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No. \_\_\_\_\_

# Supreme Court of Illinois

Mary Ann McClellan, et al,

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vs.

Alexander H. Rowan, et al

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Pleas in the Circuit Court of Gallatin  
County State of Illinois -

Be it remembered that  
on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1844 Stephen  
P. Rowan filed in the office of the Clerk  
of said Court his certain Bill in  
Chancery - in the words and figures  
following to wit:

State of Illinois, Gallatin County

To the Hon Walter B. Seates Judge of  
 the Circuit Court in and for said County  
 and presiding in Chancery therein  
 Your Orator, Stephen R. Rowan of  
 Shawneetown, Gallatin County Illinois  
 respectfully represents unto your honor  
 that Doctor Alexander Reid, late of  
 Shawneetown Gallatin County Illinois  
 now deceased purchased jointly with  
 your Orator from the U. States at the  
 Land Office in Shawneetown Illinois  
 the following described tracts of land  
 situate in Gallatin County, Illinois, to  
 wit the North West quarter of Section  
 twenty one in township nine Range nine  
 containing One hundred and sixty acres  
 Also the East half of the North East  
 quarter of Section Twenty Township Nine  
 Range Nine ~~containing~~ eighty acres, Also  
 the North West quarter of the South West  
 quarter of Section Twenty one Township nine  
 Range Nine containing forty acres. Also  
 the North East quarter of the South West  
 quarter of Section twenty one Township  
 nine Range nine containing forty acres

Also the South East quarter of the North East quarter of Section twenty one Township nine Range nine containing forty acres Also the North West quarter of the North East of Section, twenty in Township nine Range nine containing forty acres which said lands were entered and patented in the name of the said Reid only as will more fully and at large appear by reference to the said patents heretofore filed and marked A and prayed to be ~~included~~ a part of this bill

Your Orator further represents unto your Honor that the said Reid and your Orator were also the joint purchasers of the U States by entry at the land office in Shawmestown in their proper names of the following described tracts of land situate in said County to wit The East half of the South East-quarter of section Twenty Township nine Range nine containing eighty acres Also the North East quarter of the South West quarter of section twenty nine Township nine Range nine containing forty acres, Also the West-half of the South West-quarter of section Twenty nine Township nine Range nine containing eighty acres,

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Also the west half of the North West quarter of Section twenty nine Township nine Range nine containing eighty acres, and that the said Reid and your orator also purchased of Henry Eddy of Shawneetown, Illinois, by assignment of his certificate of purchase to them in their joint names the following described tracts of land to wit the South half of the North East quarter of Section Thirty in Township nine South of Range nine East containing eighty acres and also the North East quarter of the North East quarter of Section Thirty, Township nine South of Range nine East containing forty acres, all of which will now fully and at large appear by reference to the patents hereunto filed. Marked B & C. and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill. Your orator further represents unto your honor that the said lands were subsequently divided between the said parties when the said Alexander Reid and Mary Ann his wife on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February A. D. 1838 made and executed to your orator for a good and valuable consideration to them in hand paid by your

5 Orator, a quit claim deed for the following portions of said land, to wit The South West fourth of the North East quarter of Section thirty; Also the East half of the North East quarter of Section thirty; Also the North West fourth of the North West quarter of Section Twenty nine Also the North Half of the South West fourth of the North West quarter of Section twenty nine; Also the North East quarter of Section Twenty, Also the East half of the South East quarter of section twenty Also the West three fourths of the West half of the North West quarter of Section twenty one, by north and south line; Also the West three fourths of the North West fourth of the South West quarter of Section twenty one by north and south line, all of which said lands are situate in Township Nine S. Range Nine East in the County of Gallatin and State of Illinois as by said Deed marked "D" and which is prayed to be taken as a part of this bill will more fully and at large appear Your orator further represents unto your honor that tho' the said deed be in the proper hand writing of the said

