

No. 11943

Supreme Court of Illinois

Woodbury

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Be it remembered that heretofore, to wit, on the fourteenth day of February A.D. 1851, there was filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court in and for the county of Peoria and State of Illinois a Bill, process and exhibit in the words and figures following, to wit,

Bill =

To the Hon William Kellogg Judge of the Tenth Judicial circuit, at the next term of the Circuit Court to be helden at & within & for the County of Peoria, In Chancery Sitting.

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honor, your Orator Mark Mc Histen, that on or about the 24th day of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty, Your Orator bargained & sold to one Greenleaf Mc Woodbury, whom your orator prays may be made a party defendant herein, the following described Real Estate, to wit: The North West quarter & the North East quarter of section number Thirty Six in Township number Eleven North of Range number Six East of the fourth principal meridian for the agreed price or consideration of five hundred dollars and the said Mc Histen did then make, execute, acknowledge & deliver to the said Woodbury his deed, conveying to the said Woodbury the said two quarter sections of land.

And your Orator further shews, that at the time your orator made the conveyance aforesaid to the said Woodbury he the said Woodbury made, executed, acknowledged & delivered to your Orator his deed of Mortgage to your Orator, conveying to your Orator in fee and mortgage the same two quarter sections of land to secure the purchase money aforesaid, to wit: the sum of five hundred dollars, the conditions of which mortgage was, that if the said Woodbury his heirs, executors or administrators should pay to your Orator his executors, administrators or assigns the sum of five hundred dollars on or before the first day of October of D. 1841

together with with seven per cent interest thereon from the date of said Mortgage, it being the purchase money for said premises= then the said Mortgage to be null & void, otherwise to remain in full force & virtue —

And your Orator further shews, that the said sum of money remains wholly due & unpaid, together with the interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent per annum: —

Your Orator further shews, that one James Carroll whom your Orator prays may be made a defendant herein, has or professes to have some claims or interest in & to the said tracts of land; but what that interest is, your Orator is wholly unadvised. —

The deed of conveyance from your Orator to the said Woodbury aforementioned, is not in your orators possession power or control, but he believes the same to be in possession of the said Woodbury who is hereby notified to produce & file the same in this cause; — A copy of which from the record is also filed herewith & made part hereof & your Orator asks that said copy may be used as evidence in case the said Woodbury shall fail to produce the original; Said copy is made an exhibit & marked "A" — A copy of the mortgage above referred to is herewith filed & made an exhibit marked (B), & the original will be shewn to the court at the hearing herein: —

Inasmuch therefore as your Orator is remidless in a court of law, he prays that a summons in chancery be granted to him, directed to the said Woodbury & Carroll commanding them severally to be and appear before your Honor at some time & place to be therein named & then & there full, true & perfect answer to make (but not under oath, their answers under oath hereto being hereby expressly waived) to all & singular the several statements & allegations in this bill of complaint contained; — that an account may taken of the amount due upon the said mortgage and that the said debts or one of

them may be adjudged & decreed to pay the same or they & each of them be forever barred & foreclosed of all equity of redemption in the premises aforesaid; & that such & such other order & decree may be made, & such other & further relief may be granted as to Justice & Equity may appertain to.

Onslow Peters

Holcitor of Complamant.

princip - Mark Mc Aiken,

as

In Chancery Peoria County,

Greenleaf Mc Woodbury & Feb 12/51.  
James Carroll.

Clerk of Circuit Court will please issue  
summons in Chancery in above entitled cause returnable to  
next term of said Court; one to Woodbury to Shf of Peane Co. &  
to Carroll, Shff of Peoria Co. — O Peters, Holcitor of Compl.

