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

# Supreme Court of Illinois

Wm. M. Wilson et al

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vs.

Jacob Geisler

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Pleas began and held at the Court  
house in the town of Olney within and for  
the county of Richland and State of Illinois  
at the May Term of the Richland Circuit  
court A.D. 1857. Before the Honourable  
Justin Kearlan Judge of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial  
circuit of the State of Illinois —

Jacob Geisler

vs

William M. Wilson &

James L. Lewis

In Chancery

Be it remembered that heretofore  
to wit on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1857 the Plaintiff  
by J. M. Wilson his solicitor filed in the Clerk's office  
of the Richland Circuit court his Bill in Chancery  
herein which is in the words and figures fol-  
lowing to wit —

"Richland County Circuit Court  
of the May Term thereof 1857 To the Honourable  
Justin Kearlan sole Judge of the said court in  
Chancery sitting humbly complaining sheweth  
unto your Honor your Petitioner Jacob Geisler  
that on or about the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1856

he bequeined by deed of warranty con-  
 veyed and sold to William M. Wilson and  
 James S. Lewis the following described real estate  
 to wit: A certain lot of ground in the town of  
 Olney described as follows commencing at the  
 South West corner of Lot No 6 in Lillips ad-  
 dition to the town of Olney, thence North along  
 the West line of Lot No 6 and the West  
 line of Lot No 7 the distance of 180 feet  
 thence West 54 feet thence South 180 feet to  
 the North West corner of John Banks Lot  
 thence East along the North line to the North  
 East corner of said Lot thence South to the  
 South East corner of said Lot of Banks thence  
 East 83 feet to the place of beginning on  
 which said lot is a large and valuable store house  
 the said Wilson & Lewis executed & delivered to your  
 Orator their two promissory notes one for the sum  
 of \$800.00 with interest from date due the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
 August 1856. and the other note for the sum of  
 \$950.00 with interest from <sup>2<sup>nd</sup> day of February AD 1856 due</sup> the 21<sup>st</sup> February  
 1857. both notes bearing date the said 7<sup>th</sup> of  
 February making jointly the sum of \$1750.  
 Seventeen hundred and fifty dollars being the  
 consideration for said house and lot and to se-  
 cure the payment of which the said Wilson &  
 Lewis executed to your Orator on the day and  
 date of said sale their certain deed of Mortgage

whereby they did grant bargain and convey  
unto your Orator in consideration of the said  
sum of \$1750.00 the said described premises  
which said deed of Mortgage was however  
upon the following condition that is to say  
That if the said Wm. M. Wilson and James S.  
Lewis their heirs & executors should pay or cause to  
be paid to the said Jacob Geisler the said  
promissory notes & the sums of money therein  
specified together with the interest from date  
when they the said notes & interest become due  
then and in that case the said deed of Mortgage  
and all things therein contained shall be void of  
non effect which said Mortgage and said  
notes are herewith to the court shewn & exhibit  
A. and prayed to be made a part of this  
your Orators Bill and submitted for the examina-  
tion of this Honorable court - Your Orator further  
sheweth unto your Honor that the said deed  
of Mortgage was duly signed and acknowledged  
by the said Wilson and Lewis and entered on the  
proper records on or about the date of the ex-  
ecution thereof - but now may it please your Honor  
notwithstanding the time has longy passed when  
the said notes & monies become due and payable  
and notwithstanding the promise of the said  
Wilson & Lewis to pay said notes when due  
they the said Wilson & Lewis have hitherto

