys are please to refile their answer to Complainants
said bill, and whereupon leave is hereby given to said defen-
dants to refile their said answer &c.

Whereupon afterwards to wit at the same Term
of the Circuit Court, the Court made the
following order to wit - ^{of which the following is a copy} Lewis L. Peny Executor &c.
vs John & Thomas Roche { for account of partnership -

And now on this day comes the parties by their attorneys
and the said defendants having filed their answer to the complainants
bill of complaint. It is therefore ordered by the Court that this
cause be and it is hereby set for hearing, upon bill and answer
and replication at the next Term of this court, and by consent of
parties it is further ordered that R. B. Servant be and he is
hereby appointed special commissioner to take and hear
evidence in this cause and report to next term of this
Court, and this cause is continued &c.

Whereupon at the October Term of said Court 1851
the Court made the following order to wit -

Lewis L. Penny Esq; of James & Roche

vs In Chancery on account
John & Thomas Roche

And now on this day comes the said parties by
their attorneys, and on motion this suit is continued till
the next Term of this court to take evidence &c.

Col RNB. Servant files Evidence in this case by
him taken of which the following is a copy

The deposition of Frederick Guker a witness produced sworn and examined before RNB. Servant Esqr. a Justice of the peace within & for the County of Randolph and State of Illinois on the 26th day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, at the office of the said RNB. Servant in the Town of Chester County of Randolph aforesaid in a suit now pending and determined in the Circuit Court of said County wherein Lewis S. Perry executor of the last will and ^{testament} of James C. Boach deceased is plaintiff against John Boach and Thomas Boach all defendants on the part of the plaintiff. The said Frederick Guker being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith in answer to the following interrogation. Question. Do you know the parties plaintiff and defendant in this suit or either of them or which of them and how long have you known them respectively Answer I have known Lewis S. Perry ten years or more I know James C. Boach ten or twelve years, and I have known John Boach and him as Boach about eight years.

I recollect of finding a memorandum in my own hand writing in relation to the payment of a farming mill and the name of James C. Boach recouping but do not recollect how it was paid

Frederick Guker

Savannah H. Vrain being produced, sworn and examined deposeth and saith. Question. Have you examined the account of Thomas Boach and John Boach Dr. to the estate of James C. Boach received and if so state what you know of that account. Ans. I have examined the account furnished in this cause and find that James C. Boach paid me forty seven dollars and twelve cents interest of thirty four dollars and thirty two cents. Stated in the account, and both James C. Boach and one of the others John or Thomas said it was for the

house on the farm near Kaskaskia

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(J. St. Vrain)

Bulligh Gules being produced sworn and examined deposeth and saith in answer to the foregoing question propounded to Mr. St. Vrain as follows: James B. Roach employed me to furnish logs for building a house on said farm. I hauled them to Mr. St. Vrain's mill. Mr. St. Vrain sawed them according to the bill of James B. Roach and Mr. James B. Roach hauled them to his brick house for the said house and paid me for the same in one, sixteen dollars. I also furnished the said James B. Roach for the use of them four bushels of oats and one grain cradle for which he paid me three dollars and twenty five cents, and one dollar for hauling a fanning mill from Kaskaskia to the said farm. I know that James B. Roach purchased a fanning mill from Mr. Chamber for twenty dollars. I also plowed two days on said farm for which the said James B. Roach paid me one dollar ad.

Bulligh Gules

Nirien C. Conner being produced sworn and examined deposeth and saith in and to the questions aforesaid, That I have examined said account. I worked on the foundation of a brick house on the farm before named in the employment of John Purcell. I don't recollect how long but part of two three or four ~~months~~ weeks. I understand that James B. Roach was to pay for the work

N.C. Conner.

Robert Grant being produced sworn and examined deposeth and saith in and to the questions aforesaid, I sold James B. Roach some wheat I don't recollect how many bushels but seems to me ten bushels for the use of the farm. And I delivered him a keg of lard at his grocery in Kaskaskia

Robert Grant

James M. Wheeler, being produced sworn and examined deposeth and saith in and to the questions aforesaid, I have examined the account before named. and I know that James B. Roach purchased a wagon from Jacob Heaman & Co for which he paid about fifty dollars, but I presume his account on either correct. I know that the company of Jacob Heaman & Co bought corn from

the said James E. Roach but I don't recollect how much

James M. Wheeler

Owen Gubler being produced sworn and examined deposeth and saith in ans^t to the questions aforesaid that he had examined the aforesaid account, that he sold a mare to the said James E. Roach for the sum of forty five dollars. The said mare was of gray colour and for the use of the farm. I sold the said James E. Roach for said sum six or seven bushels but I don't recollect exactly how many I think the price was twenty five cents per bushel

Owen Gubler

Peter Deouye being produced sworn and examined deposeth and saith in ans^t to the interrogta aforesaid. I have examined the account before named and I know that the said James E. Roach purchased from me a yoke of oxen for the said farm for which he paid me to the best of my knowledge and belief forty five dollars.

Peter Deouye

Michael C. Bratt, being produced sworn and examined deposeth and saith in ans^t to the questions aforesaid says that he has examined the account before named and that the said James E. Roach paid him three dollars for hauling plank use of the farm, and that he paid me I believe seventy five cents per driving cattle to the said farm.

Mr. C. A. Bratt

Frances O'Neal, being produced sworn and examined deposeth and saith in answer to the question aforesaid that he had examined said account. When James E. Roach moved to his farm from Raskashia he took what remained of his grocery to the farm. To the amount of four hundred dollars, I think I was in the grocery every day and to the best of my judgment it was that amount. I don't know what they done with the groceries after they left Raskashia. James E. Roach John Roach and Thomas Roach boarded with me at Raskashia about two months and James E. Roach paid me for the board of all them at seven ^{dollars} per month to the best of my recollection James E. Roach also purchased

from Mr Robert Marion a kind of two horse wagon¹⁹ for which
he paid fifty dollars and took it on the said farm

Francis O'Neil

Joseph Slater being produced sworn and examined deponent
and saith in answer to the question aforesaid that he had ex-
amined the account before named and says that I bought a
Saddle from the said James E. Roach and paid him with a cow
which I took to the said farm. I heard the said James E. Roach bar-
gain with John Short for a horse, for which the said John Short
paid him a yoke of Oxen, or the price of thirty four Dollars
and delivered said Oxen on said farm, but he bought ten horses
at thirty Dollars and was to pay the difference, the price of the last
aforesaid was eleven Dollars. I went to the said James
E. Roche's Saddler Shop at East Newark and Mr Thomas
Roach was in and I wanted to purchase a bridle and Mr Thomas
Roach told me that he had nothing to do with the
Shop - Samuel Crawford sold two Cows to the said James
E. Roche for fifteen Dollars for the two, and they were delivered
on the farm —

