

No. **11896**

Supreme Court of Illinois

Robertson, et al.

vs.

Marshall, et al.

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*No 40*  
*J. M. Robertson et al.*  
*vs*  
*Co. Comrs. Marshall Co.*

*1849*

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Robertson & Senger  
vs.  
Geo. Lewis of Marshall Co.  
vs. of Jackson & Perry

Sept. 10. June 2/49

And the said Juffs. in Error say, that in the record & proceedings aforesaid & in the recollection of the jury & aforesaid, there is manifest error, in this, to wit, that the court rendered a verdict in favour of the Juffs. below & against the Defts. below & whereas a verdict should have been rendered in favour of Defts. below & against the Juffs. below. And for further affixing of errors the said Juffs. in Error ~~offer~~ set down the following, to wit:

- 1 The court erred in overruling the motion & objections the said suit =
- 2 = The court erred in admitting the said copy of the bond =
- 3 = The court erred in finding for the Defts. below =
- 4 = The court erred in overruling the motion, in award of verdict & for a new trial =
- 5 The court erred in excluding the evidence of Gore & from his testimony =

wherefore for the errors aforesaid, the Juffs. say that the said verdict of the court may be reversed and the Juffs. for nothing entered & they be restored to what they have lost by reason thereof =

By the Attys.  
Peter Manning =

And said defts by Dickey come & say there is no such errors as are alleged by plaintiff in error in the record & proceedings herein & prays that said

Judgment may be affirmed

Checks for debts in  
Error

Record of the orders judgments & proceedings of the Honorable Circuit Court of Marshall County State of Illinois begun & held at the Court house in the Town of Leon in & for the County of Marshall & State of Illinois on the ~~fourth~~ Monday the twenty sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty six

Present the Honorable John Dean Eaton one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois and Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit

The County Commissioners of Marshall County for the use of Samuel L Cochran and Theodore Perry

vs  
Samuel M Robertson  
Jordan Sawyer  
Rodrick Owen

Appeal

Be it remembered that on the sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty six Heczarash Tleram probate justice of the peace within & for the County of Marshall & State of Illinois filed in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court within & for said county the Transcript of the judgments & proceedings had before him in the above entitled cause together with the papers filed in his office in said cause of which judgment the following is a copy

The County Commissioners of Marshall County Illinois who sue for the use of Samuel Cochran & Theodore Perry partners under the firm of Cochran & Perry

vs  
Samuel M Robertson Jordan Sawyer & Rodrick Owen

Suit brot on official bond of const for \$102000 made by debts to the County Commissioners of Marshall County dated on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of August A D 1843 Amount claimed to be due to plffs \$51344 1846 August 27th Sums issued & put into the hands of Const Totus same day returnable on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1846 at 12 O Clock Pm 1846 August 28<sup>th</sup> Sub issued on pt of debts for Jonas Chelsher

& given to const Totus returnable as above 1846 Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Sums returned served by reading to S M Robertson & Jordan Sawyer Rodrick Owen not found + c. 1846 Sept 1<sup>st</sup> parties appear & upon the affidavit of the debt the cause is continued for the purpose of taking the deposition of Jonas Chelsher until the 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1846 at 12 O Clock Pm costs to abide the event of the suit 1846 Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Sub issued on part of plffs for Esic J Anderson & given to J Perry 1846 Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Sub returned served by reading & c. 1846 Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Sub issued on pt of debts for John L Core & given to debt 1846 Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Sub returned served by reading & c. 1846 Sept 21<sup>st</sup> parties appear & by

