

Jefferson County Circuit Court  
Case Files - Civil

Box 25 Folder 52

March 1870, No. 24

Allen, John G.

Allen, Henry W.

<sup>vs.</sup>

Graft, John A.

Coffin, Joseph

Debt, account

Debt \$116.12 for fabric, buttons,  
suspenders, thread

Graff & Coffin

1869

Aug

11

To Merchants as per bill

30 days

285 07

Nov

4

in Cash

20 00

a Bill of Int after maturity of bill @ 6%

4 10

309 17

Contract

Nov

4

By Cash on acc

100 00

8

in do in

19 75

119 75

\$ 189 42

31 90

\$ 157 52

41 40

\$ 116 12

Interest 4 25

4 25

\$ 120 37

Jan 7 By Cash \$25 00

Jan 17 By Cash \$6 90

St Louis Mo Jan 22, 1870

Due Jan 24/70

Credit Jan 24 by Cash

State of Missouri }  
County of St Louis } S.S.

Henry W. Allen being sworn states that at the time the within acc. accrued, he was a member of the firm of John H. Allen & Sons of St. Louis Mo- and still is- and that Messrs. Graff & Coffin of Victoria, Mo- is indebted to said firm of John H. Allen & Sons, as set forth in said acc- after allowing all just credits & setoffs

Henry W. Allen

Subscribed & sworn before me - This 22<sup>d</sup> day of January 1870 - at St. Louis Mo-

Witness my hand & official seal -

W. L. Church -  
Notary Public  
of St. Louis Co., Mo.





John G. Allen. Henry W. Allen.

TERMS:

30 days

Bills not paid at maturity subject to sight draft.

St Paul, Aug 11 1869.

Mass Craft & Coffin

Victoria Jefferson Co. Mo.

BOUGHT OF

John G. Allen & Son

WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

STAPLE & FANCY DRY GOODS,

CLOTHING.

WHITE GOODS, DRESS GOODS & NOTIONS,

No. 511 Main St.

BETW. VINE ST. & WASHINGTON AVE.

|            |      |     |                             |                  |                 |      |
|------------|------|-----|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------|
| Duplicate  | 11   | Rs  | Assorted Print              | 588 <sup>3</sup> | 12 <sup>2</sup> | 6859 |
|            | 1    | "   | Mallory Pinky               | 34               | 13 <sup>2</sup> | 459  |
|            | 1    | "   | Amosky Drill                | 38               | 18              | 689  |
|            | 1    | "   | Ext. Water Sheeting (as is) | 36               | 16              | 584  |
|            | 1    | "   | Methuen & Black             | 50               | 10              | 505  |
|            | 1    | "   | Yellow Flannel              | 25               | 37 <sup>2</sup> | 947  |
|            | 1    | "   | Grey                        | 35               | 40              | 1400 |
|            | 1    | "   | Leicester Tweed 30 ac       | 29 <sup>3</sup>  | 75              | 2231 |
|            | 8205 | 1   | Brown W & M jeans           | 40               | 45              | 1811 |
|            | 1    | "   | Minnehaha Check             | 57               | 26              | 1488 |
| 679        | 1    | "   | Mohair Lustre               | 20               | 50              | 1000 |
|            | 1    | "   | Striped Challis             | 24               | 25              | 606  |
|            | 1    | "   | P. Black Crash              | 25               | 17 <sup>2</sup> | 437  |
|            | 17   | "   | Amosky & Co Bags            |                  | 47 <sup>2</sup> | 570  |
| 121        | 1    | B   | Suspenders                  |                  |                 | 500  |
| 438        | 1    | "   | "                           |                  |                 | 500  |
| 10         | 1    | "   | Pr Sleeve Buttons           |                  |                 | 200  |
|            | 1    | "   | Closest Stays               |                  |                 | 75   |
|            | 8    | "   | Victoria Thread             |                  | .07             | 56   |
|            | 18   | "   | Amosky                      |                  | 45              | 810  |
| 3          | 1    | Blk | Pills                       |                  |                 | 75   |
| 860        | 1    | Rs  | Gun Cord                    | 807              | 20              | 60   |
|            | 1    | "   | Blk Pointed Cape            |                  |                 | 100  |
|            | 1    | "   | Purple                      |                  |                 | 100  |
| 2 }<br>3 } | 2    | "   | White                       |                  | 65              | 130  |
|            | 1    | "   | Silk KKps                   |                  |                 | 400  |
|            | 1    | B   | Cotton                      |                  |                 | 225  |
|            |      |     | So4 & drayage               |                  | 65              | 240  |

