

Jefferson County Circuit Court
Case Files - Civil
October 1835

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Edward, by next friend,
Bartibeau, Pierre
vs.
Chauvin, Lefrenier, adm.
Chevalier, Helen
Tayon, Charles
Chouteau, Pierre, Sr, et al

Trespass, assault and battery, false imprisonment

Freedom suit; other defendants Auguste Chouteau, Sr.,
Pierre Chouteau, Sr., Lequeste Chouteau, Bartholomew
Berthold, Filage Berthold, Joseph Tayon, Francis Tayon,
Terrace Valle; change of venue from St. Louis to
St. Charles 1829, to Jefferson County 1835; deposition
from John B.C. Lucas regarding trials before him in
1817 for freedom of descendants of Mary Scipion, whose
mother Marie was a Natchez Indian, child of Sophie

State of Missouri } In the Circuit Court
County of St Louis } July Term 1825

Edward, a free boy of color held in slavery, who is permitted by the court to sue by Pierre Barnhean his next friend as a poor person, by his Attorneys Harris, Gamble, and McGirk, assigned as counsel by the court, complains of Lefrenier Chauvin, Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits which were of Helen Chvalier deceased, at the time of her death, who died intestate, Charles Teyon, Pierre Chautau Senior, Auguste Chautau Junior, Pierre Chautau Junior, Auguste Chautau, Bartholomew Berthold and Pelagie Berthold his wife, Joseph Teyon, Francis Teyon and Terran Valle, of a plea of Insuff, for that the said defendants heretofore to wit, on the first day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, with force and arms at the County of St Louis aforesaid, an assault did make upon the body of the said Edward, and then & there beat bruised and ill treated him the said Edward, and then and there imprisoned him the said Edward, and kept and detained him in prison there without any reasonable or probable cause whatsoever, and have ever since kept & detained the said Edward in prison, and do still keep & detain him in prison against his will contrary to the laws of this state, And the said defendants other wrongs then and there did to the said Edward, against the peace of the state, wherefore the said Edward says he is injured and has sustained & damage to the amount of five hundred dollars, and therefor he sues &c.

Harris, Gamble & McGirk
Attys for plaintiff

No
The acknowledge service
of this writ

W. B. B. B.

J. B. B. B.

Exhibit this writ on Bertholomew Bertholomew Bertholomew his wife
June 11th 1825 in the City of Boston by their Acknowledgment above
On September 11th 1825 at his Place of residence June 11th — On June
Charlotte den — June Charlotte den — August Charlotte den on the 14th
Hon August Charlotte den on the 23rd of the same month in the City
of Boston, by giving the writ & Declaration to them to read & their
acknowledging the service thereof. — Charles Eagon — Joseph
Eagon — Thomas Eagon to receive Writ not found in my
County July 4th 1825

John A. Walker Sheriff
By William A. B. B.

Service \$7.00
A Mon 8th 2.00
\$9.00

+ No 19
In the Circuit Court
July term 1825

Edward

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Exhibit this writ on Bertholomew Bertholomew his wife
June 11th 1825 in the City of Boston by their Acknowledgment above

As the Clerk

There is an action of
Trespass, against & holding
and false imprisonment
above a summons
for Defendants
June 2nd term 1825
A. B. B. B. Clerk

The State of Missouri

County of St. Louis, Mo.

To the Sheriff of said County Greeting

We command you to summon
Sefreniere Chouvin Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and
Credits which were of Helen Chevallier deceased at the time of her death, who died
intestate, Charles Fayon, Pierre Chouteau Senior, Auguste Chouteau Junior Pierre
Chouteau Junior Leguett Chouteau, Bartholomew Berthold and Pelagie Berthold
his wife Joseph Fayon, Francis Fayon and Terrace Walle that they be and appear
before the Judge of our Circuit Court at the next term thereof to be held at the City of
St. Louis within and for the County of St. Louis on the fourth Monday of July next
then and there to answer unto Edward a free boy of color who is permitted by the Court
to sue by Pierre Banibeau his next friend as a poor person of a plea of trespass to the
damage of said Plaintiff of five hundred dollars and have you then their this
writ. —

Witness Archibald Gamble Clerk of our said Court
at office this second day of June 1825.