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Alexander Reid and signed and sealed by him and Mary Ann his wife, yet the same is neither witnessed by a subscribing witness, nor acknowledged by them before a Justice of the Peace or other proper officer to take such acknowledgments, and is otherwise informal whereby as your Orator is advised, that the same will only operate in law as a contract for such conveyance or as a memorandum of agreement to take the case out of the Statute of frauds and perjuries and as such enforceable in your honorable Court on the same ground that other simple agreements in writing in regard to land will be specifically decreed, to be performed or as a deed defectively executed, and therefore liable to be taken advantage of in law by the legal representatives of said Reid, but which defects will be supplied in your honorable Court. Your Orator further represents unto your honor that the said Alexander Reid departed this life on the day of                    A D 1841 intestate, leaving Mary Ann Reid, widow and James

7 Alexander Reid only son and heir at law and minor under the age of twenty one. whom your orator prays may be made defendants to this bill with — to charge them and answer the same and show cause if any they have why the said Contract or agreement in writing if so regarded should not be specifically performed to your orator by the execution of a good and sufficient deed for the s<sup>d</sup> premises or if said agreement or Contract in writing should be regarded by your honor as a deed defectively executed then that the said defect may be supplied by a decree of your honorable Court. Your Orator being remediless in the premises at Common law and only relievable in a Court of Equity where matters of trust and Account and specific performance are properly cognizable and relievable May it please your Honor to award process of Subp against the above named defendants and on final hearing to grant such relief to your orator in the premises as in justice and equity he shall be entitled to & as in duty bound he will &c

L. J. Porey Sol for plff



And thereupon the said Clerk issued the following summons in Chancery to wit

State of Illinois. }  
 Gallatin County } set. The people of the State  
 of Illinois to the Sheriff of said County  
 greeting, we command you that you  
 summons Mary Ann Reid Widow of and  
 James Alexander Reid heir at law of Alexan-  
 der Reid. dec if found in your County  
 to personally be and appear before our  
 Circuit Court on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the next  
 Term thereof to be commenced at the Court  
 house in Equality in said County on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Monday of May instant then and there to  
 answer a bill in Chancery filed by Stephen R. Roman  
 and hereof make due return to our said court as  
 the law directs. Witness Leonard White Clerk of  
 Seal. } our said Court and the judicial seal thereof  
 at Office in Equality this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May A D 1844  
 Leo<sup>d</sup> White clk

And afterwards the said summons was returned into  
 the Office of the Clerk of said Court with the  
 following endorsement thereon, to wit  
 "Executed by delivering a true copy of this

4 *M<sup>o</sup>* in Chancery to Mary Ann Reid  
and James Alexander Reid on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of May 1844

J. R. Smoot - Sheriff - "

And afterwards, to wit on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
June - (Friday) 1844, at the June Term 1844  
of said Court, the following order was  
made and entered in said Cause.

Stephen R. Rowan - vs Mary Ann Reid, James Alexander  
Reid heir at law of Alexander Reid dec<sup>d</sup>. Cause the  
fratres by their Council and Leonard White was appointed  
Guardian ad litem for the minor & the defendants  
filed this demurrer to Complainant's bill herein, which  
demurrer is as follows -

Mary A Reid & Jas A Reid vs - Stephen R. Rowan  
And the said deft. M A Reid hereby protesting &c  
Reserving &c say that she ought not to be Compelled  
to answer the said Bill because the same and  
allegations therein are not sufficient in law and  
thus she is ready to verify &c Caldwell for deft.  
Which demurrer is by the court overruled  
And on Motion of Defendant time until the first day of October next  
is given her to answer Compt's Bill filed herein

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And afterwards - to wit on the day of June 1846 at the June Term 1846 of said Court, the following order was made and entered in said Cause June Term 1846

Stephen R. Rowan, vs Mary Ann Reid widow, James A Reid heir of Alexander Reid - dec.