consent cause is continued until 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 1846 at 9 O'Clock A.M. at the costs of debt  
 1846 Sept 24 subp issued for plffs George J Anderson + Jacob L Gamgus in favor of plff  
 given to Theo Perry 1846 Sept 25 sub returned by J Perry served c. 1846 Sept 25 sub from  
 part of debts issued for Jonas L Ball William J Boyle + Abraham Wall + given to debt  
 1846 Sept 25 debts sub returned served by readings c. 1846 Sept 25 parties appear  
 And after hearing the testimony adduced it is considered that the said County  
 Commissioners of Marshall County Illinois who sue for the use of Samuel  
 L Cochran + Theodore Perry parties under the firm of Cochran + Perry do recover  
 against the said Samuel McRobertson + Gordon Sawyer one thousand dollars  
 the amount of the penalty of the said Official Bond of the said Samuel  
 McRobertson Constable & also their costs which costs are taxed six dollars  
 + one + an fourth cents Execution however to be issued only for the  
 sum of fifty one Dollars + ninety two cents + the costs of this Suit  
 Summons 18<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Sub for debt 18<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Amount of Official Bond 10000  
 Debt to affdant 12<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Sub for debt 18<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Amount found to be due 3192  
 for plff 18<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Sub for plff 18<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Sub for debt 18<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Costs of this Suit 601<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
 Judgment 25 1361<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> \$ 5793<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
 Witness fees 250  
 Constable Fees fees 95  
 N Cochran Clerk County Court fees 100  
 Transcript 25 Entering of appeal 25 601<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
 Paid by Debt 50  
 Witness Claim Geo J Anderson 50  
 Jacob L Gamgus 50 Jonas L Ball 50  
 William J Boyle 50 Abm Wall 50 250

State of Illinois ss I do hereby Certify that the foregoing transcript contains  
 Marshall County a full + perfect Statement of all the proceedings had before  
 me in the Cause aforesaid between the parties aforesaid in  
 the plea aforesaid Given under my hand + seal at Lacon the twenty fifth  
 day of September One thousand Eight hundred + forty six  
 W J Crane J P Seal

Whereupon the following writs of Execution + notices were issued in said  
 cause by my self of the Circuit Court of Marshall County Illinois  
 The people of the State of Illinois to the  
 To the Sheriff of said Marshall County bearing  
 Whereas on the twenty fifth day of September A.D. 1846 before Keziah J Crane probate  
 Justice of the peace within + for said County of Marshall the County Comm  
 issioners of Marshall County State of Illinois suing for the use of Samuel  
 L Cochran + Theodore Perry parties under the firm of Cochran + Perry recover  
 ed judgment against Samuel McRobertson + Gordon Sawyer for the sum of  
 one thousand dollars damages together with the costs of suit + that there  
 was found to be due in favor of the said Cochran + Perry the sum of

fifty one dollars & Ninety two cents from which judgment the said Daniel  
Mc Robinson has taken an appeal to the Circuit Court in & for the County of  
Marshall & has entered into bond with security according to the Statute in  
such case made & provided We therefore Command you that you do forth  
with give notice to said Justice that he is enjoined to suspend all further  
proceedings in relation thereto until the said Circuit Court shall other-  
wise order & direct & make return hereof with your endorsement hereon  
on or before the first day of the term of the said Court to be holden at Lacon  
in & for the County of Marshall on the fourth Monday of October  
Instant

Witness John Burns Clerk of said Court & the Seal  
thereof at Lacon this 9th day of October in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty six

Seal

on which the following endorsement Executed the within  
cert by reading the same to the within named Justice this  
19th day of October 1846 A Ramsey Sheriff of the Co

John Burns Clerk

The People of the State of Illinois

To the Sheriff of said County greeting

Whereas on the Twenty fifth day of September Eighteen AD 1846 before the said  
Ioram Probate Justice of the peace within & for the County of Marshall the County  
Commissioners of Marshall County for the use of Samuel Leochman & Theodore  
Perry partners under the firm of Cochran & Perry recovered a judgment against  
Daniel Mc Robinson & Jordan Sawyer for the sum of one thousand Dollars debt  
or damage together with the costs of Suit & that there was found to be due in favor  
of the said Cochran & Perry the sum of fifty one Dollars & Ninety two cents from  
which judgment the said Daniel Mc Robinson has appealed to the Circuit Court  
in & for the County of Marshall & has entered into bond with security according to the  
Statute in such case made & provided We therefore command you forthwith to give  
notice thereof to Jope Titus Constable in whose hands an execution or other  
process may be in relation thereto that he is enjoined to stay & suspend all further  
proceedings in relation thereto until the said Circuit Court shall otherwise order  
& direct & make return thereof with your doings hereon on or before the first day of  
the term of the said Court to be holden at Lacon within & for the County of Marshall  
on the fourth Monday of October Instant