Archibald Gamble Clerk

No 19
In the Circuit Court
July Term 1825.

Edward
vs.
Leferriere Chouvin Adm^r
& others -

This within is a Counterpart of the
writ issued to the Sheriff of Saint
Louis County - June 2^d 1825
Arch^d Gamble Clerk

St Charles

County of Saint Louis ff.
The State of Missouri to the Sheriff of the County of Saint Charles
Greetings

We Command you to Summon Charles Tagon, Joseph Tagon, Francois Tagon and Terrace
Valle impleaded with Leferriere Chouvin Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels
rights and credits which were of Helen Chevallier deceased at the time of her death who died intestate
Pierre Chouteau senior Auguste Chouteau Junior Pierre Chouteau Junior Legueux Chouteau Bartho-
lomeu Berthold and Pelagie Berthold his wife - that they be and appear before the Judge of our
Circuit Court at the next term thereof to be held at the City of St Louis within and for the County
of Saint Louis on the fourth Monday of July next then and there to answer unto Edward
a free boy of Color who is permitted by the Court to sue by Pierre Baribeau his next friend
as a poor person of a plea of trespass to the damage of said Plaintiff of five hundred dollars
and have you then return this writ.

Witness Archibald Gamble Clerk of our
said Court at Office this second day of June
Eighteen hundred and twenty five.

Archibald Gamble Clerk

Executed the within ~~noted~~ Joseph Tayan and Terrassee vol
by reading it to them in the Township of St Charles this 14th day
of June 1825 and an Charles Tayan in the Township of
St Charles on the 16th June 1825 by reading it to him

The within named Francis Tayan is not found in my
Cacerty this 11th July 1825
Shenpps per \$3.50

J. L. Mills Sheriff
of St Charles City Mo

Reprimi Chauvin
Chas. Tabor
Pierre Chouteau
was
ads

Edward a boy
of color by his right
friend J. B. Broussard

C. C. C. & Louis July term 1825

And said defendants by their attys
came and defended the grand jury

when he said that they are
not guilty of the offenses or any
part thereof laid to their charge

in manner and form as said defendants
have thereof complained against them and
of being put themselves in the country