Joseph A. Slater —

Francis O'Neil, examined says that the Saddlers shop and
stocks and the Grocery before named was the exclusive property
of James E. Roach —

Francis O'Neil —

Luke Kelly being produced sworn and examined
deponent and saith in answer the question aforesaid says
that he has examined the account before named, and
that he sold one ox to the said James E. Roach for
the farm for which he paid twenty Dollars —

Luke Kelly

James W. Nixon being produced sworn and examined
deponent and saith in answer to the question before
stated that he knows nothing of the business of James Roach
Thomas Roach and John Roach,

J. W. Nixon

John Mann being produced, sworn and examined, deposes and saith in answer to the before stated that he has examined the account before named; I did blacksmith work for James E. Roach for the farm and let him have two or three quarters of beef in all amounting to thirty nine Dollars, which amount of thirty nine dollars James E. Roach paid me,

John Mann

Michael Kelly being produced, sworn and examined, deposes and saith in answer to the question before propounded, that I built a brick house for Mr. James E. Roach on said farm, for which house he furnished all materials for which he paid me for laying the bricks in said house the sum thirty four Dollars and twenty Cents and James E. Roach also purchased from me a yoke of oxen which I delivered on the said farm for which he the said James E. Roach paid me forty Dollars.

Michael Kelly

Owen Cullen: reexamined says that since the death of James E. Roach, there has been to the best of his knowledge and no improvement made on the said farm, nor was there any a short time before the death of the said James E. Roach, that as he lives very near, he thinks that if any improvement had been made he would have none it.

Owen Cullen

There not being time to complete the ~~testimony~~, taking of these depositions I adjourn the further taking of the same, until 10. o'clock tomorrow morning I

R. B. Servant.

Justice of the peace

Office of R. B. Servant Esq; in the Town of Chester, County of Randolph, State of Illinois. September 29th. 1851.

Antoine Leguin, produced, sworn and examined, deposes and saith in answer to the question propounded to Savinien St. Martin and others on yesterday, that he has examined the account named in the depositions of yesterday, I sold the same more, once, to James E. Roach for the sum of twenty six Dollars, and that I went on the farm before named

Antoine ^{and} Leguin
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the witness on the part of the plaintiff not being present and having been duly subpoenaed and by consent of parties I adjourn the further taking of the depositions until Monday morning the 29th inst at 9 O'clock:

R.T.B. Servant,

Justice of the peace,

September 27th 1851 - 3 O'clock P.M., by consent of parties the taking of the depositions was resumed and Maurice D. Smith, being produced, sworn and examined deposed and saith in answer to the interrogatory before named that I sold James E. Roach two cows for which he paid me. I think eight Dollars each; and that James E. Roach, John Roach and Thomas Roach drove the ~~cows~~ ^{overland} the Saskatchewan River and James E. Roach told him that he was going to take them to his farm.

M.D. Smith,

There being no other witness present by consent of parties the taking of depositions is adjourned to Monday morning the 29th inst at 9 O'clock -

R.T.B. Servant

Justice of the peace

Monday half past twelve O'clock P.M., September 29th 1851. Daniel Reiley being produced sworn and examined deposed and saith that he has examined the account named in the foregoing depositions, and that he has no recollection of paying any money to Jacob Keenan & Co. on account of James E. Roach, Dennis, or John and Thomas Roach.

Daniel Reiley,

Francis O'Neil, being produced sworn and examined, deposed and saith in answer to the interrogatory before propounded to J. H. Wain and others, that that he has no knowledge of the item in said account to Buzby that will be of any importance to either party.

Francis O'Neil,

Robert Morrison being produced sworn and examined
deposeth and saith that an action now commenced in the Randolph
County Circuit Court on the common law side of said Court by Lewis
J. Perry Executor of James E. Roach, decd., vs John Roach and
Thomas Roach, and that on the trial of that action evidence was
introduced by the defendants for the purpose of showing that a
partnership existed between the said James E. Roach and the
said defendants; and that the said defendants proved the declara-
tion of James E. Roach, that he and the defendants were in partnership
and that in consequence of the introduction of such evidence by the defendants
the plaintiff dismissed the action or took a nonsuit. My recollection
is that John Roach and Thomas Roach were at the trial of said action

Cross examined by defendant Counsel, what time ^{did not} that trial take
place — Answer. To the best of my recollection that it
was at the fall or Spring term of said Court 1850. —

Question. Was the fact of the partnership proven by the plaintiffs
witness — Answer. To the best of my recollection it was proven
by one of the plaintiffs witness on the cross examination. Question
was there any witness examined on the part of the defendants — Answer
If there were any I do not recollect it. — Question Do
you recollect the names of any of the witness that proved the
partnership? — Answer I think Mr. Mulholland was the witness
that testified to the declaration of James E. Roach, that a partnership
existed — Question were there any plea but the general
issue — Answer I do not remember. — Question was there
no evidence on the part of the plaintiff to show that there was no
partnership existing between the said parties? — Answer In regard to
the plaintiffs evidence on that point I have no distinct recollection.

Did not Mr. Perry always contend before the former action was
disposed of that there was no partnership between these parties? —
Answer — Mr. Perry always contended that there was no partnership or
if there was the defendants could not prove it. Was not Mr.
Perry very familiar with transactions of these parties? — Answer
I cannot say whether he was or not,

Robert Morrison

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John Paschall being produced sworn and examined deposed and
saith in answer to the interrogatory before named that I did ^{stone} some work
on a house on the farm occupied by James E. Roach, John Roach and
Thomas Roach and to the best of my recollection the work amounted to between
thirty five and forty ~~and~~ ^{and} forty Dollars and that James E. Roach paid me
in Groceries out of the grocery kept by him in Kankakee and the balance
in Cash. I saw Mr Henry Bussey work on the house before named,
that he was at work on the house some time, but I dont know how
long. And that I saw James E. Roach pay him some money and groceries
but I dont know how much was on that account, nor do I know
that Mr Bussey did any other work for James E. Roach; I heard
the Roaches say that Beaureves and Toulous made and burnt
the brick for the house but dont know who paid them. Understood
from all the Roaches that they worked the farm in common and
in partnership.