Witness John Burns Clerk of our said  
Court & the Seal thereof at Lacon this ninth day of October in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty six

Seal

on which the following endorsement Executed the within  
cert by reading the same to the within named Constable  
this 16th of October 1846 A Ramsey Sheriff of the Co

John Burns Clerk

State of Illinois  
Marshall County

The People of the State of Illinois

To the Sheriff of said County greeting

We command you to summon Charles S Edwards Chester S  
Woodward & Lewis Block County Commissioners of Marshall County who due  
for the use of Samuel Leochman & Theodore Perry partners under the  
firm of Cochran & Perry if they be found in your County to be & appear before  
the Judge of our Circuit Court for the County of Marshall on the fourth

Monday in the Month of October Inst to answer to an appeal obtained by  
Daniel M Robertson from a judgment rendered against the said Daniel  
M Robertson & Gordon Sawyer in favor of the said County Commissioners  
of Marshall County Illinois for the sum of one thousand Dollars where  
there was found to be due for the use of the said Samuel Cochran & Theodore  
Perry the sum of fifty one Dollars & ninety two cents & costs of suit before  
Hezekiah Tleram probate Justice of the peace of said County on the twenty  
fifth day of September 1846 And have you then & there this writ

Witness John Burns Clerk of said Court at the Court house this 9th  
day of October one thousand eight hundred & forty six the Seal

Seal

on which the following endorsement - Executed the within writ by reading  
in the same to the within named County Commissioners this 2nd day  
of October 1846 At Ramsey Sheriff of Marshall County Illinois

John Burns Clerk

Marshall County

The people of the State of Illinois

To the Sheriff of said County greeting

We Command you to summon Samuel Cochran & Theodore

Perry parties trading under the firm of Cochran & Perry if they be found in  
your County to be appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for the County  
of Marshall on the fourth Monday in the Month of October Inst  
to answer to an appeal obtained by Daniel M Robertson from a judgment  
rendered against the said Daniel M Robertson & Gordon Sawyer in favor  
of the County Commissioners of Marshall County State of Illinois who  
are due for the use of Samuel Cochran & Theodore Perry for the sum of  
one thousand Dollars where there was found to be due the said Samuel  
Cochran & Theodore Perry the sum of fifty one Dollars & ninety two cents  
& costs of suit before Hezekiah Tleram probate Justice of the peace of  
said County on the 25th day of September A D 1846 And have you then  
& there this writ

Witness John Burns Clerk of said Court at the  
Court house this 9th day of October A D 1846 the

Seal of said Court being hereunto affixed

Seal

on which the following endorsement - Executed this writ by reading  
the same to the within named  
Cochran & Perry this 19th day of September 1846

Addison Ramsey

Sheriff of Marshall

State of Illinois ss

The people of the State of Illinois

Marshall County

To the Sheriff of said County greeting

We Command you to summon Gordon Sawyer if he be found  
in your County to be appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for the County  
of Marshall on the fourth Monday in the Month of October Inst to answer  
on an appeal obtained by Daniel M Robertson from a judgment rendered  
against the said Daniel M Robertson & Gordon Sawyer in favor of the County  
Commissioners of Marshall County State of Illinois being for the use of  
Samuel Cochran & Theodore Perry before Hezekiah Tleram probate Justice  
of the peace of said County on the 25th day of September 1846 for the sum of  
one thousand Dollars

wherein there was found to be due the said Leochran & penny the sum of fifty  
one dollars & Ninetytwo Cents & costs of suit & have you then then this writ

Seal

Witness John Burns Clerk of said Court at the Court house this  
9th day of October 1846 the Seal of said Court being hereunto affixed