And the said plaintiff doth the like

Harris Gamble & McDuck

Attys for plff

Edmund Chauncey
Charles Lloyd
Morse Chauncey Son
ad
Edward

John W. Smith

filed August 29th 1893
J. W. Smith

State of Missouri }
County of St Louis } Be it Remembered that heretofore to wit at the March Term of the
Circuit Court for the County of St Louis in the year One thousand Eight Hundred and twenty
five on the nineteenth day of May in the year aforesaid Isaac C. McGirk presents here to
the Court the petition of Celeste for herself and her children and Grand children namely
Sophie, Antoine, Paul, Auguste praying that she may be permitted to institute suit
against Lafreniere & Chauvin Administrator of Helen Chevalier deceased and against
all or any of the legal representatives of the said Helen Chevalier for establishing her
right and the right of her said Children and Grand Children to freedom and that
they may be permitted to sue as poor persons. Thereupon the Court permit the said
petitioners to sue as aforesaid and assign Isaac C. McGirk, Hamilton R Gamble and
Robert D Farris as their counsel and direct that an action of Assault and Battery
be commenced against the said defendants in the name of the said petitioners
by their next friend and it is ordered by the Court that the said defendants permit
the said plaintiffs to have a reasonable liberty of attending their counsel and
the Court when occasion may require it and that the said petitioners shall not be
taken or removed out of the Jurisdiction of this Court or be subject to any severity
of Treatment on account of their said application for freedom and afterwards to
wit; on the second day of June in the year aforesaid Edward one of the said petition-
ers by his attorneys filed in the office of the Clerk of the said Circuit Court his
declaration against Lafreniere Chauvin Administrator of Helen Chevalier de-
ceased. Charles Tagon and others which said declaration is in the words and figures
following to wit; State of Missouri County of St Louis, In the Circuit Court July term
1825. Edward a free boy of Color held in slavery who is permitted by the Court to sue
by Pierre Baribeau his next friend as a poor person by his attorneys Farris, Gamble
and McGirk assigned as Counsel by the Court. Complaints of Lafrenier Chauvin
Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits which
were of Helen Chevalier deceased at the time of her death who died intestate, Charles
Tagon, Pierre Chouteau Senior, Auguste Chouteau Junior, Pierre Chouteau Junior, Leguest
Chouteau, Bartholomew Berthold and Pelagie Berthold his wife, Joseph Tagon,
Francis Tagon and Terrace Valle, of a plea of trespass, for that the said defendants
heretofore to wit, on the first day of January in the year of Our Lord One Thousand
Eight Hundred and twenty five, with force and arms at the County of St Louis afor-
said, an assault did make upon the body of the said Edward and then & there beat
bruised and ill treated him the said Edward and then and there imprisoned him
the said Edward and kept and detained him in prison there without any reasonable
or probable cause whatsoever, and have ever since kept & detained the said Edward
in prison and do still keep & detain him in prison against his will contrary to the
laws of this State, and the said defendants other wrongs then and there did to the said
Edward against the peace of the State, wherefore the said Edward says he is injured
and has sustained damage to the amount of Five hundred dollars and therefore
he sues vs Farris, Gamble & McGirk Attys for plaintiff- and afterwards to wit; on the
said second day of June in the year aforesaid the clerk of the said Circuit Court
endorsed thereon a writ of Summons in the words and figures following to wit; County
of St Louis, In the State of Missouri, To the Sheriff of said County Greeting. We command
you to summon Lafrenier Chauvin Administrator of all and singular the goods
and chattels rights and credits which were of Helen Chevalier deceased at the time
of her death who died intestate, Charles Tagon, Pierre Chouteau Senior, Auguste Chouteau
Junior, Pierre Chouteau Junior, Leguest Chouteau, Bartholomew Berthold and Pelagie
Berthold his wife, Joseph Tagon, Francis Tagon, and Terrace Valle that they be and
appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court at the next term thereof to be held at the

City of St. Louis within and for the County of St. Louis on the fourth Monday of July next then and there to answer unto Edward a free boy of Color who is permitted by the Court to sue by Pierre Baribeau his next friend as a poor person of a plea of trespass to the damage of said Plaintiff of Five hundred dollars and have you then there this writ *(Seal)* Witness Archibald Gamble Clerk of our said Court at Office this second day of June 1825 Archibald Gamble Clerk and afterwards to wit; at the return term of the said writ the Sheriff of the County of St. Louis returned the same into Court with an acknowledgement of service by B. P. Berthold in the words and figures following to wit; We acknowledge service of this writ B. P. Berthold P. Berthold, and his return thereon endorsed in the words and figures following to wit; Executed this writ on Bartholomeu Berthold & Pelagie his wife June 11th 1825 in the City of St. Louis by their acknowledgement above on Lafrenier Chouvin at his place of residence June 10th on Pierre Chouteau Sr. & Legest Chouteau on the 14th & on Auguste Chouteau Jr. on the 23rd of the same month in the City of St. Louis by giving the writ & Declaration to them to read & their acknowledging the service thereof Charles Tayon, Joseph Tayon - Francois Tayon & Terrace Valle not found in my County July 9th 1825 John K. Walker Sheriff by In^o Simonds Jr. D. Shiff. - and on the said second day of June in the year aforesaid the Clerk of the said Circuit Court issued a Counterpart of said writ of Summons directed to the County of St. Charles which is in the words and figures following to wit; County of Saint Louis for the State of Missouri. To the Sheriff of the County of Saint Charles Greeting We command you to summon Charles Tayon, Joseph Tayon, Francois Tayon and Terrace Valle impleaded with Lafrenier Chouvin Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits where of Helen Chevallier deceased at the time of her death who died intestate Pierre Chouteau senior Auguste Chouteau Junior Pierre Chouteau Junior Legest Chouteau, Bartholomeu Berthold and Pelagie Berthold his wife - that they be and appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court at the next term thereof to be held at the City of St. Louis within and for the County of St. Louis on the fourth Monday of July next then and there to answer unto Edward a free boy of Color who is permitted by the Court to sue by Pierre Baribeau his next friend as a poor person of a plea of trespass to the damage of said Plaintiff of Five Hundred Dollars and have you then there this writ *(Seal)* Witness Archibald Gamble Clerk of our said Court at Office this second day of June Eighteen Hundred and twenty five Archibald Gamble Clerk. - and the Sheriff of the said County of St. Charles returned the same into Court with his return thereon endorsed in the words and figures following to wit; Executed the within writ on Joseph Tayon and Terrace Valle by reading it to them in the Township of St. Charles on the 16th June 1825 by reading it to him. The within named Francis Tayon is not found in my County this 11th July 1825. A. L. Mills Sheriff of St. Charles Cty. Mo. - and afterwards to wit; at the July term of the said Circuit Court in the year aforesaid the said defendants by their attorney filed their plea in the words and figures following to wit; C. C. St. Louis July Term 1825 Lafrenier Chouvin. Charles Tayon Pierre Chouteau vs. eds. Edward a boy of Color by his next friend P. Baribeau and said defendants by their atty come and defend the force and injury when & say that they are not guilty of the trespasses or any part thereof laid to their charge in manner and form as said defendants have thereof complained against them and of this put themselves on the Country Lawless, And the said Plaintiff doth the like. Harris, Gamble & W. G. Kirk Atty for plff. - and the said Cause was continued until the November Term of the said Circuit Court in the year aforesaid at which