Wholly neglected to pay the said sum of money or  
 any part thereof & still neglect & refuse to pay the  
 same or any part but the said debt also interest  
 thereon accrued from date remains wholly  
 due and unpaid your Orator further shews  
 your Honor that the House and Lot is his only  
 and last a slender security for said debt and  
 interest that the said Wilson and Lewis have  
 run off after swindling all who would trust  
 them that they deceived your Orator by making  
 false pretences of ability to pay thereon in consid-  
 eration of the promise that he shew'd your Orator  
 to resort to this your Honor's court of Equity  
 without delay for a foreclosure of the said mortgage  
 in satisfaction of said debt your Orator therefore  
 prays that the said <sup>Wm</sup> Mr. Wilson and James L.  
 Lewis be made parties defendants hereunto and duly  
 summoned to answer this bill & that they be compelled  
 to make full true and perfect answer to the  
 matters and things herein alleged against  
 them and in default thereof that this bill be  
 taken as confessed against them It is further  
 prayed that after a final hearing of this cause  
 your Honor will grant order and decree that  
 the said debt & interest due your Orator by the  
 said Wilson be fully paid and satisfied by  
 a short day and in default thereof that the said  
 conditions in the said deed of mortgage be

declared forfeited and the same be declared  
and made absolute and all the title right  
interest and equity of the said Wilson and Lewis  
be forever barred and forfeited and your  
Creators title thereto be made complete absolute  
and unincumbered and in case your Honor  
shall deem such specific foreclosure improper  
or unwise then and in that event it is prayed  
that your Honor will order and decree that the  
said House and Lot shall be sold and dis-  
posed of at public sale by a commissioner to  
be appointed in accordance with the provisions  
of the Statute in such case made and provided  
and that the proceeds of such sale be applied to  
the satisfaction of your Creators debt interest  
and the cost of this proceeding and your Creator  
would further pray your Honor to grant a  
summons &c and that upon a final hearing of  
this cause your Honor would grant such  
other and further relief in the premises as  
may be just and equitable and your Creator  
will ever pray &c —

Wilson & Preston }

Jacob Geisler

Copy of notes

On the first day of August  
one thousand and eight hundred and fifty six

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we jointly promise to pay unto  
Jacob Scisler the sum of eight hundred  
dollars for value received with interest at  
the rate of six per cent per annum said interest  
to be paid when this note becomes due in  
witness whereof we set our hands this 7<sup>th</sup>  
day Feby 1856.

W<sup>m</sup> M. Wilson Seal  
James L. Lewis Seal

2 Note

\$950.

On the Twenty first day of  
February one thousand and eight hundred and  
fifty seven we jointly promise to pay unto  
Jacob Scisler the sum of nine hundred and  
fifty dollars value received with interest  
at the rate of six per cent per annum in wit-  
ness whereof we set our hands and seals  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 1856, to commence  
bearing interest on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of this month

William M. Wilson Seal  
James L. Lewis Seal

Copy of Affidavit

State of Illinois }  
Richland County } ss

Of the May term of the  
Richland Circuit Court

AS 1857

Jacob Guiler  
vs  
Wm M. Wilson & James L. Lewis  
In Chancery

John M. Wilson being  
duly sworn deposes and says that the said  
defendants are non residents of this  
State as he is informed and believes and  
further saith not

John M. Wilson

Subscribed and sworn  
to before me this 4<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1857  
M. B. Snyder Clerk

Copy of notice

State of Illinois }  
Richland County }

Of the May

Term of the Richland County circuit court  
1857

Jacob Guiler  
vs  
Wm M. Wilson & James L. Lewis  
In Chancery

The said Wm M.  
Wilson & James L. Lewis will take  
notice that the said complainant has filed his bill



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against them in said court on the Chancery side thereof  
paying &c - And oath having also been made of the non  
residence of said William M. Wilson & James S. Lewis unless  
you the above named defendants be and appear  
before said court on the first day of the next  
term thereof to be holden at the court house in  
Clney on the second Monday in the month of  
May next and plead answer or demurr to said  
bill the same will be taken as confessed as against  
said complainants and a decree entered accordingly -

March 7<sup>th</sup> 57-56-47

M. B. Snyder Clerk

Wilson & Preston Solrs

And afterwards to wit at the next term of the said Richmond circuit  
court A.D. 1857 the following proceedings were had and decree and  
order was made to wit: -