John Burns Clerk

on which the following endorsement - Executed the within writ by read-  
ing the same to the within named Jordan Sawyer the 22th day of October  
1846

A Ramsey Sheriff Mc

By J M Robertson Deputy

And this cause coming on to be heard on the 28th day of October A D  
Eighteen<sup>hundred</sup> & Six at the term aforesaid of said Court the following motions  
& orders were made thereon & entered of record in said cause in said Court

The County Commissioners of Marshall  
County for the use of Leochran & penny

Appellees

Appeal

vs  
Samuel M Robertson Jordan Sawyer &  
Roderick Owen

Appellants

This day came the parties by  
their attorneys & the defendants move the Court to dismiss this suit for  
want of jurisdiction of the Court below which motion is overruled by the  
Court And now came again the defendants & moved the Court to dismiss  
this cause for the reason that the said Samuel Leochran & Theodore penny  
had failed to enter security herein for costs which motion is overruled  
by the Court



A Record of the Orders Judgments & proceedings of the  
Honorable Circuit Court of Marshall County in the State of  
Illinois began & held at the Court house in the town of Salem  
on the fourth Monday the twenty fifth day of October in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty seven  
Present the Honorable John Sean Weston one of the associ-  
ate Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois &  
Judge of the Southern Judicial Circuit John Burns Clerk  
for Addison Ramsay Sheriff

The County Commissioners of Marshall County  
who sue for the use of Samuel Cochran  
& Theodore Perry

vs  
Daniel M Robertson  
Gordon Sawyer &  
Kodwick Owen

Appeal

Be it remembered that  
this cause coming on the defendant proved the Court to  
dismiss this cause for the reason that the said Cochran & Perry  
nor any one in their behalf had not given security for the  
costs of this suit which motion the court overruled & the defen-  
dants accepted to the decision

This cause then coming on for trial the plaintiffs to maintain  
the action on their part offered to read in evidence a Bond in  
the words & figures following to wit

Know all men by these presents that we Daniel M Robertson  
Gordon Sawyer & Kodwick Owen of the County of Marshall &  
State of Illinois are held & firmly bound unto the County Commis-  
sioners of Marshall County & to their successors in office for  
the use of the people of the State of Illinois in the penal sum  
of One thousand Dollars current money of the United States  
which payment well & truly to be made & performed we  
each of us bind ourselves our heirs Executors & administrators  
jointly severally & firmly by these presents witness our hands  
& seals this day of August A D One thousand eight  
hundred & forty seven

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the  
above bounden Daniel M Robertson who was on the first Monday  
the seventh day of August one thousand eight hundred & forty  
seven duly elected a constable for the said County of Marshall for

The Lacon precinct shall well & truly discharge the duties of his said office of Constable & Justice fairly account for & pay over all monies that may come to his hands under any precept or otherwise by virtue of his office then his obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force

Signed & sealed in presence of  
 J. M. Shannon

David W. Robertson Seal  
 Gordon Sawyer Seal  
 Roderick Owen Seal

State of Illinois  
 Marshall County

I Samuel C. Cochran clerk of the County Commissioners Court of said County certify that the above is a true copy of the original Bond on file in my office Witness my hand & the seal of said Court this twenty sixth day of August A. D. 1846

Seal

Samuel C. Cochran Clerk

To the reading of which in evidence the defendants objected but the objection was overruled & the evidence was admitted & the defendants excepted to the decision

The plaintiffs must read in evidence the Record of a judgment recovered before the Crane Esq. on the 9th of August 1845 in favor of Cochran against John C. Gore which is in the words & figures following

Samuel C. Cochran & Theodore Perry parties under the Firm of Cochran & Perry

Debt due on promissory note for \$42.00 made by debt to plffs dated Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 1844 with 12 per cent interest from date

John C. Gore  
 Docketing 12 1/2  
 Cent. pdt 25  
 Pl. of plffs 37 1/2  
 Costs of Execution 31 1/4  
 Court fees on do 50  
 Alias fi fa 25  
 Court fees on do 50  
 Alias fi fa 25

