

Jefferson County Circuit Court
Case File - Criminal

December 1859

State

vs

Shaffer, John

Threatening

Threatened Hermann Wigmann

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State of Missouri }
 County of Jefferson } Before me Robert Hunt a justice of
 of the peace for the County aforesaid
 on this 8th day of November 1859 came Hermann Wigmon and
 upon his oath states that John Shafer ^{ss} came to my house
 and said if this deponent dont give him John Shafer ^{ss} some
 candles he wold shoot him the ^{ss} deponent and then he went
 home, ^{or El where} and came back to my house and brat again and find
 some three times at my house or ^{there} about the house and further said he wold
 shoot me, and further made threats of my family, and
 this deponent says he is afraid the said John Shafer ^{ss}
 will do him or his family some body harm, and there for
 this deponent prays that a warrant may issue for the
^{ss} John Shafer ^{ss}

Sworn to and Subscribed

Before me this 8th day of Nov 1859 }
 Robert Hunt Justice

Hermann Wigmon

State of Missouri }
 County of Jefferson } ^{ss} the State of Missouri to the Constable
 of Rocktownships in ^{ss} County Greeting
 Whereas Complaint hath been made before me Robert Hunt
 Justice of the peace in and for ^{ss} County by one Hermann -
 Wigmon of Jefferson County, on oath that he has Just
 Cause to fear, and does fear that one John Shafer ^{ss} Late
 of the County of Jefferson Will, ^{ss} John Shafer came to my house
 and said if this deponent dont give him John Shafer ^{ss} some candles
 he wold shoot him the ^{ss} deponent and then went home or El where
 and came back to my house and brat again and find some three
 time at my house or there about the house, and further said he
 wold shoot me, and further made threats of my family, and this
 deponent says he is afraid the ^{ss} John Shafer ^{ss} will do him
 or his family some body harm, there or therefor to Command
 you in the Name of the State of Missouri, to apprehend
 the ^{ss} John Shafer ^{ss} and Bring him forthwith before me
 (carried over)

a Justice of the peace within and for the Sec County of
 of Jefferson to Show Cause why he should not find
 Surety to Keep the peace, and be of good behavior toward
 the Citizens of the State Generally, and the Sec Harmon Wigmore
 and Lambly Especially, and for his appearance at the Circuit
 Next to be holden in and for Sec County of Jefferson.

Given under my hand this 9th day of November 1859
 Robert Hunt Justice
 of the peace

Peace Warrant

State of Missouri

VS

John Harper &c

Justice Fee 50c

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Constable fee

Constable

Desires this writ as commanded by Justice the
 body of John Harper &c is now before
 the court November 11 1859 Washington

State of Missouri }
 County of Jefferson } Set

Before Robert Justice on a
 Warrant to arrest the said ^{Wigmon} ~~Wigmon~~

On this 18 day of November

A.D. 1859 Comes Herman Wigmon of said County and
 Being sworn Says that John Shaper ^{of said} ~~of~~ county
 on the 8th day of November 1859 ~~came~~ ^{Do hereby} Shaper came to
 my house with a gun and said when I would not give him candles
 as he would shoot me. ~~after~~ then went in the house and
 Shaper went a way and came back and shot three
 times and Shaper said he would a nother ^{day} ~~and~~ down
 my line and shot the hole ~~harmless~~ question by
 the Justice are you afraid that s^c John Shaper will
 do you or your family some bodily harm answer
 yes I am. Cross Examination to witness what did
 you see with the gun in the Road by my house s^c Shaper
 called me out and said if you dont give me some candles
 he would shoot me. I then Shaper say he would shoot me
 and my family and take the Sign down. I then three
 shots dont know whether it was you or not. I thought
 it was you for you s^c you would shoot. Question
 do you think I would kill you or your family an
 swer. Yes I am.

Hermann Schigman

Subscribed and sworn to before

On the 18 day of Nov-1859

Robert Hunt Just

Friedrich Vogle Be sworn Says
 I know Shaper a quarrel with Wigmon about the
 candles, ~~two~~ was in side and then three shots fired
 Shaper said if he did not get candles he would shoot
 Wigmon. Cross Examination

Where was ^{you} When you seen me with the gun out
side of the fence in the Rock, dont now which way
you come with ^{the} gun I was on the porch when
you said if Wigmom dont give you Candel you
Wold Shot him, I did ^{not} See Shaper Shute on the
Rock dont now which way he Shot, I dont now
wether you wold shot aman or not.