27257

|      |        |                        |     |      |       |
|------|--------|------------------------|-----|------|-------|
| 1869 | Aug 11 | - Sales 6/24 - 30 days |     |      |       |
| 29   | 3      | Pr Blk Doc Skin Pants  | 600 | 1800 |       |
| 619  | 3      | " Pants & Vests        | 700 | 2100 |       |
| 236  | 3      | " " "                  | 700 | 2250 | 6150  |
|      |        |                        |     |      | 28507 |

John G Allen & Henry Wallen Plaintiffs in the County of Jefferson  
against  
John L. Graff & Joseph Coffin Defendants County also  
March Term 1870

Plaintiffs states that Defendants owe them one hundred and sixteen dollars and Twelve cts for Goods wares and merchandise sold and delivered to them under the name Graff & Coffin by Plaintiffs the particulars of all which will appear by a bill of them - herewith filed wherefore plaintiffs asks judgement for one hundred and ~~Sixteen~~ sixteen dollars and Twelve cts and interest

James C Power attorney  
for Plaintiffs

John G. Allen & Henry Miller  
ms

John at South & South East

Re the two on account

Re the two on account

Miss Kelly 14<sup>th</sup> 1870

E. J. Honey

Edith & Co.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI, } SS.  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

TO THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON—GREETING:

We command you, that you summon *J. A. Haff*  
*Das B. Griffin*

if he ~~is~~ be found in your County, that they be and appear before the Honorable  
Judge of our Circuit Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be  
begun and held at the town of Hillsboro, within and for the County of  
Jefferson, on the *First* ~~Monday after the fourth Monday~~  
of *March* next, then and there to answer unto

*John G. Allen & Son*

upon *their* original petition, a copy whereof is hereunto annexed  
and accompanies this writ, and have you then there this writ.

Witness, **ELIAS F. HONEY**, Clerk of our said  
Circuit Court, with the seal thereof hereunto affixed,  
at office in Hillsboro, this *15<sup>th</sup>*

day of *February* A. D. 187*0*

*Elias F. Honey* Clerk Circuit Court.

By *L. A. Alford* Deputy.

RETURNABLE

TO

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT.

May Term, 1872

John V. Allen, then

Plaintiff

AGAINST

John A. Craft

John B. Coffin Defendant

(Dwy)

The within was served this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. A.D. 1872 at Jefferson County Mo by delivering a copy of the Writ and Petition to the within named Defendant John A. Craft being the first one served. Also served the same by delivering a copy of the Writ to the within named Jos B. Coffin as furnished to me by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County Mo

fees \$2.00

Fred Lichtmayer Schriff  
By Fred Vollmar  
Deputy

THE STATE OF MISSOURI, }  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON. } ss.

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*Jas Coffin*

if he be found in your County, that he be and appear before the Honorable  
Judge of our Circuit Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be  
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*of March* next, then and there to answer unto

*John G Allen & Son*

upon *their* original petition, a copy whereof is hereunto annexed  
and accompanies this writ, and have you then there this writ.

Witness, **ELIAS F. HONEY**, Clerk of our said  
Circuit Court, with the seal thereof hereunto affixed,

at office in Hillsboro, this *15*  
day of *July* A. D. 18*70*

*Elias F Honey* Clerk Circuit Court.