Demanded \$46.31  
 1845 August 19<sup>th</sup> parties appear & the said John C. Gore waives process & the service thereof & confesses judgment for the sum of Forty six Dollars & Thirty seven cents. Therefore it is considered that the said Samuel C. Cochran & Theodore Perry do recover against the said John C. Gore their debt of said above acknowledged of Forty six Dollars & Thirty seven cents & their costs which costs are taxed at Thirty seven & an half cents

Debt 46.31  
 Costs taxed 37 1/2

1845 August 19<sup>th</sup> upon the oath of Theodore Perry fi fa issued & put into the hands of Const. Robertson the same day 1845 Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> fi fa returned by order of plffs Levied & c. 1845 Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> alias fi fa issued & put into the hands of Const. Robertson the same day 1846 Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> alias fi fa returned by order of plffs 1846 Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> alias fi fa issued given to Const. Robertson same day 1846 Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> alias fi returned no property found on which to levy

They next read in evidence an Execution in the words & figures following  
To wit  
State of Illinois Marshall County } The people of the State of Illinois  
To any Constable of said County executing

We command you as oftentimes before we have commanded you that of the Goods & Chattels of John le Gore in your County you make the sum of forty six Dollars & thirty one cents Sept & thirty seven & a half cents Costs which Samuel le Cochran & Theodore Perry partners under the firm of Cochran & Perry lately recovered before me in a certain plea against the said John le Gore & hereof make return to me within seventy days from this date Given under my hand & seal the eighth day of January of 18 one thousand eight hundred & forty six  
H. P. Lesque J. P. Seal

On which the following endorsements } Received this writ the 8th Jan'y 1846  
S. M. Robertson

Returned March 18th 1846 no property found on which to levy S. M. Robertson Constable  
It was proven that the defendant Robertson was acting as a constable during the time from the issuing the said first Execution till the commence ment of this suit & that said said Execution was not returned by Robert son to the justice till sometime in September after the same was issued said last Execution was delivered to Robertson on the day of its date  
The plaintiffs then rested their case

The Defendants then read in Evidence the original Execution issued upon said justices judgment & the endorsements thereon which are in the words & figures following To wit  
State of Illinois Marshall County }

The people of the State of Illinois

To any Constable of said County executing

We command you that of the goods & Chattels of John le Gore in your County you make the sum of forty six Dollars & thirty one cents Sept & thirty seven & a half cents Costs which Samuel le Cochran & Theodore Perry partners under the firm of Cochran & Perry lately recovered before me in a certain plea against the said John le Gore and hereof make return to me within seventy days from this date Given under my hand & seal this nineteenth day of August One thousand eight hundred & forty five  
H. P. Lesque J. P. Seal

On which the following endorsements } Received this writ on the 19th August 1845  
19th Aug 1845 Seized on the undivided one third part of the Stack of wheat & the undivided one third part of 25 Acres of Corn & one Red Cow as the property of the within named Defendant John le Gore & returned by order of the J. P. S. M. Robertson Constable

Seized on personal property & returned by order of plffs Oct 29th 1845

S. M. Robertson Const

The defendants then read in Evidence a second Execution issued upon said justices judgment & the endorsements thereon which are in the words & figures following To wit

State of Illinois } The people of the State of Illinois to any constable of  
Marshall County } Said County Greeting

We Command you as before we have commanded you that of the goods  
& Chattels of John C Gore in your County you make the sum of forty six Dollars & that you  
cents Six & thirty seven and half cents costs which Samuel C Cochran Theodore Perry  
Partners under the firm of Cochran & Perry lately recovered of you in a certain  
plea against the said John C Gore & hereof make return to me within seventy days  
from this date Given under my hand & seal this 9th day of October A D our Lord  
and Eight hundred & forty five

He S believe J D J D Seal

On which the following Endorsements Received on the 29th August 1845

at 12 O Clock P M Daniel M Robertson Const  
Returned by order of Plaintiff January 8th 1846