Jacob Seisler

vs

William M. Wilson &

James S. Lewis

In Chancery

Now at this day comes the com-  
plainant by John M. Wilson his solic-  
itor and to bring proof to the court that the notice of the pendency of this de-  
a copy of which is herewith filed has been given by publication in the Clney  
weekly Republican a newspaper of general circulation published in  
Clney in said county of Richmond & State of Illinois for four successive weeks  
commencing more than sixty days before the term of this court and the  
said defendants being severally three times solemnly called  
came not but make default whereupon it is ordered and decreed

by the court that the matters and things in complaints amended  
Bill said amendment being by leave <sup>of the</sup> court, be taken for  
confessed against defendants & this cause coming on to be  
heard upon Bill exhibits & proofs, and the court finding upon  
inspection of said bill an exhibits and the proofs adduced  
that said complainant did sell a certain lot of ground in the  
town of Olney aforesaid described as follows commencing  
at the South West corner of Lot No (6) Six in Lillys ad-  
dition to the town of Olney thence North along the West line of Lots  
No 6 Six and Seven North 180 feet thence West 54  
feet thence South 130 feet to the North West  
corner of John Banks Lot thence East (33) thirty three  
feet to the place of beginning with the tenements and appur-  
tenances thereto belonging to the said defendants taking  
their writing obligatory for the purchase money as alleged in  
said bill that the whole of said purchase money principal and  
interest is due on said mortgage Security in said bill set forth  
executed by defendants that said Security is inadequate being  
a frame building and greatly exposed to fire and that said defen-  
dants have left the country ~~under~~ under suspicious circumstances  
and are not likely to return wherefore it is ordered by the court  
that an account be taken by the clerk to ascertain how  
much money principal and interest is due from defendants to complain-  
ant on the Security of the said mortgage premises to wit; to the  
lands herein described as conveyed by complainant to defen-  
dants that he report & the clerk having taken said account & reported  
the amount of principal & interest due on the security aforesaid to be  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty three dollars and twenty five cents

(\$1883, <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub>) thereupon it is finally ordered and adjudged & decreed by the court that the said defendants do within sixty days from the date hereof pay to said complainant the said sum of \$1883, <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> being the amount principal & interest due him on the security aforesaid as reported by the Clerk together with the costs of this suit and in default of their so doing that said defendants and all persons claiming by through or under them be forever barred from all equity of Redemption in and to the said described premises and that the title therein revert to the said complainant Jacob Geisler in fee forever free from all demands in law or equity of said defendants or any one claiming by through or under them It is further ordered and decreed that said defendants deliver to said complainant all papers and evidences of title in their possession pertaining to said premises in their or either of their hands & that the Sheriff of said county on failure of said payment within said prescribed term put the plaintiff in possession of said premises

State of Illinois }  
Richland County } I Morris B. Snyder Clerk of  
the Circuit Court of said county do hereby certify the above and foregoing paper writings to be a full true & perfect transcript of all the papers orders and proceedings had in said court in the above entitled cause as appears from the files and records of our said court

In testimony whereof I have

herunto subscribed my  
name and affixed the seal  
of said court at Olney this  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of July A.D. 1857  
M. B. Snyder Clerk

Of November 1857, Supreme Court,  
Ill. v. Wilson & Lewis

And the said Wilson & Lewis, Plffs in error  
by Tracy and Stoddard their counsel, came and  
say that there is manifest error in the  
foregoing Record, and hereby assign the following  
causes to wit,

- 1<sup>st</sup>. The Decree is wholly unsustained by evidence  
The pretended mortgage called Exhibit A, never  
was filed in the cause or shown to the Court, nor  
was there any evidence that any such mortgage  
was executed.
- 2<sup>d</sup>. The notes (described) being the only evidence  
before the Court, so far as disclosed by the Record  
The Bill should have been dismissed for want of  
Proof.
- 3<sup>d</sup>. If there were any other evidence or exhibits before the  
Court, they should have been preserved ~~and~~ and appeared  
in the Record, in some form, & the ~~Record~~ Record is erroneous  
for want thereof.
4. It is also erroneous in decreeing a strict fore-  
closure of the pretended mortgage, & in barring the  
Equity of redemption.