On this day came the parties by their Attorney and on motion of Complainant's Attorney it is considered and ordered and adjudged by the Court that John R. Swost, John T. Jones and William A Decker be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners not being connected with any of the parties either by consanguinity or affinity and entirely disinterested fairly and impartially after being duly sworn to make partition of the lands and tenements to wit, NW 1/4 of Sec 21. T9 S R 9 E. E 1/2 NE 1/4 S 20 - T9 R 9 E. NW. SW. 1/4 Sect-21. T9 S R 9 E. NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 S 21 T9 R 9 - SE 1/4 NE Sect 21 T9 R 9, NW 1/4 NE 1/4 T9 R 9, E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec 20 T9 R 9, NE 1/4 SW 1/4 S 29 - T9 R 9, W 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec 20 T9 R 9 - W 1/2 NW 1/4 Sect-29 T9 R 9 - S 1/2 NE 1/4 Sect-30 T9 R 9, NE 1/4 NE 1/4 S. 30 9. 9. amounting in all to eight hundred acres - more or less - between the said Complainant - and the said defendant by meters and bounds of the same can be done consistently with the

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interest of said estate and that the said  
Commissioners do make report of these pro-  
ceedings herein to the next term of the  
Court and for its approval and that  
the cause be continued

And afterwards, to wit, on the            day  
of June 1851 at the October Term 1851 of  
said Court the following order was made  
and entered in said Cause -

Stephen R. Rowan vs Widow and heirs of Alex-  
ander Reid deceased - On this day comes  
the Complainant by Posey his solicitor and  
suggests the death of James Alexander Reid  
and on motion of said Complainant  
Josephine McCallen, Mary Ann McCallen,  
and Andrew J. McCallen minor heirs ~~are~~  
made defendants to the bill as also  
Andrew McCallen sign - who comes and  
waives process and enters his appearance  
in this cause, whereupon came the defen-  
dant by Bruce their solicitor and by agree-  
ment Joseph B. Barger Esq is appointed  
Commissioner to act with W. A. Docker and  
John T. Jones, former Commissioner heretofore  
appointed to make partition herein and  
that this cause be continued for report -

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And afterwards to wit, on the day of July 1852. at the July Term 1852 of the said Court the following order was made and entered in said Cause Stephen R. Rowan vs. Widow and heirs of Alexander Reid dec. On this day comes the Complainant and on his motion John J. Kanada is appointed Commissioner to make partition instead of Joseph B. Barger who was appointed at a former Term of this Court

And afterwards, to wit on the day of July 1854 at the July Term 1854 of said Court, the following order was made and entered in said Cause. Stephen R. Rowan vs Mary Ann McCallen Josephine McCallen, Mary McCallen Andrew McCallen jun heirs at law of Alexander Reid - On this day came the parties by their solicitor and the report of W. A. Docker, John T. Jones and John J. Kanada, the Commissioners appointed at a former term herein to make partition between said Complainant on the one part and the said defendant on the other part of the lands hereinafter

mentioned was presented in open court by L. J. Posey attorney for the said Complainant and ordered to be allowed and spread of record, which is in the words and figures following -

The undersigned Commissioners appointed by the Gallatin Circuit Court at the October Term 1857 to make partition of the real estate mentioned in the Bill of Complaint of Stephen R. Rowan against the heirs and widow of Alexander Reid deceased and hereinafter particularly described having been duly sworn fairly