### Exhibit (7B.)

Exhibit B. This Indenture made this twenty fourth day of December in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty, between Green-  
leaf Mc Woodbury of Peoria County & State of Illinois of the first  
part & Mark Mc Aiken of Peoria in the County of Peoria in the State  
of Illinois of the second part witnesseth, that the said party of the  
first part for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred  
dollars to me in hand paid by the said party of the second part,  
the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, doth by these presents  
grant, bargain & sell unto the said party of the second part,  
his heirs and assigns, two certain tracts or parcels of land,  
situate in the County of Peoria & State of Illinois, known and des-  
cribed as follows to wit: The North West quarter & the North East  
quarter of Section Thirty Six (36) in Township Eleven (11) North  
of the base line of Range Six (6) East of the fourth principal  
meridian; together with all & singular the hereditaments and

appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining; to have and to hold the said premises as above described with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever. And the said party of the first part for himself and his heirs doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns that I am well seized of the premises above conveyed as of a good as of a good and indefeasible estate in fee simple and has good right to sell and convey the same in manner and form as aforesaid and that the above bargained premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the party of the second part his heirs or assigns, against the claim of all persons whomsoever, will forever Warrant and Defend. Provided always, that if the said Greenleaf M<sup>r</sup>. Woodbury, his heirs, executors or administrators, shall pay the said Mark M<sup>r</sup>. Hixson, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars on or before the first day of October, Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and forty one together with seven per cent, interest from this date, it being the purchase money for said premises, then and thenceforth these presents shall be null and void, otherwise they shall remain in full force and virtue = In Testimony whereof, the said Greenleaf M<sup>r</sup>. Woodbury party of the first part has hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written S. M<sup>r</sup>. Woodbury [seal]

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of  
Edward Dickinson.

State of Illinois 3<sup>rd</sup> ss,

Clara County 3<sup>rd</sup> Edward Dickinson Probate Justice  
of the Peace in and for said County, do certify, that on this day appeared before me, S. M<sup>r</sup>. Woodbury whose name appears signed to the foregoing deed of conveyance and who is personally known to me to be the identical person who signed the

Same and acknowledged that he had executed the same as his  
voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein  
expressed - Given under my hand and seal at Peoria  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1840.

Edward Dickinson.

Probate Justice Peace. [Seal]

Whereupon the clerk of said court issued a summons directed to the sheriff of  
Kane County, under the seal of said court, in the words & figures following, to wit,

Summons to Kane: The People of the State of Illinois, To the Sheriff of Kane County,  
Greeting: We command you to summon Greenleaf Mc Wood-  
bury, James Carroll if they may be found in your county, to ap-  
pear before our circuit court on the first day of the term there-  
of, to be held at Peoria, within and for the said County of Peoria,  
on the first Monday of March next then and there in our  
said court, to answer the matters and things contained in a  
certain Bill of complaint exhibited against them in our  
said court on the chancery side thereof by Martha Mc Aiken  
to foreclose Mortgage &c - and make return of this writ, with  
an endorsement of the time and manner of serving the same, on or  
before the first day of the term of the said court to be held as  
aforesaid. Witness Jacob Hale, clerk of our said court,

[LS]

and the seal thereof, at Peoria, this 14<sup>th</sup> day  
of February in the year of our Lord one thou-  
sand eight hundred and fifty one.

Jacob Hale, Clerk.

Return - which summons was returned by said sheriff endorsed as follows, to wit,  
Personally served on the within named Greenleaf Mc Wood-  
bury by copy March 7 1851 James Carroll not found.

Luther Dearborn Sheriff  
Kane County.

And at the same time the said clerk issued a summons to the Sheriff of Peoria County to execute, under the seal of said court, which is in the words and figures following, to wit:

Summons to Peoria: The People of the State of Illinois, To the Sheriff of Peoria County, Greeting: We command You to summon Greenleaf & W<sup>o</sup> Woodbury & James Carroll if they may be found in your county, to appear before our circuit court on the first day of the term thereof, to be held at Peoria within and for the said County of Peoria, on the first Monday of March next then and there in our said court, to answer the matters and things contained in a certain Bill of complaint exhibited against them in our said court on the chancery side thereof by Mark W<sup>o</sup> Histen, to foreclose mortgage &c. and make return of this writ with an endorsement of the time and manner of serving the same, on or before the first day of the term of the said court to be held as aforesaid.

Witness, Jacob Hale, clerk of our said court and the seal thereof, at Peoria, this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one. Jacob Hale, Clerk.