John Paschall

There not being time to conclude the testimony on the part
of the plaintiff by consent of parties I adjourn the further
taking of the depositions until to morrow morning at
9 o'clock —

R. B. Servant

Commissioner

Tuesday morning September 30th, 1851 —

There being no witnesses on the part of the plaintiff in attendance and
all of them not having testified, by consent of the parties I adjourn
the further taking of testimony until to morrow morning at 9
o'clock —

R. B. Servant

Commissioner

Wednesday morning October 1st, 1851,

October 1st 1851 — by consent of parties I continue the taking
of depositions to morrow morning at 9 o'clock —

October 2^d, 1851 — by consent of parties I continue the
taking of depositions to morrow morning at 9 o'clock —

October 3^d 1851 — by consent of parties I continue
the taking of depositions to morrow morning at 9 o'clock —

October 4th 1851 — by consent of parties I continue the taking of depositions
to February 3rd 1852 —

R. B. Servant

February 3^d 1852,

The deposition of William Golding a witness produced, sworn and examined on his oath says — Question by plaintiff what do you know about the business of James E. Roach and Thomas and William Roach — Answer I borrowed twenty five Dollars from Thomas Roach and he informed me that it belonged to the firm at Kaskaskia, that Thomas Roach told him he wanted a certain per cent for James E. Roach, that it all belonged to him.

W. Golding

Alexis Beauvais being sworn says that he made bricks for the brick house of the Roachers and that James E. Roach paid him thirty One Dollars for making said bricks; James Lasource also made bricks for said house; Louis Lasource also helped to make said bricks I wanted Mr Thomas Roach to hire a hand to work in the brick yard and he told me he had nothing to do with it unless James E. Roach said so —

Alexis Beauvais

the plaintiff rested his case, and then by Consent of parties the taking of the foregoing depositions was postponed to some time & agreed upon between this and the next term of the Circuit Court for the County of Randolph State of Illinois April 20th 1852, under the following notice the parties came by their attorneys. Started for the plaintiff and Hamilton for defendant; Chester Ill., April 13th, 1852,

S. S. Deny Esqr Dear Sir. With your permission we will take depositions before Mr. Servant on tomorrow evening which will be the 20th inst of yourself as Roaches, please take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly
Truly yours P. P. Hamilton,

John Stipe produced sworn and examined on his oath deposes and saith in answer to the following interrogatories on the part of the defendant — Question 1st. do you know or not whether any of the property owned by James Roach, Thomas Roach and John Roach on their farm in this County died or was lost or destroyed previous to the death of the said James E. Roach if so state what kind and the value of the same

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Defendants Counsel, objected to the question. — Answer. I saw a man dead
on the said farm and said to be the property of the said Roaches and the said Man was
Called Nancy; and I also saw an Ox that was shot belonging to said farm and
understood that he died, Question D^O do you know whether or not Thomas
Roach and John Roach laboured on said farm from the year 1843 to June
1849 if so state how much their labour was worth, —

Answer — I came to this state in 1843 and the said Thomas Roach and John Roach
were on said farm at that time and have remained there up to this time, and in that
neighbourhood, wages were from ten to twelve dollars per month, the answer
to object to by plaintiffs Counsel, but if the item of wages is included in the
plaintiffs act it is waived. Cross examined by plaintiffs Counsel —

Question — do you know who furnished said man or Ox or either of them? —

Answer — I saw them on the farm but do not know who furnished them —

Question — do you know or not whether the said Thomas Roach and John Roach
were partners with the said James E. Roach in the culture and management
of said farm — Answer — I dont know — Question how many days did
John Roach work on said farm — Answer — I dont know — Question how
many days did Thomas Roach work on said farm? — Answer I have seen
them at work on said farm but dont know how many days they worked —

Question — did said man and Ox die whilst the said Roaches were in
partnership — Answer — I cant tell you anything about it — Question
— do you know or not whether James E. Roach ever furnished any money,
cattle or other property for the use of said farm — Answer — I dont know —

Question — did you ever hear either the said John or Thomas Roach admit
that the said James E. Roach had furnished money or stocks for said farm
objected to by defendants attorney — Answer. I heard them say that they
had bought a yoke of Oxen from Short, I think I heard them speak of
purchasing a steer from Uncle Kelly — Answer do you know whether
or not the said James E. Roach ever received any benefit from the proceeds
of said farm — Answer I dont know — Question have you ever seen the said
James E. Roach work on said farm — Answer I saw him picking up mounds or
turning. I think at one time —

John Skippe —

William Mulholand produced, sworn and examined, deposed and
said — Question — do you know whether or not any of the property owned
by James E. Roach, Thomas Roach and John Roach on their in this
County died or was lost or destroyed previous to the death of the said

James E. Roach, if so what kind and the value of the same. —
objected to by plaintiff's counsel — Answer there was a Gleaning
Mill on the farm that was burnt, and at the same time a stack of wheat
or oats was burnt. One Ox also died on farm, it was supposed that
it was shot, and that the gleaning Mill was worth twenty Dollars, and the Ox
twenty Dollars, and I don't know how much the stack was worth. —
Question, do you know whether or not Thomas Roach and John Roach
laboured on said farm from the year 1843, to June 1849, if so State
how much their Labour was worth, answer I have seen them labour
on said farm repeatedly between those periods, I can't say what their
labour was worth. — Cross examined by plaintiff's attorney —
Question how many days do you know that John and Thomas
Roach worked on said farm between the time that they went upon
said as partners up to the time of the death of the said James E. Roach —
Answer, I can't say how many days but repeatedly between the years 1843,
and 1849 — Question — Do you or not know that James E. Roach, re-
ceived any benefit from said farm — Answer, I don't know that he did. —
Question, Did you ever see the said James E. Roach work on said
farm — Answer, I have seen him working on said farm
between the year 1843, and 1849 repeatedly. — Question — Did you
ever hear either the said John Roach or Thomas Roach say that James
E. Roach furnished the Stock for said farm, — objected to by pl-
aintiff's counsel — ^{if true} Answer, I don't know I have no recollection
of it at present, — William Mullholland.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions of the witnesses respect-
ively who deposed was sworn to and signed by said deponents before
me, and in my presence, and that the said depositions were taken by me on
the days named in said depositions at my office in the Town of
Chester in the County of Randolph and State of Illinois between
the hours of ten o'clock in the morning and five o'clock in
the afternoon of said days; and that said depositions were taken
and the adjournment had by the Court of the parties to the suit
upon which said depositions were taken, given under my
hand and seal this 20th day of April AD 1852,