5"

The original Bill was amended and changed but it does not appear what that change was nor when it was made, & is therefore erroneous -

6"

The computation of the Debt & interest by the Clerk was error, it should have been by the Chancellor himself or by a Master in Chancery or special Commissioner.

7"

It is also erroneous in decreeing a return of the title papers and of possession, there being no prayer for such relief in the Bill.

And the same is otherwise fully error, and ought to be reversed, all of which said plffs in error are ready to verify as this Court may direct -

Hayward & Tuttle  
Attys for Plaintiff & Lessor

Loridin in error

Nelson & Johnson for  
Loridin in error

1857

William M. Nelson &  
James T. Lewis

James T. Lewis

Wm M. Nelson

James T. Lewis

Francis T.

John J. August

1857

J. Johnston

John J. August

" " Abstract 2.02

7.00

Reference  
Clerks fee \$2.95



STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
SUPREME COURT.

} ss. *1<sup>st</sup> Grand Division at Mt Vernon*

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,**

To the Sheriff of *Richland* 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 *Richland* County, before the judge thereof, between *Jacob Gister, Plaintiff*

and *William M. Wilson* and

*James L. Lewis*

defendant, it is said that manifest error hath intervened to the injury of said *William M. Wilson* and *James L. Lewis* — as we are informed by *this* complaint, the record and proceedings of which said judgment, we have caused to be brought into our Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, at Mt. 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 *Jacob Gister*

that *he* be and appear before the Justices of our said Supreme Court, on the first day of 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 *he* 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 *Jacob Gister* notice, together with this writ.

*Walter B. Scott*

Witness, the Hon. ~~Samuel H. Taylor~~, Chief Justice of our said Court, and the seal thereof, at Mount Vernon, this *twentieth* day of *August* in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-*seven*.

*Noah Johnston*

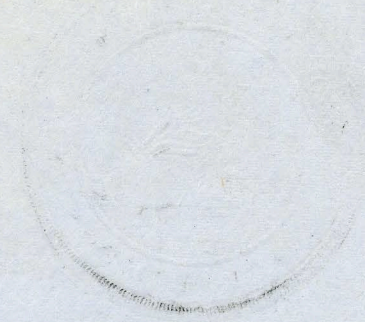
Clerk of Supreme Court.

State of Illinois }  
Richmond County } 85.

I have served the within writ by reading the same to the within named Jacob Guider, this 29th day August 1857.  
Witness my hand, James O. Barker  
Sheriff of Richmond County  
Ill.

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William M. Nelson &	
Samuel & Lewis	
vs	
Jacob Guider	
Serving fine	50
Returning	10
Postage	33
	93



Witness the Hon. James O. Barker, Clerk of said Court, and the seal thereof, at Mount Vernon, this 29th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

Albany Ill. Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1857,

Noah Johnson Esq

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I send you  
the Record Abstract, & cast Bond in case  
of Wilson & Lewis vs Giesler and \$<sup>10</sup> for  
fees. You will please issue summary  
to the Defendant Giesler directed to this  
County. We have concluded not to ask a  
supersedeas.

Please acknowledge the  
receipt of the enclosed & oblige yours truly

A. H. Tuttle



to 26

Wilson & Lewis

by

Grider

Princip

Filed 20<sup>th</sup> August  
1881

W. Schuster Clerk

State of Illinois

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SUPREME COURT,

{ SS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS;

WRIT OF ERROR.

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county of *Nichlana* 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 *Nichlana* county, before the Judge thereof, between

*Jacob Grish*

plaintiff, and *William M. Nelson and*

*James L. Lewis*

defendant & it is said manifest error hath intervened, to the injury of the aforesaid

*William M. Nelson and James L. Lewis*

as we are informed by *this*

complaint, and we being willing that error, should be corrected if any there be, 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 the 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 after the second Monday 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. WALTER B. SCATES Chief Justice of our said court, and the seal thereof, at Mount Vernon this

*twentieth* day of *August*

in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty. *Seven.*

*Noah Johnston*

Clerk Supreme Court.