Return - Which summons was returned by said sheriff endorsed, as follows, to wit:  
State of Illinois, Peoria County, I<sup>s</sup>: By virtue of this writ to me directed I have summoned the within named James Carroll by reading and leaving a copy to appear at the time and place within mentioned to answer as by the said writ he is required and as I am commanded. James S. Riggs  
Sheriff, P.C. Illi.

Proceedings in Chancery before the Circuit Court began and held in the City of Peoria in and for the County of Peoria on Monday the twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one in the Honorable

William Kellogg, Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in  
the State of Illinois presiding, to wit:

Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> A.D. 1851.

Mark W. Aiken

vs

To Foreclose Mortgage.

Greenleaf W. Woodbury,  
James Carroll.

Pike to answer:

This day came the complainant by Anstoss Peters his solicitor and on his motion, it is ordered that said defendants Greenleaf W. Woodbury James Carroll answer the complainants Bill in 20 days from this date.

And afterwards, the said defendants filed their separate answers in said cause, which with the exhibits thereto are in the words & figures following, to wit,

Answer of Woodbury, Mark W. Aiken

¶ Peoria Circuit Court  
Greenleaf W. Woodbury, In Chancery.  
James Carroll.

The separate answer of the said defendant Greenleaf W. Woodbury to said Bill of complaint of said Mark W. Aiken, complainant.

This Respondent saving and reserving to himself all & all manner of exception that can or may be had or taken to the many errors, uncertainties and imperfections in said Bill contained for answer thereto or unto so much or such parts thereof as he is advised is or are material or necessary to make answer unto, answering says.

That he admits that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1840 he purchased from said complainant the premises in said Bill described for the sum of five hundred dollars and on the same day said complainant executed & delivered to respondent a deed for said premises containing cov-

enants of warranty of title and against incumbrances, a copy of which said deed is hereto attached and the original made part hereof and referred to for greater certainty, Said copy marked "A"

Respondent further admits that to secure said purchase money, he did execute and deliver to said complainant and deliver to said complainant a mortgage deed which he supposed is correctly copied in said Bill.

Respondent further admits that the said sum is unpaid to said Miller except as hereinafter stated but denies that he is indebted to complainant on said mortgage or that said complainant has any lien on said premises by virtue of said mortgage for the further following reasons and which respondent alleges to be true, That he acquired no title to said premises by virtue of said deed to respondent, except as hereinafter stated and respondent avers that that prior to the date of said deed James Mc Clelland & Thomas Miller recovered a judgment against said complainant in the Circuit Court of Peoria County for the sum of five hundred & sixty dollars &  $\frac{37}{100}$  dollars damages or thereabouts, beside costs of suit which said Judgement bears date the m day of          A.D. 1840 and was at the time said deed and mortgage were executed a valid and subsisting lien on said land and that on the eleventh day of February A.D. 1845 said plaintiffs in said Judgment caused a writ of Execution or Lien Faced to be issued by the Clerk of the said Court, and under the seal of said Court directed to the Sheriff of said county to execute commanding said Sheriff among other things of the goods and chattels, Lands and tenements of said complainant to make the said sum, interest and costs of suit and said Sheriff by virtue of said writ did on the fourth day of March A.D. 1845, Levy upon and Seize the said tracts of land above referred to, and afterwards and on or about the twentieth day of July A.D. 1846,

the said Sheriff having duly advertised said land for sale under said Execution & Levy sold said tracts of land to Onslow Peters for the sum of Two Hundred dollars & no cents and executed to said Peters a certificate of such purchase, a duplicate thereof was duly filed in the office of the Recorder of said County, all which proceedings were according to law which said Judgment writ of Execution and the return of the Sheriff thereon still remain in said Court and are hereby hereby referred to and made part of this answer & copies thereof will be filed if required and the said duplicate certificate of purchase remains on file in said Recorders Office and is hereby referred to & made part hereof.

Respondent further states that on or about the tenth day of March A.D. 1848 respondent contracted with said Peters for the purchase from him of said land above described for the sum of Two hundred & ~~Twenty~~<sup>five</sup> Dollars & thereabouts.