D M Robertson Const

The defendant then proved by John C Gore the defendant in said execution  
that soon after the delivery of the writ Execution Robertson requested witness to give him  
a delivery bond that said witness declined to do so & said he could not procure one  
& witness told the said Cochran & Perry that he could not give a bond  
and that on the last day or the last day but one of the life of the execution  
first issued upon said justices judgment Robertson called upon him  
& told him that he must adventure & sell the property mentioned in  
the return for sale on said Execution if the money was not paid that  
witness then went with Robertson to Cochran & Perry at their store in  
Lagou & that they then directed him Robertson to adjudge the execution  
to the justice & not to proceed to sell the property that they also direct  
ed Robertson to get out a new Execution on the judgment the  
said Cochran & Perry then declaring that they wished to preserve the  
lien upon the property & Perry said the property was not to be  
sold Robertson said that as the execution was nearly out he  
must sell the property unless other arrangements were made  
& that said Cochran & Perry said to Robertson & witness that  
it was their wish to have the property remain in the possession  
of witness & some time get out the grain & sell it to them to pay  
the said judgment & that they would allow as much as any  
body & that the grain was required to remain in his lot & they proposed  
that the wheat was then in that stack & that towards Spring  
the wheat was threshed out & Sam Clusbee hauled it to Logan  
that one third of the wheat belonged to witness one third of it to  
Clusbee one third of it to the owner of the Land on the use that  
the share of witness was about 100 Bushels that forty or forty five  
bushels was hauled by said Clusbee for Gore to Lagou & sold by him  
& the residue was used by witness himself & that the price of wheat  
at the time was thirty eight or forty cents a Bushel that the corn  
was somewhat destroyed by cattle in the field & the residue used  
by the witness that the cow mentioned in the return died in January  
& the skin was taken to Cochran & Perry that he had never been

paid for the wheat & that Ellisbee kept the proceeds of it & in the corn was  
held on share the same as the wheat & that without share if it had been well  
harvested & taken care of would have amounted to 200 Bushels & was  
worth 12 1/2 cents per Bushel that said corn was worth when bound  
on Ten or Twelve Dollars

Defendants offered to prove by this witness that, from after the  
time said said Execution came into the hands of the said  
Robertson witness was insolvent & had no property on which  
any Execution could be laid & that he had ever since continued so  
the plaintiffs objected to this evidence & the Court rejected it & the defend-  
ants excepted to the decision said witness also testified that it was the  
understanding & agreement between him & Cochran & Perry that their lien  
should be continued so as to prevent other creditors of witness from levying upon  
the property & for the purpose of enabling witness to have & keep possession thereof  
this arrangement was made not to take advantage of other creditors of witness  
except by securing & maintaining a prior lien on the property & to secure the  
debt without sacrificing the property

Plaintiffs also proved by law that the property mentioned in the return  
on the first Execution always remained in the possession of witness & that  
no actual possession was ever taken of it by Robertson & also that no delivery  
bond was ever given to the officers by Gov.

Plaintiffs proved by Cranchy's petition that he wrote the return on the first  
Execution at the request of the officers & it was signed by the officers & that  
this was done on the last day of the Execution

The Defendants also read in evidence the following deposition of Jonas  
Ellisbee in the words & figures following to wit:

The County Commissioners of Marshall County for the  
use of Cochran & Perry  
vs  
The County Commissioners Clerk's office Circuit Court  
of Marshall County Illinois

Samuel W. Robertson  
Jordan Sawyer &  
Rodrick Owen

Appeal  
Before John Rums Clerk of the Circuit Court  
of Marshall County Illinois

Deposition of Jonas Ellisbee aged about forty five  
years a witness in the above entitled suit taken by John Rums Clerk of the Circuit  
Court of the County of Marshall & State of Illinois on the Twentieth day of March  
A. D. 1847 at the office of the aforesaid Clerk in the County & State aforesaid in the  
presence & by the consent of the said plaintiffs & defendants the service of  
notice & the filing of affidavit being hereby waived