Counterpart of
Summons to St.
Charles

Sheriff's Return

Recd

Petition for
change of venue

said term the death of the said Charles Tagon one of the said defendants suggested whereupon Lefrenier Chauvin Executor of the said Charles Tagon appears and suit revived against him as Executor as aforesaid and the said cause was continued from term to term until the November Term of the said Circuit Court in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty Eight at which said Term Sophie for self and children Edward and William by her attorney presents to the Court her petition in behalf of herself and Edward and William her children verified by the affidavit of the said plaintiff stating that she fears that she and her said children will not receive a fair trial in said Court in which their suits are now pending on account that she verily believes the Judge thereof is prejudiced against the claims of the said petitioner and of her said children to their freedom so that she cannot and does not expect a fair and impartial trial of ~~her~~ said cause in said Court. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the venue be changed to the County of St Charles in the second Judicial Circuit of this State and that the Clerk of this Court do certify and transmit a full transcript of the Record and proceedings in this case together with all papers filed in the cause and appertaining to or forming part of the Record to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of St Charles at the next term thereof and the petition and affidavit aforesaid are in the words and figures following to wit; Sophie a woman of Color vs Lefrenier J Chauvin Adm of Helen Chevalier dec^d so suit for freedom in the St Louis Circuit Court 1828 Edward vs same - same - William vs same - same - The petition of Sophie a woman of colour the first named plaintiff above represents to the Honorable Circuit Court that she is the mother of the two last named plaintiffs above named to wit: Edward & William; that they are minor children under the age of ten years, and incapable of knowing or understanding the meaning or obligations of an oath, and are wholly incapable of understanding their own rights owing to the tenderness of their years and understandings and are consequently unfit to prefer their petitions to this Court; Your petitioner therefore for herself and on behalf of her said infant children, represents to this honorable Court that she fears that she and her said children will not receive a fair trial in said Court, in which their suits are now pending on account that she verily believes the Judge thereof is prejudiced against the claims of your petitioner & of her said children to their freedom so that she cannot and does not expect a fair and impartial trial of said causes in said Court; wherefore your petitioner prays a change of venue may be awarded by this Court in all of said causes and that said causes may be sent to some other court & County to be tried where the causes complained of do not exist. and your petitioner will ever pray &c Sophie ^{her} ~~X~~ _{mark} attest J. C. McGirk State of Missouri County of St Louis so Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace within and for the County aforesaid Sophie a woman of Colour who being by me duly sworn upon her corporal oath saith that the facts set forth in the foregoing ~~petition~~ are true as this affiant verily believes; and that she cannot and does not expect a fair trial of said suits in said petition mentioned in said County of Saint Louis on account that the Judge thereof is prejudiced against her & her said children & her & their claim to freedom Sophie ^{her} ~~X~~ _{mark} Chavallier-Taken, sworn to & subscribed before me at the County & City of St Louis this 22^d day of November 1828 Clement B Penrose Justice of the peace -