No 16

William M. Nelson &

James L. Lewis

vs } Mrs of Emma

Jacob Guiler

Issued and filed

26th August 1857

A. Johnston CLK

Williams, Wm. Pittman }  
 James, S. Lewis, Plffs in Error }  
 vs }  
 Jacob Geisler, Deft in Error }

Supreme Court, Madison  
 1857. Mt Vernon Ills  
 Error to Richmond

We do enter ourselves security for costs in  
 this cause & acknowledge ourselves bound  
 to pay in case to be paid, all costs that may  
 accrue in this action either to the opposite  
 party or to any of the officers of this Court,  
 in pursuance of the Laws of this State  
 Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August 1857

W. Hayward

Approved 20. August  
 1857. N. Schuster Clerk

Mitchell

No 25  
Wilson & Lewis  
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Gustav

Cast Bond.

Filed 20. August 1857

A. Johnston C.M.

State of Illinois---Supreme Court,  
MT. VERNON, NOVEMBER TERM, 1857.

WILLIAM M. WILSON, and JAMES L. LEWIS, Plaintiffs in Error  
VS.  
JACOB GEISLER, Defendant in Error.

**Error to Richland,**

1 This was a Bill filed by Geisler; March 7th 1857, to foreclose a Mortgage, and decree rendered at May Ter<sup>m</sup> 1857, by default.

2 The Bill set forth that on the 7th of February 1856 Geisler sold and conveyed to Wilson & Lewis, a Lot in Olney, upon which was situated a large and valuable Store House, for the consideration of \$1750 for which they executed to Geisler two notes, one for \$800, the other for \$950, the first due August 1st 1856, the second due February 21st 1857, and also a mortgage on said premises to secure the payment of said notes, &c.

3 The Bill also states that the "said mortgage and notes are herewith to the Court shown, exhibit A, and prayed to be made part of the Bill, and submitted to the examination of the Court," that the said Wilson & Lewis did not pay said notes when due; and that they had run off, after deceiving the said Geisler by false pretences of their ability to pay for the said House and Lot.

4 It prays that Wilson & Lewis be made parties defendant and required to answer, and in default of answer that the same be taken for confessed, that a decree for the amount of debt, interest and costs be entered and if not paid by an early day the "condition in the said mortgage Deed be declared forfeited, and the same be declared and made absolute, and all the title, right interest and equity, of the said Wilson & Lewis be forever barred and forfeited, and your Orator's title thereto be made complete, absolute and unencumbered," and that in case such specific foreclosure should be deemed unwise, then it is prayed the said House and Lot be sold, also a prayer for special commissioner, and such further relief as may be just.

5 There was an affidavit of the non-residence of Wilson & Lewis and publication of notice, and in default of appearance of said Wilson & Lewis decree is rendered pro confesso.

6 The only other paper on file, or appearing in the Cause, and the only written evidence offered, or before the Court, was the two notes described in the Bill.

The decree contains the following:

7 1st The Def'ts (Wilson & Lewis,) being called and not appearing, it was "decreed that the matters and things in complainant's amended Bill, said amendment being by leave of the Court, be taken for confessed against them.  
2nd. "And the cause coming on to be heard on Bill, exhibits and proofs, and the Court finding upon inspection of said Bill and exhibits and the pro'fs, adduced that said complainants did sell a certain House & Lot of ground in Olney taking their writing obligatory for the purchase money as alleged in said Bill that the whole of said purchase money, principal and interest is due on said mortgage security, that said security is inadequate being a frame building and greatly exposed to fire, that defendants have left the county under suspicious circumstances and not likely to return."