and impartially to execute according to law the order of the Court herein, respectfully report unto this honorable Court that they went upon and examined said land hereinafter mentioned and made a plat or maps thereof and assorted the same as follows, to wit - To Stephen R. Rowan said Complainant the West  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $N.W.\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21. T. 9 R. 9. containing sixty acres by North and South line, the West  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the  $N.W.$  qr of the  $S.W.$  qr Sect 21 T. 9 R. 9. containing 30 acres by north and south line,  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of the  $S.E.$  qr of Sect 20 T. 9 R. 9. containing 80 acres, the  $N.E.$  qr of Sect 20. T. 9 R. 9 containing 160 acres, the  $N.W.$  qr  $N.W.$  qr Sect 29 T. 9 R. 9 containing 40 acres, the  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $S.W.$  qr of  $N.W.$  qr Sect 29 T. 9 R. 9 containing 20 acres by east and west line, the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of the  $N.E.$  qr Sect 30. T. 9. R. 9 containing 80 acres and the  $N.E.$  of  $N.E.$  of Sect 30 T. 9 R. 9 containing 40 acres, except a certain portion of the East  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the South East-quarter of Section 20 and a certain portion of the North East-qr of Section 20 both in Township 9 S Range 9 East, being a fraction out of each tract conveyed by said Reid and Rowan to John Crenshaw under a bond executed by them to Anthony Gibbon and assigned to said John Crenshaw -

And to the heirs of said Doctor Alexander



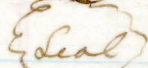
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Reid deceased and James Reid dec<sup>d</sup>, to wit  
Mary Ann McCallen, Josephine McCallen  
Mary McCallen and Andrew McCallen jr  
heirs of said James Alexander Reid dec<sup>d</sup>, your  
Commissioners set apart the following lands,  
to wit the South East- $\frac{1}{4}$  of the North East-quarter  
in Section 21 in Township 9 S in Range 9 East  
containing 40 acres, the East- $\frac{1}{2}$  of the North West-  
quarter of Section 21 in Township 9 S in Range  
9 E. containing 80 acres, the East-fourth of the  
West-half of the North West-quarter of Section 21  
in Township 9 S in Range 9 East containing 20  
acres by north and south line, the North East-  
quarter of the South West-quarter of Section 21  
Township 9 S in Range 9 East containing 40 acres  
the East-fourth of the North West-fourth of the  
South West-quarter of Section 21 in Township  
9 South in Range 9 East containing 10 acres  
by north and south lines, the South half  
of the South West-fourth of the North West-  
quarter in Section 29 in Township 9 South  
in Range 9 East containing 20 acres by East-  
and West-lines, the West-half of the South  
West-quarter in Section 29 in Township 9 South  
in Range 9 East, containing 80 acres, and  
the North East-fourth of the South West-quarter  
in Section 29 in Township 9 South in Range



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9 East containing 40 acres. Your Commissioners further report that said division made as above has been made in conformity to a division by metes and bounds contained in a certain deed never acknowledged or signed by the parties thereto, but understood to have been agreed to between said Complainant and said Alexander Reid dec<sup>d</sup> then in life and which said deed Recorded in Book "M" page 522 523 524 525 526 is more particularly referred to in order to establish the division by metes and bounds intended to be made herein by your Commissioners. Your Commissioners further state that they are in no wise related to any of the parties in this partition and now having made the said division submit the same to your honorable court and beg to be discharged with the legal costs herein

Which said report was signed by { W. A. Docker   
 John J. Hanady   
 John J. Jones - 

And it is further ordered that N. L. Freeman be appointed Commissioner to make deeds to said Complainant and said Defendants in accordance with said partition at the term and report.

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And Afterward to wit at the same June Term 1854 of said Court the following order was made and entered in some Cause Stephen R. Rowan vs Mary Ann McCallen Josephine McCallen, Mary McCallen and Andrew McCallen jr - } Bill for Partition - heirs at law of James Alexander Reid. dec.