By *L. H. Ayers* Deputy.

*LD*

RETURNABLE

TO

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT.

March Term, 1870

John G. Stewart

vs

AGAINST

Plaintiff

J. A. Thayer

vs

Defendant

Carney

John G. Allen &  
 Henry W. Allen, plffs { In the Circuit Court-  
 vs { of Jefferson County.  
 John A. Guff and  
 Joseph Coffin

And now come the defendants  
 and for answer to plaintiffs petition, admit that they  
 received of the plaintiffs the goods, wares, and mer-  
 chandise mentioned and described in the said pe-  
 tition, and account thereto attached, but deny  
 that ~~they owe~~ they owe the plaintiffs ~~any~~ one  
 hundred and sixteen dollars and twelve cents  
 or any sum whatever thereof, but allege that  
 previous to the commencement of this ac-  
 tion, to wit: on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January  
 A.D. 1870, at the city of St. Louis, they paid the  
 said plaintiffs the said sum of one hun-  
 dred and sixteen dollars and twelve cents  
 in full payment of the claim set up  
 in said petition, and that the said sum  
 so paid was received by the said plaintiffs  
 in full <sup>payment</sup> ~~satisfaction~~ of the said ~~account~~  
~~goods, wares, & merchandise~~ in said petition  
 and account mentioned.

Wherefore, defendants, having fully answered,  
 ask judgment of court the plaintiffs for costs

C. M. Whitney  
 Atty for Defendants.

John L. Allen &  
Henry W. Allen

as

John S. Croff &  
Joseph Coffin

Answee

Recd March 10<sup>th</sup> 1878  
Elias W. Croff

C. W. Croff  
Supt. City.

IN THE

John S. Allen & Son vs. Wm. W. Bennett & Son  
against  
J. M. Griffith & Joseph W. Griffith vs. the above Defendants  
Take Notice, That on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1870

between the hours of eight o'clock in the forenoon and six o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the Office of Thos. Stewart 221 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. City of St. Louis in the State of Missouri depositions will be taken, to be read on the trial of the above entitled case on behalf of the Plaintiff; and that the taking of said depositions, if not completed on that day, will be continued from day to day, at the same place and between the same hours, until completed.

To the above named

John S. Allen & Son  
by Jas. C. Powers attorney

I Surrender the within water in the County of  
Jefferson State of Missouri on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 1870 by DeLiem to J A Graff and  
Joseph Coffin a True copy of the  
within water

J. A. Luchmyre Sheriff

J. J. Johnston fee 1.00

By J. J. Johnston  
Deputy

Depositions of witnesses produced sworn  
and examined on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March  
in the year of our Lord 1870 between  
the hours of Eight O'clock in the forenoon  
and six O'clock in the afternoon of that  
day at the office of Thos. A. Russell 221 N  
3 street in the city of St Louis County of  
St Louis State of Missouri before me  
A. A. Morris Notary Public within  
and for said County in a certain  
cause now pending in the circuit  
court of the county of Jefferson State  
~~the~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~of~~ Missouri between John G. Allen  
plaintiffs and J. A. Graff and Joseph  
Coffin defendants on the part of the  
plaintiffs

J. H. Hickman of lawful age  
being produced sworn and examined  
on the part of the plaintiffs deposes  
and saith

Question: State your name residence and  
occupation

Ans: My name is J. H. Hickman I live in  
St Louis Missouri and am engaged in  
selling goods for John G. Allen and sons  
the plaintiffs

I am acquainted to the parties to this suit.