State of Missouri }
 County of St Louis } I, Archibald Gamble Clerk of the Circuit Court for the
 County of St Louis do certify that the within and foregoing is a full transcript
 of the Record and proceedings in the case of Edward a boy of Color versus
 Lefrenier Chauvin Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels
 Credits and Effects which were of Helen Chevallier deceased at the time of her
 death who died intestate - Charles TAYON, Pierre Chouteau senior Auguste
 Chouteau Junior, Pierre Chouteau Junior, Leguest Chouteau, Bartholomew
 Berthold and Pelagie Berthold his wife Joseph TAYON, Francis TAYON and
 Terrace Halle as the same now remains in my office

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the said Circuit
 Court at Office this Twelfth day of March in the Year
 of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty
 Nine.

Archibald Gamble Clerk

The fees due in the above case to the several }
 officers of the Court are ————— }
 To clerk Gamble St Louis Circuit Court this transcript — \$ 2 " 37
 same — fees (as clerk) in the suit — — — 5 " 82 1/2
 Geo K Walker late Sheriff St Louis County — — — 9 " —
 H L Mills do — St Charles — — — 3 " 50
 \$ 20 " 69 1/2

In all Twenty Dollars Sixty Nine & 1/2 cents }
 Archibald Gamble Clerk }

Edward

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St Chevalier's dampt et al.

Change of Name to Saint Charles

Transcript — \$ 2⁰⁰ 37^{1/2}

Filed 17th Mar. 1829.

Wm Chevalier & Co

Richards

St Louis Jan'y 17. 1830

Dear Major

Will you do me the favour to ~~inform~~
send me a blank subpoena in ~~the~~ the first
one of those free negro cases on your docket?
You will please fill it up except as to the
names of the witnesses which we will insert
here. You will sign and seal it. You know
how I want it done without any directions,
and I will be much obliged to you if you
will forward it by the first mail directed to
me.

Ever Your friend

W. R. Gamble

Major William Christy Jr



Paid

*Major William Christy Jr
Clerk of the Court
St Charles
Mo*

Recd 25th Jan'y 1830

Receipt for Trustees

W. Kavanaugh Esq

Edward

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Feb.

COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES, MO.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

TO THE SHERIFF OF

St Louis

COUNTY--CREETING.

You are hereby commanded to summon

John B. Lucas

that setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, he be and appear in proper person before the Judge of our Circuit Court, on the *fifth* day of *October* *next*, at the Town of St. Charles, then and there to testify and the truth to say in a certain matter of controversy now pending in our said Court, wherein *Edward a free boy of colour* plaintiff and *Walter Chevalier a slave* defendant is on the part of the *Plaintiff* ; and have you then there this writ.

WITNESS, WILLIAM CHRISTY, Jr., clerk of our said Circuit Court,

at the Town of St. Charles, this *25th* day of

Sept in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *thirty*

CLERK C. C.