On this day came the Commissioner appointed at this term to make deed to the parties in interest herein and submitted his report which is by the Court approved - and is in words following, to wit - To the Hon. S. S. Marshall judge of said Court - your Commissioner appointed by an order of Court in this Cause at the present July term 1854 thereof would beg leave to report - that he has executed deeds to said Complainants and the said Defendants in obedience to said order and herewith submits them to your honor and asks an allowance of Ten Dollars for the same -

And there is also among the papers <sup>in</sup> this Cause - without date - and not marked filed - the following -

James A. Reid and Mary Ann Reid ad. S. R. Rowan In Chancery - This respondent - Henry W Moore Guardian ad litem of the said James A. Reid, minor, hereby

reserving and protesting for answer to  
the said Complainant's bill, answers  
and says that he is informed and  
believes that there was an agreement  
of partition by and between the said  
Complainant and the said Alexander  
Reid in his life time of all the lands  
held and owned by them in joint inter-  
est or otherwise as well as a full  
settlement, all of which came into the  
hands of the said Complainant as  
administrator of said Reid and  
which is prayed to be taken as a part  
of this answer, And this respondent by way  
of Cross bill calls upon the Complainant to  
produce in this cause the said deed or  
writing and to answer make to the charges  
herein made. And this respondent prays  
upon the answer of the said Complt.  
that the Court decree a partition of the lands  
in said last deed mentioned in conformity  
with the terms boundaries &c as therein set  
forth. As in duty &c. W. N. Moore.

State of Illinois, Gallatin County

I, James R. Loomis, Clerk of the  
Gallatin County Circuit Court, hereby  
certify that the foregoing and annexed  
Eighteen pages contain a correct  
Transcript of the Record and proceedings  
had in the case of Stephen R. Rowan  
vs. Mary Ann McCallen - Josephine McCallen  
Mary McCallen and Andrew McCallen  
in this Court.

In testimony whereof I  
have hereunto set my hand  
and the impress of the seal  
of said Court the 24<sup>th</sup> day  
of January A.D. 1866.

James R. Loomis Clerk

The said Mary Ann McCallen, Josephine McCallen, Mary McCallen and Andrew J. McCallen the two last of whom are minors who sue by Joseph J. Castles their next friend say that in the foregoing record and proceedings there is manifest error in this, to wit;

- 1<sup>st</sup> The Court ~~erred~~ had no authority under the Bill of Complaint to make partition
- 2<sup>d</sup> Partition was made without an order to that effect - and without any proof
- 3<sup>d</sup> The Court ~~did not order partition~~ ascertain and declare the rights of the parties -
- 4<sup>th</sup> The Court ~~erred~~ in receiving and approving the report of the Commissioners
- 5<sup>th</sup> The Commissioners did not make partition between the parties according to their respective rights, but according to a paper exhibited to them called by them a deed.

By reason whereof the plaintiffs in error pray that said judgment and proceedings may be reversed

Olney Lunsden  
attys for plffs in error

State of Illinois Alexander County

John Olney being first duly sworn states on oath that Andrew McCallen one of the defendants named in the foregoing record died intestate sometime in the year 1861

leaving him surviving as his only heirs at law his ~~two~~<sup>three</sup> children Josephine McCallen and <sup>Mary</sup> Andrew J. McCallen, and leaving his widow Mary Ann McCallen that said Josephine, <sup>Mary</sup> Andrew J. and Mary Ann, are the same persons named as defendants in the said record.

Affiant further states that said Josephine is now about twenty years of age, and that said <sup>Mary</sup> Andrew J. <sup>and</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>an</sup> <sup>or</sup> <sup>are</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>an</sup> <sup>or</sup> <sup>are</sup> minors under the age of <sup>eighteen</sup> ~~twenty~~ <sup>one</sup> years.

Affiant also testifies that Stephen R. Rowan, the complainant named in the foregoing record died intestate in the month of December 1865 or in the month of January 1866 affiant does not know positively the precise date of his death,

That said Stephen R. Rowan left surviving him as his only heirs at law his two children Alex-

under Hamilton Rowan and Loyd  
Rowan, and his widow Ann Row-  
an,

Subscribed & sworn to before  
me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February  
AD. 1866.