The defendants reside at Victorville Jefferson county Missouri or did in August 1868, in Aug 1868 I was selling goods for John G. Allen and sons. about that time I sold a bill of goods to the defendant Joseph Coffin he represented himself to be a member of the firm of Groff and Coffin and bought the goods in the name of that firm I made the sales salesman of John G. Allen and sons

I have examined the paper here shown me and marked "Exhibit. A." and find the same to be an account of goods purchased by the defendants of John G. Allen and sons, I sold the bill of goods myself and the first page of said account contains the items as I sold them to the defendant Coffin the second page contains a statement of the account and credits I know nothing about the credits but the account is correct the goods were boxed and shipped by the

plaintiffs and the defendant Graff  
afterward told me they had been  
received the sale was absolute and for  
the sum specified in the account

J. H. Hickman

Subscribed and sworn before me on the  
day at the place and within the hours  
first aforesaid

A. A. Morris

Notary Public

I A. A. Morris Notary Public within and for the  
county of St Louis in the State of Missouri  
do certify that in pursuance of the annexed  
notice came before me at the office of  
Thos & Russell 221 N 3rd Street in the city of  
St Louis county of St Louis State of Missouri  
J. H. Hickman who was by me sworn to  
testify the whole truth of his knowledge touching  
the matter in controversy aforesaid that he was  
examined and his examination reduced  
to writing and subscribed by him in my  
presence on the day between the hours and  
at the place in that behalf first aforesaid  
and his said deposition is now herewith  
returned

Given at St Louis in the count of St  
Louis and State of Missouri This 11<sup>th</sup>

day of March 1870.

In Witness whereof I have set my  
hand and official seal

A. A. Morris

Notary Public

Notarials fees

Paid by receipts

\$ 2 317

John G Allen & Son

vs { deposition for  
plaintiffs

Goff & Coffin

published open & filed  
by order of the Court  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March

A D 1876

E J Hunt Clerk



John G. Allen. Henry W. Allen.

TERMS:

30 days

Bills not paid at maturity subject to sight draft.

St. Louis, August 11<sup>th</sup> 1869

Wm. Graft & Co.

Victoria, Jefferson Co Mo

BOUGHT OF

John G. Allen & Son

WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

STAPLE & FANCY DRY GOODS,

CLOTHING,

WHITE GOODS, DRESS GOODS & NOTIONS,

No. 311 Main St.

BETW. VINE ST. & WASHINGTON AVE.

|           |      |                             |                                   |       |
|-----------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Duplicate | 11   | Rs Assorted Print           | 50 8 <sup>3</sup> 12 <sup>2</sup> | 63 59 |
|           | 1    | " Mallory Pink "            | 34 13 <sup>2</sup>                | 4 59  |
|           | 1    | " Amosky Drill              | 38' 18                            | 6 89  |
|           | 1    | " St Western Shitg (as is)  | 36 <sup>2</sup> 16                | 5 84  |
|           | 1    | " Methuen A. Bleachd        | 50 <sup>2</sup> 10                | 5 05  |
|           | 1    | " Yellow Flannel            | 25' 37 <sup>2</sup>               | 9 47  |
|           | 1    | " Gray "                    | 35 40                             | 14 00 |
|           | 1    | " Leicester Tweed 30 as     | 29 <sup>3</sup> 75                | 22 31 |
|           | 8205 | " Brown E & W Jeans         | 40' 45                            | 18 11 |
|           | 1    | " Minnehaha Check           | 57' 26                            | 14 88 |
| 679       | 1    | " Mahair Lustre             | 20 50                             | 10 00 |
|           | 1    | " Striped Challi            | 24' 25                            | 6 06  |
|           | 1    | " P Bleachd Crash           | 25 17 <sup>2</sup>                | 4 37  |
|           | 12   | Amosky 2 Bu Bags            | 49 <sup>2</sup>                   | 5 70  |
| 121       | 1    | Dz Suspenders               |                                   | 3 00  |
| 438       | 1    | " "                         |                                   | 5 00  |
| 10        | 1    | " Or Stone Buttons          |                                   | 2 00  |
|           | 1    | " Corset Stays              |                                   | 7 5   |
|           | 8    | " Victoria Thread           | 07 84                             | 56    |
|           | 18   | " Amory "                   | 45 103                            | 8 10  |
| 3         | 1    | Pk Pins                     |                                   | 7 5   |
| 860       | 1    | Rs Quam Cord                | 352 20                            | 60    |
|           | 2    | " Blk & Purple Pointed Cape | 100                               | 2 00  |
| 28        | 2    | " White "                   | 65                                | 13 0  |
|           | 1    | " Silk Wkfs                 |                                   | 4 00  |
|           | 1    | Dz Cotton "                 |                                   | 2 25  |
|           |      | Box 175 Drayage 65          |                                   | 2 49  |