Respondent further answering states that he fully paid said Peters all moneys that became due on said contract and received a deed thereupon from said Peters as herein-after stated.

This Respondent further answering states that as he believed about the first day of February A.D. 1850 said land being and remaining wholly unredeemed from said sale, the then Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the sale aforesaid executed & delivered to said Peters a deed for said land which is in the hands of said Peters and not in possession of Respondent and said Peters is notified to produce the same he being Solicitor for complainant in this cause and said deed not being recorded a copy thereof cannot be produced to the Court herewith.

Respondent further answering says that on the said first day of February A.D. <sup>1850</sup> ~~1852~~, said Peters and wife in pursuance of said contract conveyed for the consideration actually

Two & Twenty five [it] interest from date of contract  
paid of six hundred dollars said premises to respondents A  
copy of which deed is also attached marked C & the original  
made past hereof, for greater certainty and respondent has sub-  
sequently sold Said premises to James Carroll one of said defendants.

Wherefore Respondent insists that said complain-  
ant has no lien, claim or title to said land by reason of  
said mortgage and that by reason of the matters aforesaid,  
all title to said premises acquired by said deed from com-  
plainant has divested.

And Respondent further answering says, that at  
the time said Peters and wife conveyed to respondent, he  
said Peters was the owner of said mortgage, the same having  
previous to that time in some way transferred to him by  
said Aiken and the same is now prosecuted for the use and  
benefit of said Peters.

And now having fully answered, this Respon-  
dent pray to be hence dismissed with his costs & charges.

Greenleaf Mc Woodbury

by H.C. & A.B. Merriman his dls.

### Schedule (A)

Exhibit A -

I know all <sup>to</sup> men by these presents that I, Mark Mc  
Aiken of Peoria in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois,  
for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars,  
to us in hand paid by Greenleaf Mc Woodbury of the  
same County and State the receipt whereof is hereby ac-  
knowledged, have granted, bargained, sold and conveyed  
and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey  
unto said Greenleaf Mc Woodbury, his heirs and assigns,  
the following tracts of land, lying in the County of Peoria  
and State of Illinois, to wit: The North West quarter and the  
North East quarter of section Thirty Six (36) in Township Eleven (11)  
North of the base line of range Six (6) East of the fourth principal

meridian containing Three Hundred and Twenty acres more or less, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging. To Have and To Hold the same with the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Greenleaf W<sup>t</sup> Woodbury his heirs and assigns, to his and their sole use and behoof forever.

And I the said Mark Mc Aiken for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators do hereby covenant & agree to and with the said Greenleaf W<sup>t</sup> Woodbury, his heirs and assigns that I am seized in fee of the above granted premises, that they are free and clear of all incumbrances and that I have full power to sell and convey the same and I will and my heirs, executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same to said Greenleaf W<sup>t</sup> Woodbury, his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whatever.

In witness whereof, I the said Mark Mc Aiken, have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty. Mark Mc Aiken L.S.  
Executed and delivered in presence of Edward Dickinson  
State of Illinois

P<sup>r</sup>ionia County, Ill: On this Twenty Fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Peoria, Mark Mc Aiken and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed executed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and I hereby certify that the individual who made the said acknowledgement is known to me to be the identical person who executed the above conveyance. Edward Dickinson L.S.  
Justice Peace.

exhibit b.

## Schedule D

This Indenture made this first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty between Onslow Peters and Hannah his wife parties of the first part of the County of Peoria and State of Illinois party of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar, lawful money of the United States of America to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have remised, released, conveyed and quite claimed and by these presents do remise, release, convey and quit claim unto the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns, forever all those certain pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Peoria in the State of Illinois, known and described as follows, viz: The North half of Section No. Thirty Six (36) in Township No. Eleven (11) North in Range No. Six (6) East of the fourth principal meridian, also five acres more or less being the same promised on which stands a brick dwelling house on the Bluff west of the City of Peoria and being the same premises bid off by said O. Peters under an execution in favor of McClellan and others vs Mark McVicker and George C. Bestor in the Circuit Court of Peoria County and being part of the West half of the South West quarter of Section No. Four (4) in Township No. Eight (8) North of Range No. Eight East of the 4th principal meridian.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity of the said parties of the first part, of, in and to the above described premises and every part and parcel thereof, with the

appurtenances; to have and to hold all and singular the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Onslow Peters { seal }

Hannah Peters { seal }

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of -

State of Illinois, 3d.