John Olney,

John A Harman

Clerk Circuit Court Alexander County Illinois  
and the seal of said Court

No 14

Nancy Anne M. Callen et al

Plaintiffs in Error

vs

H. M. Rowan et al

Defendants in Error

Filed Feb 10, 1866

Wm. Johnston Clerk

Paid \$11.50

State of Illinois  
Supreme Court First  
Grand Division  
November Term 1866  
Mary Ann McCallum (widow)  
Josephine McCallum (~~widow~~)  
Mary McCallum } minors  
Andrew J McCallum }  
By Joseph J Castles their  
next friend  
against  
Alexander H Rowan  
Clay Rowan and  
Ann Rowan

Error to Gallatin

The Clerk of said Court  
will please issue writ of  
Error as above

Olney McKim & Dawson  
attys for appellants



No 14

Mary Ann McCallan  
Josephine McCallan

Mary McCallan  
Andrew J McCallan  
By Joseph J Castles  
their next friend

VS

Alexander H Rowan  
Sloyd Rowan &  
Ann Rowan  

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Filed July 10. 1866  
St. Johnston City

State of Illinois,  
SUPREME COURT,  
First Grand Division.

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The People of the State of Illinois,

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Gallatin Greeting:

**Because,** In the record and proceedings, as also in the rendition of the judgment of a plea which was in the Circuit Court of Gallatin county, before the Judge thereof between

Stephen R. Bowen plaintiff and Mary Ann McCallum Josephine McCallum, Mary McCallum Andrew J. McCallum Jr, heirs at law of Alexander Reid,

defendants it is said manifest error hath intervened to the injury of the aforesaid defendants

as we are informed by their complaint, and we being willing that error, if any there be, should be corrected in due form and manner, and that justice be done to the parties aforesaid, command you that if judgment thereof be given, you distinctly and openly without delay send to our Justices of our Supreme Court the record and proceedings of the plaint aforesaid, with all things touching the same, under your seal, so that we may have the same before our Justices aforesaid at **Mount Vernon**, in the County of Jefferson, on the First Tuesday in November next, that the record and proceedings, being inspected, we may cause to be done therein, to correct the error, what of right ought to be done according to law.

WITNESS, the Hon. P. H. Walker Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the seal thereof, at MOUNT VERNON, this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty six.

Noah Johnston  
Clerk of the Supreme Court.

No 14

SUPREME COURT.

First Grand Division.

Mary Ann Mc Callum et al  
By J. S. Beatty their next friend

Plaintiffs in Error,

VS.

H. M. Rowan et al.

Defendants in Error.

WRIT OF ERROR.

Issued & FILED. Feb 19 1866

N. Johnston *Clk*



State of Illinois }  
Supreme Court,  
First Grand Division.

To the Court of the Grand Jury for the County of Jackson  
Whereas, the said Mary Ann Mc Callum et al  
do hereby petition for the writ of Error  
in the case of the said Mary Ann Mc Callum et al  
vs. the said H. M. Rowan et al  
do hereby petition for the writ of Error  
in the case of the said Mary Ann Mc Callum et al  
vs. the said H. M. Rowan et al

And whereas, the said Mary Ann Mc Callum et al  
do hereby petition for the writ of Error  
in the case of the said Mary Ann Mc Callum et al  
vs. the said H. M. Rowan et al  
do hereby petition for the writ of Error  
in the case of the said Mary Ann Mc Callum et al  
vs. the said H. M. Rowan et al

First Grand Division, State of Illinois,

NOVEMBER TERM, A. D., 1866.

MARY ANN McCLELLEN, JOSEPHINE }  
 McCLELLEN and MARY McCLELLEN }  
 and ANDREW J. McCLELLEN, the }  
 two last of whom are minors, who sue by } Error to Gallatin,  
 JOSEPH J. CASTLES, their next friend, }  
 against  
 ALEXANDER H. ROWAN, LOYD ROW- }  
 AN, ANN ROWAN. }

*Handwritten notes:*  
 4th March 1866  
 James C. ...