\$ 22357

(Sales 6/124 - 30 days)

|      |   |                       |                 |       |
|------|---|-----------------------|-----------------|-------|
| 29   | 3 | Or Blk Doe Skin Pants | 6 <sup>00</sup> | 18 00 |
| 619  | 3 | " Pants & Vests       | 7 <sup>00</sup> | 21 00 |
| 2366 | 3 | " " "                 | 7 <sup>50</sup> | 22 50 |

61 50

\$ 28507

# Statement

Traff. Co. Coffee  
 Traps with Jno. T. Allen & Sons.

1869

|     |    |                                     |        |           |
|-----|----|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Aug | 11 | To Wides as per bill rendered today | 285 07 |           |
| Nov | 4  | " Cash. (Continued bill returned)   | 20 00  |           |
|     |    | " Interest, after maturity of bill  | 8 65   | \$ 313 72 |

## Contra

|      |       |                                                 |        |           |
|------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Nov  | 4     | Cash. by H. H. A                                | 100 00 |           |
|      | 8     | " " " D. M. Eymus                               | 19 75  |           |
| 1870 | Jan 7 | " " " C. H. W                                   | 25 00  |           |
|      | 17    | " " " of Ketter & Co                            | 6 90   |           |
|      | 24    | " " " W. M. Whitney                             | 41 40  |           |
|      |       | " Interest, (average date of payments Dec 6/69) | 2 74   | 195 79    |
|      |       |                                                 |        | \$ 117 93 |

E. E. O. B.

St. Louis Mo. March 11, 1870

"Exhibit A!"

John G. Allen & Henry W. Allen Pla }  
vs }  
Graff & Coffin depts }

Now at this day  
comes the depts by their attorney  
and moves the court to dismiss  
this cause for the following reasons  
to wit

- 1<sup>st</sup> Because the writ is defective  
and void
- 2<sup>d</sup> Because ~~there is~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~petition~~ is a  
variance between the petition  
& writ
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Because the suit is brought in  
the name of John G. Allen &  
Henry W. Allen Pla. & the writ  
is John G. Allen & Son & therefore  
void

W H H Horney  
att'y for  
depts

William Allen

(25)

Griff. & Coffin

Motion to  
Grand Jurit

Filed Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1874

E. J. Honey, Clerk

John G. Allen & H. H. Allen Plaintiffs } In the  
vs } Jefferson  
Graft & Coffin Defendants } County Cir  
Court Sept,  
Term 1880

Now at this day comes the  
Defendants by atty and  
moves the court to arrest  
the judgment in the above cause  
for the following reasons to wit  
1<sup>st</sup> Because there was no service  
of process on the defendants  
2<sup>nd</sup> Because there is a variance  
between the petition & summons  
and also between the petition  
and account ~~found~~ filed

H. H. Thomas  
atty for defts

J. G. Allen Exors,  
vs  
Graft & Coffin

Filed Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 1870  
E. F. Honey, clk.