Peoria County, V. Jacob Hale, clerk of the circuit court in and for said county, do certify, that on this day personally appeared before me Onslow Peters and Hannah, his wife whose names appeared subscribed to the foregoing deed of conveyance as having executed the same and who are personally known to me to be the real persons who and in whose names the acknowledgement is proposed to be made and acknowledged the execution thereof as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed. And Hannah Peters wife of the said Onslow Peters having been by me made acquainted with the contents of the said deed and by me examined separate and apart from her husband, whether she had executed the same and relinquished the dower to the lands and tenements therein mentioned, acknowledged that she had done so voluntarily and freely and without compulsion of her husband and does not wish to retract; Given under my hand and seal at Peoria this first day of February  
Eighteen hundred and fifty.

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Jacob Hale, Clerk.

Answer of Carroll.

Mark M. Aiken

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vs  
Greenleaf M. Woodbury,  
James Carroll.

Peoria Circuit Court,  
Nov 7. 1851.

The separate answer of James Carroll to said Bill of Complaint of said Mark M. Aiken, complainant.

This Respondent saving and reserving all exceptions to said Bill for answer says

That he knows nothing of the truth of the allegations in said Bill and cannot admit or deny the same and calls for proof thereof.

Respondent further answering adopts the answer of G. M. Woodbury herein and makes the same part of this answer.

Respondent further states that on the day of — A.D. 1851 respondent purchased from G. M. Woodbury the said lands in said Bill described and received from said Woodbury and wife a deed therefor, dated the day & year last aforesaid and the same or a copy will be filed or exhibited on the hearing of this Bill and made part hereof and under which Respondent is in possession of said lands.

And now having fully answered, Respondent prays to be hence dismissed with his costs and charges.

James Carroll.

By H. L. & W. L. Steinman  
his Solicitors.

The Judgment, Execution, return & certificate of purchase referred to in Woodbury's answer are as follows.  
Proceedings at a term of the Circuit Court begun and held in the town of Peoria, in and for the County of Peoria and State of Illinois on Monday the thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty — the Honorable Thomas Ford Judge of the ninth judicial circuit in the State of Illinois presiding, to wit:

Judgment -

Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> 1840

James Mc Clelland,  
Thomas Miller,

vs  
Mark Mc Aiken,  
George L. Pester.

Assumpsit.

This day came the plaintiffs by their attorneys, but the defendants altho three times solemnly called, came not but made default, whereupon it is considered that the said Plaintiffs, <sup>ought</sup> to recover their damages, but because it is unknown to the court what damages the said plaintiffs have sustained, the Clerk is directed to make an assessment thereof and report the same to the court, which is accordingly done and reported to the court at the sum of five hundred and sixty four dollars and thirty seven cents; Which report is approved by the Court and ordered to be filed. Therefore it is considered by the Court that the said plaintiffs have and recover of the said defendants, the sum of Five hundred and sixty four dollars and sixty seven cents damages aforesaid inform aforesaid assessed together with their costs and charges by them about their suit in this behalf expended and that execution issue therefor.

Execution -

The People of the State of Illinois, To the Sheriff of Peoria county, Greeting: whereas by the consideration of our Circuit Court, held at Peoria, in and for the county of Peoria, on the 20th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty James Mc Clelland and Thomas Miller recovered judgment against Mark Mc Aiken and George L. Pester for the sum of five hundred and sixty four dollars & thirty seven cents

damages, which the said W<sup>o</sup> Celand & Miller had sustained by reason of the non-performance of certain promises made to them by the said Aiken & Bestor and also for the further sum of twelve dollars and forty three & three fourth cents, costs of suit, as appears of record! We therefore command you as we have heretofore commanded you, that of the goods and chattels lands and tenements, of the said Mark W<sup>o</sup> Aiken & George G. Bestor you cause to be made the aforesaid sum of money, together with interest on said judgment at the rate of six per centum per annum from the time of recovering the same as aforesaid until paid and that you have the same ready, as soon as may be, to render unto the said W<sup>o</sup> Celand & Miller according to law. Whereas fail not and make return of this writ, with your doings, ninety days after the date hereof. Witness Jacob Hale, clerk of our said Court,

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and the seal thereof at Peoria, this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Jacob Hale, clerk.