R. B. Servant (Seal)

Justice of the peace of the County of Randolph and State of Illinois

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Costs paid by plaintiff -	
Justice costs taking depositions	\$10.80
" " To issuing 13 Subpoenas	" 24.5
" " DW 24. witness	, 1.50
" " " Certificate	25
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	\$14.70

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witnesses To 24- witnesses 12.50 -	" 12.50
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	\$46.45

Recd payment from plaintiff

R.B. Rennant

In the Randolph Co Court Ill Sept 1. 1852.
In the Case of Lewis L. Perry Exec of James E. Roche
vs In Chancery
John Roche and Thomas Roche

To said defendants or T. S. Hamilton & for
them you are hereby notified that the said complainant will on
the 25th day of June A.D. 1852 proceed at Jonesborough Union
County Illinois at 10. O'clock A.M. to take the deposition of Fran-
cis O'Neill in said case to be read in testimony in said suit at said
term of said court, when & where the said defendants or atty can at-
tend cross examine said witness affidavits having been filed
as required by Statute

June 9th 1852

Lewis L. Perry
by atty C. N. Baldwin

I acknowledge service of the above
Chester June 9th 1852

P. S. Hamilton

Let for Depo
The depositions of Francis O'Neill of the County of Illinois
and State of Illinois a witness produced sworn and examined
before Thomas Hileman County Judge in and for said County
and State on the 25th day of June A.D. 1852 at the court house in
Jonesborough in the County and State aforesaid in pursuance of
the notice hereto attached to be read as ^{sworn} on the trial of a certain suit
in chancery now pending and undetermined in the Randolph County
Circuit Court in the State aforesaid. wherein Lewis L. Perry executor
of the last will and testament of James E. Roach deceased is plaintiff
and John Roach, John Roach are defendants on the part and
behalf of the said plaintiff. the said Francis O'Neill being first duly
sworn according to law deposeth and says in answer to the several
interrogations on the part of the said plaintiff as follows viz.
Interrogation 1st do you know the parties plaintiff and defendant
in the title of these interrogations named or either of which of them or neither

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long have you known them respectively. Answer. I know them all, James C. Roach came to Rockaukia Illinois some time during the month of March in the year 1838 or there abouts and know him from that time up to the time he died which took place sometime during the year 1845. Thomas Roach came to the same place about 12 or 15 months after the arrival of James C. Roach and John Roach came between 2 or 3 months after the arrival of Thomas Roach and have known John and Thomas Roche from the time of their arrival up to April last. Interrogatory 2^o What was the condition pecuniary & of parties when land was left by them. Answer. I know that James C. Roche bought a farm from a Mr. Brewster in Randolph County, Illinois. dont know any thing about Thomas Roche and John Roche buying land. the land bought from Brewster by James C. Roach was bought before Thomas Roach and John Roach came. I know that James C. Roach was a monied man. I at one time when James C. Roach was sparing took from him. I think near three hundred dollars in cash. he had a Saddler Shop and a very good stock of materials in it dont know exactly how much but I think it worth about five or six hundred dollars. I recollect at one time we estimated the work made up in the shop to five hundred dollars. without estimating materials in the shop then on hand. at or about the time when he bought the farm and when the estimation made of the value of the shop. he also had a good many debts owing to him for saddles and harness sold. I dont know what Thomas Roach & John Roach were worth one dime. Interrogatory 3^o What became of the groceries deceased took to the farm. Answer. I dont know what became of the groceries after they were taken to the farm.

Interrogatory 4^o What crops were raised on the farm each year & what were the crops worth. To whom sold, for how much, and what became of the proceeds. Answer. I dont know any thing about the crops raised on the farm. I know that Thomas Roach brought Pork from that farm and sold it in Rockaukia at one time to John Piesbecker that is all that I know about the proceeds of the farm. Interrogatory 5^o Was the family supported from the

proceeds of the farm what was such support worth. Answer
I know that the family lived on the farm as to their support
and the value thereof from my own knowledge I know nothing
about it

State of Illinois 

County of Union  I do hereby certify that the above deposition of Francis O'Neil was sworn to and signed by the deponent before me and in my presence, and that the said deposition was taken by me on the 25th day of June A.D. 1852 at the Court house in Jonesboro in the said County of Union between the hours of ten O'clock in the morning and two O'clock in the evening of said day. Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of June A.D. 1852

Thomas Gilman County Seal
Judge Union County Illinois

Fee for taking deposition \$1.12 $\frac{1}{4}$
.. " Certificate .25
Swearing affidavit .64
Certificate of City Clerk .25
Witness fee to F. O'Neil .50
~~\$2.18 $\frac{3}{4}$~~

State of Illinois 

Union County  I Thomas J. Finley Clerk of the County Court of Union County State of Illinois do hereby certify that Thomas Gilman whose name is affixed to the foregoing certificate was at the time the said Certificate bears date the Judge of said County Court duly Commissioned and qualified that the signature purporting to be his is genuine.



Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of said County Court
at office in Jonesboro this the 25th day of
June 1852.

Thomas J. Finley Clerk

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and the court at the April Term of Circuit Court 1852,
made the ^{an} following order ~~book~~ of which the following is a copy
Lewis L. Perry Esq^r of James L. Roach

John & Thomas L. Roach } Chancery on
{ account

And now on this day comes the said parties by
their attorneys and on motion leave is given to the
parties to file additional items of account and
this cause is continued till the next Term of this court
to take evidence &c, -

whereupon the following ~~conversations~~ depositions are filed
in court & which ^{which the following is a copy} of the letters & expenses, following
to wit — The deposition of William Golding and others of the
County of Randolph and State of Illinois, witnesses produced,
sworn and examined before me B. B. Servant or Justice of the
peace within and for said County and State on the 29th day of July
A.D. 1852 at the office of the said B. B. Servant in the town of
Chester in said County in pursuance of the agreement of parties and
the annexed notice to be read as evidence in a certain suit now
pending and undetermined in the Circuit Court of said County
wherein Lewis L. Perry executor James Roach deceased is
plaintiff and John Roach and Thomas Roach are defendants
on the part and behalf of said plaintiff. The said William
Golding first being duly sworn according to law deposed
and saith in answer to the several interrogations hereafter
put on the part of said plaintiff as follows viz Q. 1st Do
you know the parties plaintiffs and defendants in the above
^{entitled} written suit or either or which of them and how long have you
known them respectively. Answer I do know all the parties and
have known them all from ten to twelve years. At this stage of taking
the deposition by consent of parties the further along of Mr Golding
deposition was continued to the 10th day of August next at 10
o'clock A.M.