John G. Allen & son  
vs  
Graft & Coffey

In the  
Circuit Court  
of Jefferson  
County Missouri

Now at this day comes Joseph  
B. Coffey whose property the  
Execution in the above  
Cause has been levied on &  
advertised for sale under &  
by virtue of an Execution  
now in the hands of the  
Sheriff of said County in  
the above intitled Cause &  
~~moves the~~ moves the Court  
to quash the Execution  
aforesaid for the following  
Reasons, viz,

1<sup>st</sup> Because the Judgment of  
Record in said Cause is  
invalid and void in Law so  
that no Execution could issue  
thereon in this that the names  
of the parties Plaintiff in  
whose favor said Judgment  
purports to have been rendered  
do not appear in said Judgment  
in that the same is rendered in  
the name of John G. Allen & son

thereby not showing what son of John G. Allen is referred to, as by Law is required in such Cases,

2<sup>nd</sup> Because said Judgment is void and irregular in this that it is rendered against Graff & Coffen without setting out the first names of either said Graff or Coffen thereby failing to show what Graff or what Coffen is referred to,

3<sup>rd</sup> Because the Execution aforesaid is illegal & void in this that said Execution is issued in favor of John G. Allen & Son without setting out what son of John G. Allen is referred to & is therefore void in that it does not appear from the writ who the plaintiffs are or for whose use said Execution was issued or who would be entitled to receive any money that might be made thereon

4<sup>th</sup> Because said Execution is irregular & void in that it

appears therefrom that it is issued against Graff & Coffen without setting out the first names of the Graff & Coffen against whom it was intended to be issued ~~or showing that~~ thereby failing to show that said writ was issued or intended to be issued against this defendant thereby being void for uncertainty.

5<sup>th</sup> Because ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> execution was issued under circumstances not allowed by Law & on a pretended judgment upon which no execution could lawfully issue in that there was at the time said execution was issued and yet is a motion in arrest of judgment filed in the Court & in the cause in which said pretended judgment was rendered which said motion having been filed at the Term of Court at which said pretended judgment was rendered viz the last Term of this Court is still pending therein & undetermined

Jos. J. Williams  
Atty for Jos. B. Coffen

J. S. Allen Don

as

Graft & Capital

Provision to  
Quail Specimen

Filed Mar 24 1887  
Ind Day & Co

|                                            |            |                                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| John G. Allen and Henry W.<br>Allen, ————— | Plaintiffs | In the<br>Circuit Court<br>of Jefferson<br>County Missouri<br>March Term<br>1871 |
| Against                                    |            |                                                                                  |
| John A. Graff &<br>Joseph Coffey, —        | Defendants |                                                                                  |

The Plaintiffs by their Attorneys move the Court to make an order nunc pro tunc to correct a clerical mistake made by the Clerk in entering up the Judgment for Plaintiffs in the above entitled Cause in this, that the Clerk in said Judgment, <sup>rendered at the September Term 1870</sup> omitted to set out the given names of the parties, Plaintiffs and Defendants, - although the papers in said case on file, to wit, the original petition of the Plaintiffs and the answer of the Defendants, do set out the full names of the Parties, - Plaintiffs therefore (there being paper records to amend by) <sup>in order</sup> move the Court, that said Judgment be entered nunc pro tunc, by inserting therein the proper and full names of the Parties, Plaintiffs and Defendants,

Green & Power  
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

In Circuit Court  
Coffee County

John S. McLean

<sup>vs.</sup>  
Shaff & Coffman

Prothon

to answer Plt's

Chas. McLean 28/8/81  
Wid. Boyce

0686 24 870

6-228

Sho. & Allen's Bond } \$120 <sup>3/4</sup> per 6000

*Graff & Co* 20  
Admny 10  
*Carpenter* 20  
— 1.30 —

and  $\frac{20}{20}$  means  $\frac{20}{20}$  but give me  $\frac{20}{20}$  means  $\frac{20}{20}$  and  $\frac{20}{20}$

Sub 30 = Budget 30 and 30 = ~~extra~~ ~~th~~ 20, 20

Day or, Clerk, ~~and~~

$\frac{15}{10}$  and  $\frac{10}{15}$  each  $\frac{15}{10}$   
 40

2<sup>00</sup> ✓  
✓ 2.20  
✓ 2.20

Adm. Mang. Chaney Dec 8 1891



allen & co  
vs  
Grapp & Coffin

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Free Bill