8 "Wherefore it is ordered by the court that an account be taken by the clerk to ascertain how much money is due, &c, and the clerk having taken and reported the amount to be \$1583.25, therefore it is finally ordered and adjudged and decreed that the defendants do within 60 days from the date hereof pay to the said complainant the said sum of \$1583.25 being the amount principal and interest due him on the security aforesaid, as reported by his clerk, together with costs of this suit, and in default of their so doing, that said defendants, and all persons claiming by through or under them, be forever from equity of redemption in, and to said premises, and that the title thereto revert to the said complainant in fee, forever.

9 It was also further ordered that the said defendant [pluff in error] "redeliver to said plaintiff, all papers and evidences of title and that the sheriff of said county on failure of said payment within said presented term put the plaintiff [Geisler] in possession of said premises."

The plaintiffs in Error; assign the following causes.

- 1st. The insufficiency of the evidence and the absence of the mortgage.
- 2nd. The absence of all proof except the two notes.
- 3d. The decreeing and strict foreclosure, and barring the Equity of redemption.
- 4th. The decreeing a surrender of the title papers.
- 5th. In directing the sheriff to put complainant in possession.
- 6th. The ~~condition~~ change of the original bill. *without showing what change*
- 7th. In rendering the decree for complainant and in not dismissing the cause for want of proof.

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The Defendants below were non residents  
- they were not served with personal notice  
and did not appear; the decree therefore  
should have been rendered only upon  
proper and sufficient proof.

Constructive notice under our  
Statute by publication, while it gives  
jurisdiction of the cause, does not dispense  
with the necessary evidence. The mere  
absence of non-resident defendants, not  
served with personal notice will not  
justify a decree based upon the  
presumption that they have confessed  
the Bill.

1 Daniel Chan 90 P 547.

Pendleton vs Evans 4 Wash C.C. 10391

2 The Bill is filed for foreclosure of  
Mortgage, and the Statute having provided  
for the manner of sale and redemption  
of mortgaged premises, the Mortgagee  
is not entitled to a strict foreclosure  
without showing in his Bill the necessary  
and sufficient causes for such relief.  
In this respect the Complainant's Bill  
is wholly defective.

It does not charge that the security

is inadequate, but merely that it is slender. Nor is there any averment that the Defendants had not other property sufficient for any balance left after selling the House & Lot.

Adams Equity 683-

Wines vs Hunt vol 17 Ill., 261

3<sup>d</sup> The Complainant must rely upon the case stated in his Bill -

Barnd Chan P. P. 377-

Stoup Equity P 528-257

Wiltford Pleading 45. notes 47-

4- If the Decree pro confesso shall be regarded as proper in this case, without further proof, still the Defendants below are not concluded beyond the material matters stated in the Bill.

5. The exhibits and proofs should have been presented and contained in the record. The absence of the mortgage cannot be supplied upon any presumption of law arising under a decree pro confesso. It is part of the Bill and should be on file and remaining record.



The oral testimony of the witnesses  
if any should also have been preserved  
White vs Morrison 11 Ills 365  
Ward vs Owen 19 .. 388

6.

The record contains the original Bill -  
The decree shows the Bill was amended  
and a pro confesse, taken on the amended  
Bill, but when the amendment was  
made, or in what it consisted is not  
shown; and the record is in that  
respect uncertain and ambiguous, and should  
be reversed - Adams Equity 757-8

Strop Equity P. § 886 -  
1 Daniel Chew P & P 457, 458.

7 The account should have been referred  
to the Master in Chancery & not to  
the Clerk - Adams Equity, 819-820

8 The order directing the Surrender of  
the title papers, was not prayed for  
and was improper  
and the order for possession is  
uncertain, ambiguous and improper

A. H. Hill

Atty for Plaintiff

Willow & Lewis

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Abstract of Brief

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Abstract of Record.