No B. C. League not formed - 4th

Oct. 1830

No. K. L. Walker

Now Est return \$12⁰⁰ and

Edward

Wm S. Cha

of Chesham return

for \$136.00

for \$100

10 day

Deposition of Witnesses produced sworn and examined on the Twenty ninth day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and thirty between the hours of Eleven O'clock in the forenoon and Four -- O'clock in the afternoon of that day at the Office of Peter Ferguson in the City of St. Louis and County of St. Louis in the State of Missouri before me Peter Ferguson a Justice of the peace within and for the County aforesaid taken by consent of parties to be read in evidence in a certain cause now depending in the Circuit Court for the County of Saint Charles in the State of Missouri between Edward a ~~boy~~ of Color suing for his freedom plaintiff and Lefrenceie J. Chauvin Administrator of Helen Chevalier deceased defendant on the part of the plaintiff

John B. C. Lucas of the City of St. Louis of lawful age being duly sworn on his oath saith - that he knows nothing of his own knowledge of the matter in controversy that some years ago while he was one of the Judges of the Superior Court of the Territory of Missouri about twenty four years ago and since that time there were trials before the said Court relating to the freedom of the descendants of Mary Scipion which said Maria Scipion was understood and admitted to have been the property of a Mr. Tagon of St. Louis - that particularly at the first trial which took place more than twenty years ago he heard a man of the name of Baccane who said that he was past the age of Eighty years and one Peter Bequet who said that he was seventy two years of age or more - who both stated on oath before said court that they knew Mary Scipion at Fort Chartres whilst the said Tagon lived at that place that they also knew her mother of the name of Marie that the said Marie mother of Mary Scipion was an Indian woman of the Natchez tribe of ~~Indians~~ that ~~they~~ ^{he} also heard a woman sworn in the same case of the name of Cochon who deposed that she knew Marie the mother of Mary Scipion that she was a black woman or negro woman that the two first named witnesses were ^{as} positive that Marie the mother of Mary Scipion was an Indian woman as the last named witness was that said Marie was a negro woman - this deponent recollects also - that Baccane stated that he was a young man at the time he knew Marie whom he said to be an Indian woman - Madame Cochon stated in her testimony that she was very young and not a woman grown when she knew Marie whom she had before stated to be a negro woman the deponent understood from the whole testimony given that Marie spoken off by Baccane and Pierre Bequet was the same woman also spoken off by Madame Cochon - the witnesses Baccane & Pierre Bequet also in their testimony explained why the name of Mary Scipion was acquired by her ^{it being} from the circumstance that she was the daughter of said Marie and a Negro man called Scipion who was generally reputed to be the father of said Marie Scipion - & who was a negro man - it was also given in testimony that said Marie had another daughter called Marie Tala who was ~~was~~ half Indian and half white and that said Marie Tala generally called Marie Scipion her sister that Madame Chauvin who was the daughter