Wm Golding

Patrick Riley being produced and sworn deposonth and saith that he knows all the parties and have known them about nine years. Question, What crops were raised on the farm of the said Roachee each year & what were the crops worth, to whom sold for how much, and what became of the proceeds. Ans. I have never seen said farm and therefore cannot say what was raised on it. The owners of Daniel Riley's mill have bought wheat from John & Thomas Roach which I presume was raised on the farm aforesaid To the best of my recollection we have bought from the said Roachee for the last four years at said mill from forty to fifty bushels of wheat per annum, at an average price of twenty five cents per bushel, before that time I was not regularly engaged in the mill we paid John & Thomas Roach for said wheat.

P. N. Riley.

By consent of parties the further taking of depositions was continued to the 10th day of August proponnat to o'clock AM,

B. B. Lervant

August 10th 1852

The taking of the depositions was resumed according to continuance, Owen Culling being produced sworn and examined according to law on his oath answers to the following interrogations. Quest. 1st. Do you know the parties to this suit plaintiffs and defendants? Ans. I know ~~know~~ the parties to this suit and have known them seven or eight years. Quest 2^d. Who crops were raised on the farm of the said Roachee each year, and what were the crops worth, to whom sold, for how much, and what became of the proceeds. Answer. Wheat, corn, and oats, principally, the crops to the best of my knowledge were worth for each year one hundred and seventy five dollars, but some years the farm was not well cultivated. The wheat was sometimes sold to Daniel Riley and at other times to Mr. Swanwick and Mr. Cole dont know to whom the corn and oats were sold. dont know at what price the crops sold. But I sold wheat during the time

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the cultivation of said farm for sixty cents to one dollar per bushel. I dont know what became of the proceeds, but Thomas and John Roach sold the crops. There were also hogs raised on said farm, but dont know what became of them. John Roach went on said farm in the year 1842.

Crops examined by defendants. Ques. Were there not some years that there was no crops raised on said farm Answer. The crops were all destroyed one year, which in all that I particularly recollect, but there was another year that there was a partial failure by being destroyed by cattle.

Ques. Did you know ^{James} John E. Roach before you knew Thomas and John Roach, Answer. I knew him two years at least before I knew them. Ques. Was he a man of means, Answer. He was a man of means, he had a stock of saddle and harness and bridles & he had also had a stock of groceries in a grocery store at Kaskaskia but does not know whether he had opened the grocery before Thomas Roach came to the country or not. Question. Did Thomas Roach attend to the grocery and if so how long, Ans. He did attend to the grocery from the time it was opened until it was closed a period of about two years. Question. Did you ever deal with James G. Roach on the said farm, Answer. I have dealt with him on the farm, and sold him a mare for forty five dollars. Ques. Do you know whether or not James G. Roach received any money from John or Thomas Roach, Answer. I do not.

Direct examination resumed by plaintiff. Ques. Who was the married man of the three Roaches, Ans. as far as I know James G. Roach was the married man of the three.

Crops examined resumed, Qst. how do you know that he was the married man, Ans. as far as I know he ^{bought} ~~brought~~ and ^{had} bought for things on the farm. Direct examination resumed by the plaintiff. Ques. What was the value of the rent of the farm Answer about forty dollars per annum

Oscar Muller

Question. What did the deceased and the defendants each expend or do towards the erection of the house & making improvements on the farm. Answer. I do not know.

Owen Cullen,

Daniel Bolinger being produced sworn and examined deposes and says in answer to the following interrogations on the part of the plaintiff. Ques. What became of the groceries deco^d took to the farm. Ans. the groceries were sold on the farm Question, What crops were raised on the farm each year, and what were the crops worth. To whom sold. For how much, and what became of the proceeds. Answer. Wheat Corn and Oats principally, to the best of my knowledge (setting aside the year the crops were destroyed by the cattle) they would average one hundred and seventy five or eighty dollars perhaps more. The wheat to the best of my knowledge was sold to the millers Reily, Lwanwick and Cole. I sold wheat during the time from sixty five cents to one dollar and five cents per bushel. I dont know what became of the proceeds. Question. What was their work on the farm worth. Ans. about seventy five dollars per annum each. Ques. What was the value of the rent of the farm. Ans. about forty dollars per annum. Ques. how long have the defendants lived in the County and what business did they follow before the farm was bought. Answer. It might be six months or perhaps a year, Thomas kept the grocery at Rusharkia, but I do not know what John Roach followed. Crops experienced by defendant. Ques. From whom did you purchase groceries at the farm. Ans. from James E. Roach deceased

Daniel Bolinger

James Craig being produced and sworn and examined deposes and says in answer to interrogations in the part of the plaintiff. Question. What crops were raised on the farm each year & what were the crops worth. To whom sold. For how much, and what became of the proceeds. Answer. Whilst I was in the employ

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ment of Mr. Swanwick at his mill at Chester in the fall of
1844 & in 1851 up to July Thomas and John Roach brought wheat
to mill for which they obtained an average of seventy five
Cents per Bushel to the best of my recollection

James P. Craig

By consent of parties the further taking of depositions was
continued to September 10th proposed 10 O'Clock A.M.

R.B. Leverett

September 10th 1852

John Stope being produced and sworn according to law dep-
oseth and saith in answer to the several interrogatories hereinof
put on the part of the defendants as follows: To wit, Question 1
Do you know the parties plaintiffs and defendants in the foregoing
suit, or either or which of them and how long have you known them
respectively. Answer I have known all the parties I have known
James Roach some four or five or six years, and Thomas and
John about nine years. What crops were raised on the
farm each year, and what were the crops worth. To whom sold
for how much. and what became of the proceeds. Answer. Wheat
Corn and Oats, and the average yearly value of the crops, taking
one year with another, was not worth more than one hundred
dollars and perhaps not so much. I dont know to whom or to
what that any was sold, and of course dont know what becomes
of the proceeds. Question. What was their work worth. The labor
of John & Thomas Roach on the aforesaid farm during the years
before named, was worth from ten to twelve dollars per month
if found. that during the rate of wages for farm hands about those
years. It is usual for persons employing hands to find them but
where they board themselves, the wages would be the price of board
in addition which board ranged from one dollar to one dollar
and fifty Cents per week and that John and Thomas Roach
boarded themselves. Question. What was the value of the rent
of the farm. Answer. About forty dollars a year.