2 Stephen R. Rowan filed his bill in chancery in the Gallatin Circuit  
 3 Court, setting forth that himself and Alexander Reid were *jointly* owners  
 4 in fee of certain lands in Gallatin county. That said lands were subse-  
 5 quently divided between the said parties, when the said Reid and wife  
 6 made out and signed but did not acknowledge a deed to Rowan for certain  
 7 of the lands, (describing them). Said deed is Alex. Reid's writing, and  
 signed and sealed by him and his wife. Yet the same is neither witnessed  
 by a subscribing witness nor acknowledged, and is otherwise informal.  
 Prays that defendants answer why they should not execute a good and  
 sufficient deed or the defect be supplied by order of the Court, and prays  
 for such relief as in justice and equity he is entitled to.

The bill states death of Alex. Reid, makes his heirs parties, &c.

10 Commissioners were appointed to make partition of the lands between  
 Rowan and the heirs.

12 The Commissioners subsequently reported that they had divided the  
 13 lands by setting off to Rowan certain of them, and to the heirs of Dr. Al-  
 14 exander Reid and James Reid, to-wit: (Naming the Plaintiffs in Error)  
 15 the other lands, (describing them.) "said division is made in conformity to  
 a division contained in a certain deed never acknowledged or signed by the  
 16 respective parties thereto, but understood to have been agreed to between  
 said complainant and said Alexander Reid, deceased, then in life." Report  
 read, allowed and spread of record, and N. S. Freeman appointed to make  
 deeds to the respective parties for the lauds as set apart to them by said  
 17 Commissioners.

Freeman reports that he has done so. Report approved.

The Errors assigned are

1st. The Court had no authority to order partition of the lands.

2d. Partition was made without an order to that effect, and without  
 any proof.

3d. The Court did not ascertain the respective rights of the parties.

4th. The Court erred in receiving and approving the report of the  
 Commissioners.

5th. The Commissioners did not make partition between the parties  
 according to their respective rights, but according to a paper called by  
 them a deed.

**BRIEF.**

The Court had no jurisdiction or authority to order partition.

The decree must correspond with the pleadings,

A party can only recover on the case made out by his pleading.

No proof heard. This is error as to the minors.

The court should have ascertained and declared the rights of the par-

ties.

OLNEY & LANSDEN,

Att'ys for Plaintiff in Error,

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P. Mcleallen et al

vs

Rowan et al.

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Filed Nov 10 64  
St. John's City

THE GRAND DIVISION STATE OF ILLINOIS  
JANUARY 1865

WILLIAM W. WATSON  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
ST. JOHN'S CITY

State of Illinois,  
SUPREME COURT,  
First Grand Division.

} SS

The People of the State of Illinois,  
To the Sheriff of Gallatin County.

Because, In the record and proceedings, and also in the rendition of the judgment of a plea which was in the Circuit Court of Gallatin county, before the Judge thereof between

Stephen R. Rowan plaintiff and Mary Ann McCallen, Josephine McCallen, Mary McCallen and Andrew J. McCallen, heirs at law of Alexander Rowan defendants; it is said that manifest error hath intervened to the injury of said defendants

as we are informed by this complaint, the record and proceedings of which said judgments, we have caused to be brought into our Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, at Mount Vernon, before the justices thereof; to correct the errors in the same, in due form and manner, according to law; therefore we command you, that by good and lawful men of your county, you give notice to ~~the said~~ Alexander H. Rowan, Lloyd Rowan and Ann Rowan

that They be and appear before the justices of our said Supreme Court; at the next term of said Court, to be holden at **MOUNT VERNON**, in said State, on the first Tuesday ~~after the second Monday~~ in November next, to hear the records and proceedings aforesaid, and the errors assigned, if They shall think fit; and further to do and receive what the said Court shall order in this behalf; and have you then there the names of those by whom you shall give the said A. H. Lloyd & Ann Rowan notice together with this writ.