at the trial in which Baccanné & Bequet testified
of the defendant Tayon ~~in one of the trials~~ and Louis Labeaume testified that Mr. Tayon
the defendant said in the House of Madame Chauvin not long before perhaps two or
three years and in their presence that if the descendants of Indians by the female
were free or could not be slaves Marie Scipion and her descendants were free or
ought to be free - Madame Cochon as well as this deponent recollects stated in her
testimony that she was about sixty five years of age at the time she testified as afore-
said - and she also testified that the mother of Marie Scipion was brought to bed at
the House of the mother or aunt of said Madame Cochon who was a midwife and
at that time she Madame Cochon was a small girl - Cross examined by Mr. Spalding
attorney for defendant - Question In giving the account of the testimony of Baccanné
Bequet & others above, do you give the words of those witnesses or merely the substance
of their testimony as you understood it - Answer - I may or may not give the
words I have not such a nice recollection as to that - these people were from all
appearance illiterate - they spoke French without appearing to be versed in the
principles of the language but the subject matter being in relation to something
very plain, I am satisfied that their language was plain and explicit and no
doubt remains in my mind as to the meaning of what they said - which is Indis-
putably as I have stated before being acquainted with the French language not less
practically than theoretically - Question by same - did said Baccanné say he
was well acquainted with the mother of Marie Scipion and did he say of what
tribe of Indians she was - Answer - he said he was well acquainted with the
mother of Marie Scipion and that she was of the Natchez tribe of Indians - Question
by same - Did he said Baccanné say how he obtained his information that she was
of the Natchez tribe - Answer - I have a general Recollection of a variety of questions
put to said Baccanné to ~~ascertain~~ ascertain the fact that she was of the Natchez tribe
but not particular enough to designate or specify how or in what manner ~~she~~
~~was of the Natchez tribe~~ he had ascertained that she was of that tribe he appeared
generally to speak pertinently on the subject and as a witness pretty confident of
what he said and referred repeatedly to his being a man grown when these things
took place - Question - Did said Baccanné speak of said Marie as being a captive
taken in war - (this question is objected to by plaintiffs attorney) answer - as these questions
respecting the freedom of the descendants of Marie Scipion was frequently before
the Court while this deponent was ^{one of the} judges of said Superior Court and has been also
before the Circuit Court since this country has become a State in which latter case
he was called as a witness he has heard a great deal of testimony given upon the
same question in these two courts he has heard for instance a question made how
the witnesses giving testimony had come to the knowledge that Marie the mother
of Marie Scipion ^{was} ~~was~~ of the Natchez tribe - but cannot say whether such question
was put to Baccanné and if so what answer he made - all he remembers but is
not very confident that ~~it applies to Baccanné but he believes~~ it was stated ^{by Baccanné} that she
Baccanné was living at Fort Chartres when Marie was brought in a prisoner
Question by same - Did ^{said} Baccanné and Bequet state that Marie the mother of Marie
Scipion was held as a slave at Fort Chartres - Answer - I believe they did - Question
Did you keep any written notes of what the witnesses stated on said trials - Answer - I believe
I did but I ^{do} not recollect to have consulted them since and I think they are now lost - Question
by same - what sort of proceeding was it that the evidence of Baccanné, Bequet & Cochon = Chauvin
Labeaume & others ~~given~~ were given as aforesaid - Answer - there was so much irregularity
in the proceedings that I cannot state accurately but it was a question of freedom between
Tayon and the descendants of said Marie Scipion - Question what was the result of that
proceeding (to this question the plaintiffs attorney objects) - Answer - there was a verdict given
for the defendant Tayon and a judgement of the Court in his favor
Sworn to and Subscribed before me on the day at the place and within
the hours above mentioned - Peter Ferguson Justice of the Peace
County of Lewis

John D. C. Lucas

State of Missouri }
 County of St. Louis } I, Peter Fergusson a Justice of the peace within and for the County
 of Saint Louis in the State of Missouri do hereby certify that John B. C. Lucas the
 deponent 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 by him subscribed in my presence on the day between the hours
 and at the place in that behalf first aforesaid

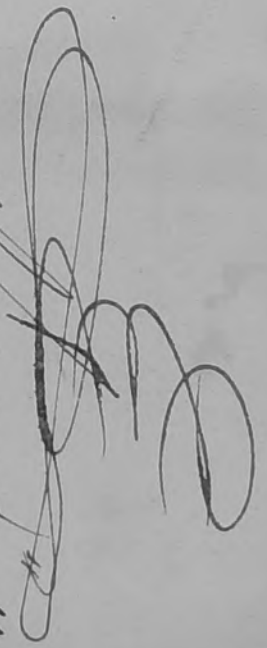
Peter Fergusson Justice of the peace
County St. Louis

Justice's fees

Deposition	\$ 1.34
Oath	0.64
Certifying	0.25
	<u>\$ 2.23</u>

Edward
vs
Chouteau

Def.

Wed 10th Feb 1831.
 Mr Charles H. C. C.


The Clerk of the Circuit Court
 County of St Charles
 Missouri

Locative of papers, fees
 for deposition \$11.63 1/2

At the City of St Louis
 this 11th day of Feb

John Ferguson
 Sheriff of the County of St Louis

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES, SCT.

To the Sheriff of ^{St Louis} ~~St Louis~~ *St Louis* County—GREETING.

YOU are hereby commanded to summon

John A. Lucas—

that setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, they be and appear in proper person before the Judge of our *Circuit* Court, on the *13th* day of *September* at the town of St. Charles, then and there to testify and the truth to say in a certain matter of controversy now pending in our said Court, wherein *Edward* is plaintiff, and *William Chevalier & Son* is defendant; on the part of the *plaintiff* and have you then there this writ.