Preston. Was the family supported from the proceeds of the farm
What was such support worth. Answer, I suppose they were, dont
know what support was worth, 1st, 2nd, 7th and 8th of the grases
Interrogations know nothing about. Do you know any thing about
John and Thomas Roach advancing James Roach money
Answer, I heard James Roach say that he received one hundred
and ninety six dollars advanced to him by John Roach and
the same time witness said to him that he had been informed that
Thomas Roach had advanced him James Roach, two hundred
and fifty dollars, and that he James Roach answered that it could
not be so much, but that if he could effect a certain settlement
with them of his & Thomas Roach it would all be accounted for.
Do you know that James Roach's wife boarded with John & Thom-
as Roach in 1848 and 1849 and if so how long. I know that they
boarded there for some length of time in those years but how long
I do not know. Question. Did you ever rent any part of said farm
from James Roach and if so to whom did you pay the rent.
Answer. I did rent a part of said farm from James Roach on
shares, and as usual left him rent in the field.

John Stipe

William Mulholland produced and sworn and in answer
to the first interrogations propounded to John Stipe says that.
Answer. I have known all the parties to this suit James Roach six
or seven years and John and Thomas about the same time
Question. What crops were raised on the farm each year, and what were
the crops worth. To whom sold, for how much, and what became of the pro-
ceeds. Answer. Wheat Corn and Oats, principally, and was worth
on an average of one year with another, not more than one hundred
dollars, which would be a high estimation. Dont know to whom sold
or how much, or what became of the proceeds. Question. Was the
family supported from the proceeds of the farm. What was such sup-
port worth. I have eaten there frequently and from what I saw I suppose
that the family was supported from the farm. I dont know what the
support of the family was worth. Question. What was the work of the
farm worth. Answer. From ten to twelve dollars per month when

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boarded, and when not found, which was the case with John and Thomas Roach five or six dollars more. Question. What was the value of the rest of the farm. Answer. Not to exceed forty dollars per annum, taking one year with another. Question. How long had the defendants lived in the County and what business did they follow before the farm was bought. Answer. I don't know how long they had lived in the County before the farm was bought but I recollect that before that purchase that Thomas Roach attended the grocery store in Rashaska. Question. Do you know that James Roach and his wife boarded with John and Thomas Roach in 1848 and 1849 and if so how long. Answer. I do know that James Roach and his wife boarded with John and Thomas Roach from the fall of 1848 to the summer of 1849 some six or eight months. Question. Was James Roach a man of pecuniary means before John and Thomas Roach came to the County. Answer. James Roach said to me that he had listed his property for taxes at two or three hundred dollars, \$2.00 & 8th of the judges intere of attens he knew nothing about.

William Mulhall and

Joseph Bear produced and sworn, answers to the following interrogations. Question, What is it worth per month to attend a retail grocery without board. Answer. I am paying to the man that attends my retail grocery twenty five dollars per month and he boards himself

Joseph Bear

State of Illinois ³⁸
Randolph County ³⁸ I do hereby certify that the foregoing deposition of William Golding and others were sworn to and signed by the deponents before me, were taken by me and in my presence, and that the said depositions were taken by me on the 29th day of July the 10th day of August and the 18th day of September at my office in the town of Chester County of Randolph State of Illinois. between the hours of 10 o'clock in the morning and five o'clock in the evening of said day. Given under my hand and seal, this tenth day of September 1842

Justices costs \$6.25
Constable, " 3.20

N. B. Stewart ^{Seer}
Register of the seal

Wednesday September Term 1852
September 29th. 1852

Lewis L. Perry Esqr v James E. Roach
vs
John & Thomas Roach & Chancery On account
And now on this day comes the said parties by
their solicitors and the court having heard the bill, answer
and exhibits, the evidence produced &c taken, this cause under
adviseinent and decree ~~be ended~~ as of this date
of which the court made the following decision to wit
Perry Esqr v C of Randolph Circuit Court
vs
Roach & Roach & Chancery

In this case I think there can be no doubt that
a partnership existed between the three brothers in farming &c, from
the facts that they owned the farm together, they all contributed toward
building a house thereon - They all resided there together part of the
time - and one of the witnesses swears that he understood from all
of them that they were in partnership - What the terms and
conditions of that partnership were is not proved and can only be a matter
of legal inference from the testimony, in the absence of any express contract
the presumption is always that the partners are entitled to an equal share
of the stock and profits Bissell on part, 57, 158 - 1 J. J. Marsh, R. 506.
5 Dana R. 211, Gould vs Gould 6 Mass R. 303, 3 Kent Com 28, 27.
the complainant as Esqr. is therefore entitled to a credit for all the deceased
contributed to the concern over one third, to one third of the profits,
and to one third of the effects on hand at the time of his death, A. reference
will therefore be made to Col. Servant Master in Chancery to take an
account of the articles of personal property furnished for the house or farm
by James E. Roach & their value, the amount paid by him for stock on do.,
also the amount paid by him in erection of house & the amount paid by
him for farm, also the probable profits of farm while lefts were in
partnership, also the personal property held by firm at the time of
the death of Jas E. Roach and its value, and in the real estate now

held by firm. In ascertaining these facts the debts may be examined as well as other witnesses on each - The depositions already taken considered by the Master, the mode of proceeding before the Master is clearly pointed out in 4 Ill. R. 386, and in Brockman vs Auger 12 Ill. R. 280, as there was no express contract that the debt were to be paid for their labor, no allowance can be made them on that account. Moffett vs Lewis 11 Ill. R. 397 -

Wm J. Anderson

C. J.

whereupon the Master files his report of which the following is a copy to wit -

To the Honorable William J. Anderson, Judge of the Circuit Court of the County of Randolph State of Illinois: -
The undersigned Master in Chancery of said County to whom the papers herewith transmitted in the case of Roache, S., Executor vs. John and Thomas Roache, respectfully reports that the investigation of the case has been attended with many difficulties, owing to the voluminous testimony taken at different times on ^{immaterial} material points, but after particularly reviewing all the testimony and particularly hearing other witnesses have come to the conclusion as stated below, excluding all the testimony except that bearing directly on the partnership but furnishing a statement marked (A) of all the business transactions between the Roaches aforesaid, so that your Honour will have all the facts before you upon which to apply the law.

James E. Roache put into the farm money. Nos 9 & C,	\$ 603 82
John and Thomas Roache " " " " "	446 00
Excess by James Roach	\$ 157 82
The profits of the farm was proven to be \$ 1050. 1/3	350 00
Balance due James E. Roach - - - - -	507 82
excluding all except the mere partnership transactions	
April 1 st . 1853	Respectfully yr Obl Servt
fees \$ 10 00	R. W. B. Servant
	Master in Chancery

(A.)