Marshall County of Illinois } Jonas Ellisbee being first duly sworn deposes & says as follows (viz)

Were you or not acquainted with the plaintiffs & defendants in the summer of  
Eighteen hundred & forty five & until that time  
Ans I was & am at this time

Did not you & John C Gore have an interest together in some wheat & corn  
growing in a field north of Lacon formerly called the Swan field &  
if so what was the interest

We did - We Each had a third of the crop growing on the ground &  
a third went to the owner of the ground

Was said wheat or not hauled & stacked & if so at what time was the  
same threshed & how many stacks were there

It was all hauled & stacked, except one days cutting probably twenty ~~or more~~  
which was threshed from the shock in July, 1845 - There were four stacks  
one of which was threshed before the middle of August of that year I think  
the balance of the stacks were threshed about the last of January or the first of  
February A.D. 1846

On what terms was said wheat threshed & what was done with John  
C Gore's interest in the wheat

The threshing was paid for in money arising from the sale of the wheat. I was  
paid six dollars forty eight cents out of Gore's interest for his share of the seed  
wheat which I furnished him & a dollar & seventy five cents for whiffletree  
the balance of Gore's share was delivered to him

At or before said time did you or not know of the defendant having an execu-  
tion against the plaintiffs in favor of the plaintiffs <sup>Cochran & Perry</sup> against John C Gore & did you  
or not go to see the plaintiffs to get some direction about said Gore's interest  
& if so what did they or either of them tell you to do with it

I did not know of an execution in the hands of the defendant I heard  
Mr Perry one of the plaintiffs say in the fall previous to said time that there was  
an execution in favor of said Cochran & Perry against the said Gore levied on  
Gore's interest in the said wheat at the time the wheat was cleaned I went to see the  
plaintiffs I saw Mr Perry one of them I asked him if he was going to divide the  
wheat with me or if I should divide with said Gore he said to divide with Gore  
I asked if any settlement I made with Gore would be satisfactory ~~to him~~  
he said it would ~~was~~ was in the plaintiffs store I went out of the store & said  
Perry followed me & said to me how is this about the settlement with Gore  
I told him I supposed he had an interest in the wheat & wished to know  
whether I should settle with him or Gore he said he did not know but that I  
had a demand against Gore & would take advantage of him in the settlement  
I told him I had nothing except for Gore's share of the seed wheat & an other  
small account Perry said he had made an arrangement with Gore to  
give up the wheat to Gore & take a cow & some hogs but still he expected  
to have the wheat when brought in if we pay as much as any other  
person

Did or did not one of said plaintiffs inform you that said Execution was levied on said Gores property for the purpose of keeping it from <sup>Gores</sup> Gores Creditors & leaving it for Gores if so at what time

I think not

Did you or did you not deliver Gores part of the wheat to said Gove according to the directions of said Perry

I did deliver it to him at the Stock yard & afterwards hauled it away for him at his request

What became of the Corn which was raised in the field & when was it gathered

I do not know what became of Gores share my opinion is the Land lords share was gathered in the month of October the ballance was gathered during the months of November December & January

About half bushel wheat was sown in the three last Stocks

There were about one hundred & seventy seven bushels I think

Have you or have you not an interest directly or indirectly in the event of the above suit

I have not

Each of the foregoing interrogatories were objected to by the plaintiffs

Did the conversation in answer to the fifth question take place before or after the cleaning the wheat

It took place before & on the morning of the same day of cleaning the wheat

Jonas Lelesbee

State of Illinois  
Marshall County

I John Burns Clerk of the Circuit Court do hereby certify that the foregoing deposition was taken before me at the time & place mentioned in the caption thereof that the said witness was first duly sworn & that the same was carefully read to said witness & signed by him

Dated this 20th day of March 1847 Witness my hand and Seal the Seal of said Court the day aforesaid

John Burns Clerk

This was all the evidence given at the trial

The Court found for the plaintiffs & the following judgment was rendered against the Defendants Robertson & Lawyer