William M. Wilson &  
James L. Lewis, Plffs in Error }  
vs }  
Jacob Giesler Deft in Error } Error to Richmond -

This was a Bill in chancery to foreclose mortgage  
~~The Bill~~ in Richmond C.C. May Term 1857, before  
Hon. J. Hanlan Judge -

Page Record -

1. The Bill sets forth, that on the 7<sup>th</sup> Feb' 1856
2. the deft, Giesler, sold and conveyed, to Wilson &  
Lewis, the plffs, a certain lot in Chery (on Main  
street) upon which was situated a large and  
valuable store house, for the consideration  
of \$1750. - That plffs executed to Deft then  
for, ~~the~~ two notes, one for \$800, with interest &c  
& the other for \$950, with interest &c; the  
first due Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1856, & the 2<sup>d</sup> due 31<sup>st</sup> Feb,  
1857. - That plffs also executed a  
3. Mortgage on the said house & Lot, to secure the  
payment of said notes & interest when due,  
The Bill also states, which said Mortgage  
& said notes are herewith to the Court  
shown, Exhibit A, and prayed to be made  
part of this Bill & submitted to the examination  
of the Court.

4. That <sup>the</sup> ~~plffs~~ did not pay said notes when  
due, and that they had run off, after deceiv-  
ing the Deft. by false pretences of their ability  
to pay for said House & Lot,

The Bill then prays that <sup>Wilson &</sup> ~~plffs~~  
Lewis be made parties deft. & required to answer &  
in default of answer that the Bill be  
taken for confessed;— That a decree for  
the amount of the Debt, interest & cost  
be entered & if not paid by an early day  
the "conditions in the said Mortgage deed  
be declared forfeited—and the same be  
declared and made absolute, and all  
the title right interest and equity of the  
said Wilson & Lewis be forever barred  
and forfeited, and your Orators little  
trouble be made complete, absolute,  
and unencumbered;"

And that in case such specific foreclosure  
should be deemed unwise then ~~and that~~  
it is prayed the said House & Lot be  
sold &c;

There is also a prayer for special Commis-  
sioner <sup>such</sup> of further relief as may be just &c;

6, The Record next contains copies of the  
7, notes, also an affidavit showing the  
8, non-residence of pffs, and a copy of the  
9, published notice to pffs.

10, The Decree rendered at the May Term 1857,  
11, contains the following matters—  
12, 1st, The published notice being served &  
13, Defts (pffs in error) being called, & not appear-  
14, ing, it is "decreed that the matters  
15, and things in complainants amended Bill  
16, said amendment being by leave of the  
17, Court, be taken for confessed against  
18, said Defts, (pffs in error)  
19, 2<sup>d</sup> "and the cause coming on to be heard on  
20, Bill, exhibits & proofs, and the Court finding  
21, upon inspection of said Bill and exhibits &  
22, the proofs, adduced, that said ~~pl~~ complain-  
23, ants did sell a certain House & Lot of ground  
24, in the Town of Olney (giving description) to  
25, said Defts (pffs in error) taking their writing  
26, obligatory for the purchase money as  
27, alleged in said Bill, that the whole of  
28, said purchase money, principal & interest is  
29, due on said mortgaged security, that said  
30, security is inadequate being a fraud

building & greatly exposed to fire, that Defts  
10- have left the County under suspicious cir-  
cumstances & not likely to return,

"wherefore it is ordered by the Court, that  
an account be taken by the Clerk to ascertain  
how much money" for is due &c;

"and the Clerk having taken said account  
& reported the amount" &c, to be \$1883.<sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

"Therefore it is finally ordered and adjudged  
and decreed that the Defendants do within  
sixty days from the date hereof pay to said  
complainant the said sum of \$1883.<sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> being  
the amount principal & interest due him  
on the security aforesaid, as reported by the Clerk,  
together with the costs of this suit, and in  
default thereof of their so doing that said Defts  
& all persons, claiming by through, or under  
them, be forever barred from all equity of redemp-  
tion in & to said premises, & that the title  
thereunto revert to the said complainant in  
fee forever"

"It is further ordered that said Defts.  
(plffs in error) deliver to said plff (Deft  
in error) all papers & evidences of title" &c

"and that the said Sheriff of said County on  
failure of said payment within said prescribed  
term put the plaintiff (Guelin) in possession  
of said premises"

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Anthony  
Reed

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