[Indorsd]

Return - State of Illinois, By virtue of the within execution to me directed Peoria County, I. S. ad, I have this fourth day of March A.D. 1845, levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: The South East quarter of Section No. Eleven in Township No. Ten North range No. Six East, also the North West quarter of Section No. Thirty Six and the North East quarter of Section No. Thirty Six, also the North East quarter of Section No. Twenty Four in Township No. Eleven North range No. Six East, Also the South East quarter of Section No. Eight in Township No. Nine North range Seven East of the fourth principal meridian as the property of Mark W<sup>o</sup> Aiken, also five acres of land being part of the South West corner of the South West quarter of Section number four (4) in Township number Eight (8) North of range Eight (8) East, commencing at the South West

corner of said said quarter, running thence North forty rods, thence East twenty rods, thence South forty rods, thence West twenty rods to the place of beginning = and on the twenty ninth day of June A.D. 1846 by virtue of the levy aforesaid, I advertised the said lands for sale, by posting written notifications thereof in three of the most public places in said county of Peoria, notifying that I should on the 20th day of July, 1846, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon & four o'clock in the afternoon of said day, expose to public sale, at the Court House in the city of Peoria to the highest & best bidder for ready money, the several tracts of land above described and on the said twentieth day of July, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, at the door of said courthouse, pursuant & by virtue of said notice & levy, I did offer the said several tracts of land, for sale at public vendue offering each of said tracts separately and the same were struck off to Anslow Peters, as follows, to wit: for the South East quarter of Section Eleven in Township Ten North Six East fourth principal meridian, the sum of one dollar.

The North West quarter of Section Thirty Six in Township Eleven North Range Six East of the fourth principal meridian for the sum of one hundred dollars. —

The North East quarter of Section Thirty Six in Township Eleven North, Range Six East of the fourth principal meridian, for the sum of one hundred dollars. —

The North East quarter of Section Twenty four in Township Eleven North Range Six East of the fourth principal meridian for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. —

The South East quarter of Section Eight in Township Nine North Range Seven East of the fourth principal meridian for one hundred dollars: and

Five acres, being part of the South West corner of the South West quarter of Section number Four (4) in Township Eight

North of Range Eight East, commencing at the South West corner of said quarter running thence North forty rods, thence East twenty rods, thence South forty rods, thence West twenty rods to the place of beginning for the sum of one dollar: the said several sums being the highest & best bids for the said several tracts of land respectively and the said Peters being the highest & best bidder therefor: And I have delivered to the said Peters a certificate of purchase and filed another certificate of purchase in the Recorders Office of said county as required by law.

The whole of said sales amount to the sum of four hundred & fifty two dollars (\$452) from which I take the sum of seventeen dollars and seventy three & three fourth cents for my fees & charges and apply the residue being four hundred & thirty four dollars and twenty six & three fourth cents (\$434.26 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) to this execution & return the same satisfied for that amount & unsatisfied for the remainder.

Smith Srye, Shff.