The County Commissioners  
of Marshall County for the  
use of Cochran & Perry.

vs

Samuel M Robertson  
Jordan Sawyer and  
Rodeneck Owen

Appeal

This day came the plaintiffs by their  
Attorneys & the defendants Samuel M Robertson and  
Jordan Sawyer also appeared by their attorneys  
Rodeneck Owen the other defendant herein not  
having been served with process in this cause and the trial of this cause is  
submitted to the Court without the intervention of a jury and the Court  
having heard the proofs & allegations of the parties & being fully advised  
in the premises is of Opinion that the plaintiffs recover of the defendants  
Samuel M Robertson & Jordan Sawyer the sum of One thousand Dollars  
the amount of the official Bond of the said Robertson as constable  
And it further appearing to the Court that there is due the said Cochran  
& Perry the sum of fifty two Dollars & seventy four cents It is therefore  
considered by the Court that execution issue herein against the said defendants  
Samuel M Robertson & Jordan Sawyer for the sum of fifty two Dollars &  
seventy four cents the amount found to be due the said Cochran & Perry  
likewise the costs & charges by the said plaintiffs in their behalf  
in their suit Expended as well in this Court as in the Court below  
whereupon the defendants move for a new trial & in arrest of judgment  
which motions are overruled by the Court & the defendants except to the  
decision & they also except to the decision of the Court finding for the plaintiffs  
when the decision was rendered And the defendants pray for an appeal  
herein to the Supreme Court of this State which is granted upon their filing  
with the Clerk of this Court a Bond for the sum of One hundred Dollars  
with Silas Ramsey security thereon within forty days from the adjournment  
of this Court as conditioned as the Law directs

And the Defendants prayed that their Bill of exceptions might be  
allowed signed & sealed by the Judge & made part of the record  
in this cause which is done

J. L. Cator (seal)



State of Illinois }  
Marshall County } Clerk's Office Circuit Court

I John Burns Clerk of said Court hereby certify  
that the foregoing is a complete Record of all the proceedings & a true copy  
of the Judgment filed in the above entitled cause by the probate jus  
tice of the peace in & for said County in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit  
Court of said County as appears to me of record in my office

Witness my hand & the Seal of said Court this  
day of                      A.D. 184

John Burns  
Clerk

The County Comrs of Marshall  
Co for the use of Saml C.  
Wichman & Theodore Perry  
vs

L M Hobbs et al  
vs Sublet & Widdif 9.50

Filed June 13. 1849.  
S. Ireland Clk.

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State of Illinois, Etc.

The people of the State of Illinois,

To the Clerk of the circuit court for the county of *Marshall*—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 *Marshall* county, before the Judge thereof, between *The County Commissioners of Marshall County* <sup>who care for</sup> *for the use of Samuel C. Cochran et al.*—

plaintiff, and *Daniel M. Robinson*  
et al.

defendant, 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 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 Ottawa, in the county of La Salle, on the *second Monday of June A.D. 1880*—~~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. *Samuel H. Treat*  
Chief Justice of our said Court, and the  
seal thereof at Ottawa, this *13<sup>th</sup>* day of  
*June* in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and forty-*nine*.

*V. Ireland*  
Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Paul. ell. Robertson et al.

Co. Court Marshall Co. Ind.  
Mil of Error

Filed June 21, 1849.  
S. Seland Clk.

Clerk of the Supreme Court.

*[Handwritten signature]*

one thousand eight hundred and forty-  
two  
in the year of our Lord  
WITNESSES, the Hon. *[Handwritten name]*  
Chief Justice of our said Court, and the

The people of the State of Illinois,  
State of Illinois, etc.

BECAUSE in the record and proceedings, as also in the rendition of the  
The Clerk of the circuit court for the county of *[Handwritten name]* - Precinct:

THIS IS HEREBY RETURNED

Robertson }  
The People. }

But I did not hear the  
argument in this case and  
give an opinion

Filed July 2<sup>d</sup> 1849

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