WITNESS, the Hon. R. H. Walker Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the seal thereof, at MOUNT VERNON, this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty Six.

Noah Johnston

Clerk of the Supreme Court.

SUPREME COURT.  
First Grand Division.

Mr. A. McCallen et al  
By J. J. Coates, their  
next friend  
Plaintiff's in Error,

vs.  
Alexander A. Rowan -  
Lloyd Rowan and  
Ann Rowan -  
Defendants in Error.

SCIRE FACIAS.

Stiff's fees \$2.45

FILED.

Entered the within Summons or writ  
by reading the same to the within named  
Alexander A. Rowan, Lloyd Rowan and  
Ann Rowan, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1866.

Geo. B. Nichols,  
Sgt. at Law, County,  
per John S. Satter, Clerk.

State of Illinois  
SUPREME COURT



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IN THE SUPREME COURT,

First Grand Division, State of Illinois,

NOVEMBER TERM, A. D., 1866.

MARY ANN McCLELLEN, JOSEPHINE }  
McCLELLEN and MARY McCLELLEN }  
and ANDREW J. McCLELLEN, the }  
two last of whom are minors, who sue by } Error to Gallatin,  
JOSEPH J. CASTLES, their next friend, }  
against }  
ALEXANDER H. ROWAN, LOYD ROW- }  
AN, ANN ROWAN. }

2 Stephen R. Rowan filed his bill in chancery in the Gallatin Circuit  
3 Court, setting forth that himself and Alexander Reid were *jointly* owners  
4 in fee of certain lands in Gallatin county. That said lands were subse-  
5 quently divided between the said parties, when the said Reid and wife  
6 made out and signed but did not acknowledge a deed to Rowan for certain  
7 of the lands, (describing them). Said deed is Alex. Reid's writing, and  
signed and sealed by him and his wife. Yet the same is neither witnessed  
by a subscribing witness nor acknowledged, and is otherwise informal.  
Prays that defendants answer why they should not execute a good and  
sufficient deed or the defect be supplied by order of the Court, and prays  
for such relief as in justice and equity he is entitled to.

The bill states death of Alex. Reid, makes his heirs parties, &c.

10 Commissioners were appointed to make partition of the lands between  
Rowan and the heirs.

12 The Commissioners subsequently reported that they had divided the  
13 lands by setting off to Rowan certain of them, and to the heirs of Dr. Al-  
14 exander Reid and James Reid, to-wit: (Naming the Plaintiffs in Error)  
15 the other lands, (describing them.) "said division is made in conformity to  
16 a division contained in a certain deed never acknowledged or signed by the  
17 respective parties thereto, but understood to have been agreed to between  
said complainant and said Alexander Reid, deceased, then in life." Report  
read, allowed and spread of record, and N. S. Freeman appointed to make  
deeds to the respective parties for the lands as set apart to them by said  
Commissioners.

17 Freeman reports that he has done so. Report approved.

The Errors assigned are

1st. The Court had no authority to order partition of the lands.

2d. Partition was made without an order to that effect, and without  
any proof.

3d. The Court did not ascertain the respective rights of the parties.

4th. The Court erred in receiving and approving the report of the  
Commissioners.

5th. The Commissioners did not make partition between the parties  
according to their respective rights, but according to a paper called by  
them a deed.

**BRIEF.**

The Court had no jurisdiction or authority to order partition.

The decree must correspond with the pleadings,

A party can only recover on the case made out by his pleading.

No proof heard. This is error as to the minors.

The court should have ascertained and declared the rights of the par-  
ties.

OLNEY & LANSDEN,

Att'ys for Plaintiff in Error.



McCallen et al  
vs,  
Rowan et al

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Defts in error  
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Deem Reversed  
for Nonjoinder  
at Costs of Defts.  
error.

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