James E. Roach put into the farm building & Co.	\$	C.
S. H. Train proves	47	12
Raleigh Culcer	41	25
Robert Gant	7	50
James M. Wheeler	30	00
Owen Cullen	46	50
Peter Dernysse	45	00
M. G. Bratt	3	75
Frank O'Neil	50	00
Joseph Slater	61	00
John Kelly	20	00
	<u>\$ 372 12</u>	
		Amount of
		<u>\$ 28 00</u>

It was proven that John Roach paid towards farm and building \$ 196 00 per annum for 9 years the period of partnership amount \$ 1166 00 for the whole time to 1350 00 average profit of \$ 150 00

John and Thomas Roach boarded James E. Roach to the amount of \$ 98 00 but there for the period of two years of that time it did not yield anything deduct two years 300 00 It was proven by Frank O'Neil that James E. Roach took the farm groceries to the Amt of \$ 400 00 Net proceeds \$ 1050 00

But it was also proved that he sold them himself It was also proved by several witnesses that the farm yielded an advantage.

It was proved that John and Thomas Roach worked on the farm each six months in each of the nine years, and that their work was worth \$ 8 00 per month - \$ 1008 00

and that James E. Roach worked one month - \$ 8 00 James E. Roach, board and Labour included, advanced, \$ 639 00 John and Thomas Roach, board and labour included, do \$ 1552 00

Lewis L. Parry, Esq; of James E. Roach

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vs
Thomas Roach and John Roach

The above case was referred by the Judge of the Circuit

Court to the Master in Chancery of the County of Randolph to make up an account between the parties and report to the next term of the Circuit Court of said County and by agreement of parties Monday the 17th day of January 1853, was set apart to hear additional testimony: One of the defendants Thos. Roach, ^{and} the plaintiff after being three times solemnly called came not — The said Thomas Roach after being duly sworn according to Law, on his oath deposes and saith in answer to the following interrogatory to wit — Who were the owners of the Land upon which the Brick house and other improvements were made? — Answer — Thomas Roach and John Roach the defendants owned three fourths and James E. Roach ^{deed} of the estate of Adon — Lewis L. Parry's Executor as defendant owned the other one fourth, — were you and John Roach the tenants on the Land on which said Brick house was built — Answer we occupied the Land — how long a period elapsed from the time you commenced the occupancy of said Land until the part of said Land belonging to the estate of the said ^{deed}, was sold by his said Executor, Answer — about nine years

Thomas Roache

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of January 1853

R. B. Servants, Master in Chancery

The Court charges the parties as follows. Defts. Dr.
To amount advanced on farm by Jas. E. Roach
advanced by Defts

\$ 603. 82

" 146. 00

411049. 82

262. 45-

341. 39

262. 50

28. 00

\$ 631. 87

58. 00

\$ 533. 87

Jas. advanced more than his portion

1/4 of profits —

Boarded Defts

~~Board of Profits by Defts~~

Board of Profits by Defts

Perry Esq vs
Thos & John Roach

Bill to account

- 1st what was the condition pecuniary &c of parties when land was bot by them
2nd What became of the groceries deceased took to the farm
3rd What crops were raised on the farm each year & what were the crops worth. To whom sold, for how much and what became of the proceeds.
4th Was the family supported from the proceeds of the farm. what was such supports worth.
5th What was their ~~reft's~~ work or the farm worth.
6th What was the value of the rent of the farm.
7th How long have the deft lived in the County and what business did they follow before the farm was bought
8th What did the ^wives & the defts each expend or do towards the extion of the house & making improvements on the farm.

W. H. Underwood

whereupon the Court at the May Term thereof AD 1853,
made the following order or orders of which the following
is a copy to wit,

Sewis L. Perry Esq of James E. Roach

~~John~~ is Chancery on
John Roach Thomas Roach account see

And now on this day comes the said plaintiff by Baker and Starbird his attys & the said Defts by Schermer & Hamilton their attys. And the Master in Chancery to whom this Cause had been heretofore referred to make the account & take evidence between the parties to this suit having filed his report of the same which after an examination and correction is approved & ordered to be filed, which account of said Master's finding for the plaintiff Executor aforesaid the sum of five hundred and thirty three dollars & eighty seven cents it is therefore ordered adjudged and

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decreed by the Court that the said plaintiff evr as aforesaid recover of and from the said Defendants the sum of five hundred and thirty three dollars & eighty seven cents as found due by the master aforesaid together with his costs & charges, in and about this suit in his behalf expended & may have suffered for the same &c

whereupon the Dfts files their bill of exceptions, the following of which is a copy — ^{Exposition} Perry administrator of Jas Roach

vs
Jas & Jno Roach

And now comes the defendants by their solicitors and excepts the Masters report and assigns as reasons for the exceptions the following —

- ^{exceptions allowed} 1. that the said Master in his report made no allowance for the work and labour performed by defendants done upon said farm, the evidence being clear upon that point, and the bill answer servile showing satisfactorily that the said J Roach performed no labour and was not a partner at all in the management and cultivation of said farm — — —
2. that the said Master allowed the complainants testator one third of the proceeds & profits of said farm, while the evidence taken by him showed that he held only one fourth of the land — — —
3. that it appears from the reports that he examined witnesses in addition to the testimony contained in the deposition, and that he reports no evidence in writing but merely his conclusions without giving even the names of the witnesses he examined or the points — — —
4. that he made no allowance for the board furnished by said defendants to said complainant, although he admits in his report that said board was furnished — — —
5. that he allows nothing to defendant Jno Roach for his services performed by him for the accused as Clerk in his store for two years, although the evidence sustains this claim, and for that said report is generally informal and insufficient and not in accordance with the evidence taken in the case.

Hamilton & Koerner,
for Defendants.

State of Illinois }
Randolph County } S. S. I. James M. Potts Clerk
of the Circuit Court within and for the said County
do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true and correct
transcript or copy of the papers on file in my office
as also of the orders decrees &c, & proceedings in the case
Lewis C. Deny Esq; of James D. Roach ^{and} John
and Thomas Roach

In witness whereof I have hereunto Subscribed
my name and affixed the official Seal
of said Court at my office in Chester
the third day of December A.D. 1853.