WITNESS, WILLIAM CHRISTY, Jr., Clerk of our said *Circuit*

Court, at the town of St. Charles, this *19th* day of

September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-*31*—

Wm Christy Jr
CLERK,



S^t Charles Circuit Court
September Term 1831

Edward

vs
Hellen Chevalliers Adm^r

Returnable 13th Sept 1831

Summons
John B. C. Lucas vs
for plaintiff

Exhibited this writ on John B. Lucas in the city of St
Louis on the 5th day of September 1831 by Reading
it to him

John McCallister
by James Brothers
Sept. 11th 1831

done 50th



COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES, SCT.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To the Sheriff of *St. Louis County* County—GREETING.

YOU are hereby commanded to summon

John B. Lucas *Leon Taylor*

that setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, he be and appear in proper person before the Judge of our *Circuit* Court, on the *14th* day of *May* next at the town of St. Charles, then and there to testify and the truth to say in a certain matter of controversy now pending in our said Court, wherein *Edward* plaintiff, and *Helen Chavallier Davis* defendant; on the part of the *plaintiffs* and have you then there this writ.

WITNESS, WILLIAM CHRISTY, JR., Clerk of our said *Circuit*

Court, at the town of St. Charles, this *30th* day of

March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight

hundred and thirty-

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CLERK.



Wm L Christy Jr

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St Charles circuit court
May Term AD 1832

Edward
" Zulp
Helen Chevaliers Adm.

Returnable 14th May 1832

Jean Taylor 12th

summon

+ J^r of B. Lucas 5 May

For Plff

Executed this writ on John B. Lucas in the county
of St Louis on the 5th day of May 1832
Jean Taylor 12th of same month
John B. Lucas Sheriff
by Appointment Deft

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State of Missouri
County of St Charles } ss Be it remembered that on the seventeenth
day of March in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and then-
-ty nine, was filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for
the said county of St Charles, a transcript of the Record and proceed-
-ings in the case of "Edward against The Administrator of Helen
Chevalier", certified from the circuit court of the county of St Louis
on a change of venue to the said county of St Charles; in which
said cause, at the October Term of our said court, for the year
aforesaid, it being the fifth day of said month of October, and
the first day of said Term, the following proceedings were
had = to wit:

"Edward
vs
Helen Chevalier's adm^r &c } Petition for Freedom, certified from St Louis.
On motion and affidavit, it is ordered
that this cause be continued at the cost of Defendant."
And afterwards the said cause was continued from term to
term of our said court until the June Term of our said court
for the year eighteen hundred and thirty five when the follow-
-ing order was made = to wit:

change of venue "Edward
vs
Adm^r of Helen Chevalier } Petition for Freedom
The Judge of this court having been
of counsel for one of the parties to this action, it is ordered by the
court that the venue be changed to the county of Jefferson, in
the seventh judicial circuit of this state, and that the clerk
of this court do certify and transmit a full transcript of the
record and proceedings in said cause - together with all pa-
pers appertaining to, and filed in the same - to the clerk of
the circuit court for the said county of Jefferson at the next
Term thereof."

State of Missouri
County of St Charles } ss: I, William Christy Jr, clerk of the circuit
court within and for the county aforesaid, certify the above to be a

full and correct transcript of the record and proceedings in the
case of Edward against the Administrator of Helen Chevalier
as the same now remain of record in my office, accompanied by
all the papers appertaining to & filed in the said cause.



Given under my hand and the seal of
said Court at office in the Town of Saint
Charles this 27th day of October A.D. 1835.

William Christy Jr

By Deputy J. D. Johnston

Thus in above case

Clerk Christy & Charles

For this transcript	\$00.32 1/2
certificate & seal	.50
Tax	.62 1/2
Costs of Court	10.40
	<u>\$11.90</u>

For forwarding papers to Herculais ^m fifty miles	5.00
	<u>\$16.90</u>

Edward

vs

Miller, Chancellor's adm^r

change of name from Stehman

Clark Stehman \$16.90