Certificate of Purchase I, Smith Srye, Sheriff of the County of Peoria & State of Illinois do hereby certify, that by virtue of an execution dated the 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  day of February A.D. 1825, to me directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Peoria & State of Illinois, issued upon a certain Judgment rendered by said said Court at the April 1820 in favor of James Mc Clelland & Thomas Miller against Mark W. Aitken & George C. Weston for the sum of five hundred and sixty dollars & thirty seven cents damages, I did on

the 20th day of July A.D. 1846 expose to public sale in the City of Peoria, at the Court House door certain tracts or lots of land lying, being & situated in the County & State aforesaid and sold the same to Anslow Peters for the several sums hereinafter mentioned, to wit:

The S. E. of sect N<sup>o</sup> 11, T. N<sup>o</sup> 10 R. E. 6 for \$1  
N.W. gr. " " 36 " " 11 N. R. 6. E for \$100  
N. E. gr. " " 36 " " 11 N. R. 6. E for \$100  
S. E. gr. " " 24 " " 11 N. R. 6. E for \$150  
S. E. gr. " " 8 " " 9 N. R. 7. E for \$100

all of th fourth pr meridian as the property of the said  
Wm R. W. Aiken.

Also five acres being part of the South West corner of the  
South West quarter of section number 1, T. S. R. S. E, com-  
mencing at the S.W. corner of said quarter running  
thence North 40 Rods - thence East 20 Rods  
thence South 40 Rods - thence West 20 Rods to  
the place of beginning as the property of George C.  
Bestor for the sum of \$1  
152,00

Which being the highest & best bids therefore, the said tracts  
or lots of land were struck off to him the said Anslow  
Peters and the said Anslow Peters will be entitled to a deed  
for the premises so sold to him on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October  
A.D. 1847 unless the same be redeemed according to law.  
Given under my hand & seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1846.

Smith Frye, Sheriff of Peoria County Ill{25}

[Endorse]

Frid July 20th 1846

C. Kettelle.

Proceedings in Chancery before the Circuit Court begun and held  
in the City of Peoria, in and for the County of Peoria and  
State of Illinois on Monday the first day of March in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty  
two - the Honorable William Kellogg Judge of the tenth  
Judicial circuit in the State of Illinois presiding,  
to wit:

Friday March 12th A.D. 1852.

Mark M. Aiken

Decree of foreclosure

vs

To foreclose Mortgage.

Greenleaf M. Woodbury,  
James Carroll.

This day this cause came on to be heard up  
on the bill & answer & exhibits herein and the parties appear-  
ing by their respective solicitors, the said complainant by Onslow  
Peters his solicitor & the said deft by H. C. & A. L. Meniman  
their solicitors and the arguments of counsel being heard and it  
now appearing to the Court that the said defendant Woodbury did,  
on the twenty fourth day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen  
hundred & forty by his deed of that date grant, sell & convey to the  
said complainant in fee mortgage, the following described Real  
Estate, to wit: The North West quarter and the North East quar-  
ter of section Thirty Six in Township Eleven North of Range  
Six East of the fourth principal meridian, which mortgage was  
conditioned as follows, to wit: that if the said Woodbury the  
defendant should pay to the said Aiken the complainant the  
sum of five hundred dollars on or before the first day of October  
Eighteen hundred and forty one with seven per cent interest  
from the date of said mortgage & it appearing also to the court  
that the said sum of five hundred dollars so secured to be  
paid by the said mortgage was the agreed price or consid-  
eration for the sale & conveyance of the same land from the said  
Aiken to the said Woodbury; and it further appearing to the  
court that the said land at the time of the said conveyance from  
said Aiken to said Woodbury was not free from incumbrance  
but that the said Woodbury paid & expended the sum of two  
hundred & twenty five dollars to discharge the incumbrance &  
perfect the said title in himself and that the said sum with  
interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent per annum a-  
mounts to the sum two hundred & ninety four dollars thirteen