J. M. Potts Clerk

No 12

Lewis & Party Esq of
James C Roach Esq

To

John Roach &
Thomas Roach

Appeal from Randolph

Filed as of the
24: July 1854.
Firmy & Preston Esq
By N Colburn Deputy
Prepaid f 5.00

In the Supreme Court

November term A.D. 1854

John Roach and
Thomas Roache 3 plts in error

Lewis L. Perry - 3 defendant in
Ex'tg James 3 in error
Roach deceased

and now on this day

Came the plts in suu John Roach and
Thomas Roache by Nelson an known their
attorneys and say that in the record and pro-
ceedings & papers in the above styled Cause
there is manifest error in this the Decree of
the Circuit Court of Randolph County in this
that the Decree of Court ~~was~~ should have made
and rendered and adjudged in favor of the plts in
error whereas the Decree of said Court ought
have been rendered and adjudged in
favor of the plts in error and so the plts in
fact sueit that in the rendering of a Decree
the 3 Courts ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the ~~in~~ there is in the Cause
a manifest error

and for assigning errors
specially in the above styled Cause the plts
by his 1st attorney say that the said Court
erred in rendering ~~the~~ interlocutory decree therein
in this that first said Decree was based upon
~~documents~~ ^{testimony} or deposition taken before
a Justice of the Peace whereas this Court did
at a prior term of 2^d Court appoint a Special
Commissioner to take said to take and hear
evidence in said Cause

2^d That this 3^d Court in rendering said interlocutory
Decree at the September term A.D. 1852 of
the Randolph Circuit Court for the reason

by its said interlocutory Decree held and decided
that a partnership existed between James Proch
deceased and the plaintiffs in error John Roche
and Thomas Roche - whereas there was no such
partnership proven to have existed between the
said James & the plaintiffs in error

3rd That the 1st Circuit Court erred in the remittit
of 1st interlocutory decree in decreeing the said
James E. Proch deceased entitled to one third
of the profits the concern, and also entitled to
a credit for all over one third that he contributed
towards the concern. And not allowing to the said
plaintiffs in error a credit for all over one third that
they contributed to the concern

4th The Court erred in its said interlocutory
decree in not allowing any thing the plaintiffs
in error for this labor on the farm owned
by them as tenants in common with the said
James E. Proch deceased

5th That the 2nd Circuit Court erred in holding
by the said interlocutory decree to the said James
E. Proch deceased and the defendant in error
as his creditor all over one third that he con-
tributed to the concern ^{or} ~~or~~ ^{at the time of the death of said Proch} ~~one third~~ of the profits & effects
wheras the said James E. Proch deceased and
the defendant in error as his creditor was not entitled
to more than one ^{one} ~~one~~ ^{fourth} of the rents of the farm

6th That the Court erred in its said interlocu-
tory decree in allowing the said James E. Proch
deceased a credit for divers articles of husbandry
I stock ~~Hent~~ which is proven to have died
or been destroyed by fire, or stock.

7th That the Court erred in ~~dis~~ rendering the 1st
interlocutory decree in manner and form as
the same was rendered by 1st Court.

8th The Court below erred in committing
exceptions 1, 3, & 5 to the report of the Preliminary
Pr. B. Servant Master in Chancery & the

9th The Circuit Court of Randolph County
erred in not first rendering an interlocutory
Decree against the ~~Defendant~~ the plffs in
error to account with the plffs in error before
~~interrogating~~ any account to be taken
by the Master

10th The said Circuit Court erred in ~~the~~ rendering
the final Judgment and Decree in the above
stated cause against the plffs in error without
allowing the 5 plffs such deductions and
set-offs as they were legally and equitably
entitled under the evidence adduced in the
Cause

11th The Court erred in the rendition of a
final Judgment and Decree for the amount
and in manner and form set forth in
the record against the plffs in error and
against them the said plffs in error
wherefor the same are to be recovered
in the name of the said plffs in error
by that the said Circuit Court in the rendition
of said interlocutory decree and final Judg-
ment erred and there is for the reasons
aforesaid in the record and process aforesaid
and the Judgment a void. Wherefore we
do direct the same ought to be awarded the
Master & Keown for
plffs in error

And the said defendant in error says there is no error in
the record & proceedings herein as by the said plffs in
error alleged - wherefore he prays &c

N. L. Freeman atty for
deft in Error

No 12

November 1854

John & Thomas Roach

by

Lewis L Parry Esq.
of J & T Roach Did

Emm to Randolph

Roach

v.

Perry,

Opinion by Eaton &

Several questions were raised and discussed upon the argument of this suit, only a part of which it will be necessary to examine, as some of them, such as the exceptions to the masters report, do not arise upon the record, and others are questions of practice too well settled to require examination here.

The first to be considered is a question of fact, as to whether a partnership was proved; and indeed this is the principal question in the case. We agree with the circuit court that the proof does satisfactorily establish a partnership. It is shown that the intestate and the defendants below owned the farm in common, and whether their interests in the title to the farm were equal or not is quite immaterial to the present inquiry. The defendants resided upon and worked the farm most of the time, and so far as appears generally at least disposed of the surplus produce. The intestate resided in town where he was engaged in other business. He was in the constant habit of purchasing stock for the farm, implements of husbandry which were used thereon, and paying mechanics bills &c. A brick house was built upon the farm, for the material & work of which the intestate paid principally if not entirely, so far as payments are proved to have been made, and Paschall one of the witnesses says, "I understood from all the Roaches that they worked the farm in common and in partnership." When the complainant sued the defendants, at law, for the advances made by the intestate, they set up and proved in defence that they were in partnership.

in the conduct and management of the farm whereupon the plaintiff in that action took a non-suit & filed this bill for an account as among partners. To rebut all this proof of the existence of the partnership there is absolutely nothing and we cannot hesitate a moment in coming to the conclusion that ~~the~~ a partnership did exist.

The proof is silent as to the extent of the interests of the several partners in the concern so that is left to be determined by legal inference. Where the proof shows a partnership, but does not show the respective interests of the ~~several members of the firm~~ ^{several members of the firm}, the law will presume that they were equal partners, so that in this case we must conclude that each of the three partners had one third interest in this enterprise. It was properly determined that neither of the partners ~~was~~ entitled to charge the others or the concern for his labour, care & diligence in attending to the partnership business, there being no proof of any special agreement among the partners entitling either party to such compensation. Lewis v. Maffit 11 Ill 392 A reference was made to the master to state an account among the partners upon the principle that they were equally ^{interested} ~~partners~~. From the report of the master it is manifest that he made a mistake in his mode of computation against the moneys which the amount due the complainant for advances ^{over} ~~and~~ above his share as an equal partner with the others, was very considerably reduced. But of that he cannot now complain. It is enough for the present purpose, that it is very clear from the masters report, that the report does not charge the ~~defendant~~ with any too much. The decree of the circuit court is affirmed.

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Lewis L Perry Executrix
James E Roach Dec'd

Error to Randolph

Opinion by
Caton J.

Decree affirmed

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