cents which last mentioned sum is deducted from Eight hundred & ninety two dollars & twenty three cents, the amount found due on said mortgage as aforesaid thus leaving the sum of five hundred & ninety eight dollars & ten cents upon the said mortgage unsatisfied and the court being fully advised in the premises, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that the said Woodbury & Carroll pay to the said Atken or to his solicitor, the above last mentioned sum of money, to wit: Five Hundred & ninety eight dollars & ten cents within thirty days from the day of entering up this decree, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum and that in default thereof the said premises be sold by the Master in Chancery of this court, that in making such sale, the said Master sell the same by public auction at the door of the courthouse in the city of Peoria to the highest bidder for cash, that he give at least twenty days notice of the time & place of sale by publication thereof in some public newspaper printed & published in the city of Peoria for three weeks successively before the time of sale, that upon such sale being made the said Master in Chancery make, execute and deliver to the purchaser or purchasers a deed or deeds of said land & that he make report of his doings to this court at the next term thereof that the said defendants upon such sale ~~sale~~ & conveyance of said land be forever barred & foreclosed of all equity of redemption in said land, it is further ordered & decreed that if any thing remains in the hands of said commissioner of the proceeds of said sale after paying the said sum of five hundred & ninety eight dollars & ten cents & interest and the costs of said sale & of this suit that he pay over the same to said Woodbury; that said complainant have & recover his costs in this suit expended & in default of the payment thereof, that he have execution therefor against said Woodbury; the defendant Woodbury prayed an appeal herein to the Supreme Court of this State, which is allowed upon his

filling with the Clerk of this court in fifty days an appeal bond in the penal sum of five hundred dollars with James Woodbury as his Surety and conditioned according to law.

And afterwards the said defendant Woodbury on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1852 filed an appeal bond in said cause in the words & figures following, to wit:

appeal bond = I know all Men by these Presents that we, Greenleaf Mc Woodbury as principal and James Woodbury as security are held and firmly bound unto Mark Mc Nixon in the penal sum of five hundred dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, firmly, jointly and severally by these presents, witness our hands and seals this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1852.

1852: The condition of the foregoing obligation is such that whereas the said Mark Mc Nixon, did at the March Term of the Peoria Circuit Court in a certain suit in Chancery for the foreclosure of a mortgage recover against said Greenleaf Mc. Woodbury and James Carroll a decree for the payment of the sum of five hundred ninety eight dollars and ten cents besides costs of suit, from which decree said Woodbury prayed an appeal.

Now if the said Woodbury shall duly prosecute said appeal and pay the said judgement, costs, interest and damages: in case the judgment be affirmed then this bond to be void else to be and remain in full force and virtue.

G. Mc Woodbury Seal

James Woodbury Seal

State of Illinois

Pekin County I Jacob Gale clerk of the circuit court  
within and for the county of Pekin in the State of  
Illinois do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, correct  
and complete transcript from the records of all the  
proceedings in said court in chancery in a certain cause  
therin of Mark M. Akin complainant against Greenleaf  
M. Woodbury and James Carroll defendants, as the same  
remain of record and on file in my office.

In witness whereof, I hereby set my hand  
and affix the seal of said court at  
my office in Pekin this fourteenth day  
of June in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and fifty two -

Jacob Gale, clerk.

Clerk's fees for certified copy of record \$5.50 paid by James Woodbury  
for defendant Woodbury - Jacob Gale, clerk.

Frank M. Woodbury

vs

Mark M. Atkin

Appeal from  
Province

And said ~~Complainant~~<sup>Appellant</sup> comes  
and says that the decree and  
proceedings in the Court below are erroneous  
~~that~~ That said decree is for a larger  
amount than was due before the  
basis assumed by said Court

2nd The decree should have been  
in favor of Appellant, and not in  
favor of Appellee

3. The decree is otherwise defective  
and erroneous -

For these and other errors  
against on the face of the record  
said Appellant prays this Honorable  
Court to set aside said decree  
said decree, and dismiss the Bill.

A.C. Morrison  
for Appellant

Pecoria  
G. Ell. Woodbury inspl. &c.

Mark Ell. Aikin  
Transcript.

Att. Volney & Att. B.  
1852

Filed July 5<sup>th</sup> 1852.  
Keland & R.

H. O. Morrison

Peoria August 1/52

L. Leland Esq.

Dear Sir,

I telegraphed to you on Monday last week, for copy of opinion in case of Woodbury vs. Aikens-McNeil desiring it, so as to enable me to commence another suit, & to proceeding in accordance with the opinion pronounced. If you have not already sent it, will you do so:—note your fees, with the other costs of the suit, & I will have them all collected & forwarded to you soon— at least, I will be answerable for the charge for the wifg.— I am yet in doubt of any of the decisions since this case of Wood. & Aikens.—

Yours truly

Onslow Peters

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