Subscribed and Sworn to before } Finding Bogal
me this 18 day of Nov-1847 }

Robert Hunt Swore

George Dish Ring Sworn Says I was at
Wigmom and here Wigmom and Shaper and here
them quarling dont now what it was abow I had
three Shotes I had Shaper say he wold Shute the
Hole Corridor down. Cross Examination
was you in the house or on the porch, I was in the
House dont now which way Shaper come, did
you see me with a gun no I did not, I did ^{not} See
Shaper when the Shotes was fired.

George Dish

Subscribed and Sworn to before

me this 18 day of Nov-1847

Robert Hunt Swore

State of Missouri Plaintiff
 =vs=
 John Shafer 8th Defendant

Justice Fees	\$4.35
Constable "	1.75
interpreter " John Canple	1.50
Witness fee to H. Wignom	1.00
do " " L. Vogle	1.00
do " " G. Dish	1.50
	<u>\$10.10</u>

Warrant issued the 9 day of Nov-1859 upon the complaint and oath of Hermon Wignom for the crime of threatening the life of Sth Wignom and directed to Const^{able} Martin Durang of Rocktown Ship^{er}. Warrant returned the day of Nov. 1859 Executed by Seizing the Body of the said John Shafer 8th before the Justice. defendant was not ready for trial and

Said and the Justice ordered Sth defendant to Enter in Bond for his appearance before Sth Justice on the 18 day of Nov-1859 at 10 o'clock. Sth defendant Enter in to Bond for \$50.00 for his Appearance on Sth day. Now on this 18th day of Nov 1859 said parties appeared and ready for trial. the Justice Having heard the Evidence, adjudges that Sth defendant Give Bail in the sum of \$150.00 to appear on the first day of the next Term of the Circuit Court for the County of Jefferson. then and there to abide until Discharged by due course of Law. said Defendant Having Jacob Duple and Entered in to Recognizance for his appearance and good Behavior, and Sth Defendant Was discharged.

Robert Hunt Justice

State of Missouri } ss
 County of Jefferson } I Robert Hunt Justice do
 Certify the foregoing to be a true
 and complete transcript from the Entries on my docket
 in the case of the State of Missouri=vs= John Shafer

on a charge of threatening the life of Harmon Wignam
and the Examination of the witnesses and all the papers
Before me are collected hereto and here with Returned
Given under my hand this 18th day of Nov-1839
Robert Hunt Custer

Missouri }
Jefferson } 238 Be it Remembered that

on the 18 day of in the year
and Fifty Nine. John Shop and
Personally appeared before me
Robert Hunt justice of the peace in and for
the County aforesaid, and jointly and severally
acknowledged themselves to owe the State of
Missouri the sum of one hundred & fifty Dollars
to be levied of their goods and chattels lands and
tenements, if default be made in the condition
Following to wit:

The condition of this Recognizance
is such, that if the above Bounded John Shop &
shall personally appear before the Circuit Court
at on the first day of the next term thereof, next
to be holden in and for the County aforesaid on
the 13 day of December 1859 and abide the order
of the Court thereon, and in the meantime
to keep the peace, and be of good behavior
towards the citizens generally, and especially
towards the said Harmon Wagon then this
Recognizance shall be void; otherwise to be and
remain in full force and virtue in law.

Taken and acknowledged before
me on the day and year first
above written

Robert Hunt Justice
of the peace

Johannes Schaefer
Jacob Rygel

Receiptions
State of Missouri

1858
John D. H. for $\frac{20}{11}$

Quoted in 35-013

Child born Sept 1859
Eliza D. H. only
Child

Child

State of Missouri }
County of Jefferson } ss But Remembered that on
the 18 day of November 1859
Herman Wigmon Frederick Vogle & George Ditch
personally came before me one of the Justices of
the peace for said County Acknowledged them
Selves to owe the State of Missouri the Sum
of one Hunanid Dollars to be levied on their
Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements to the
use of the State, if default be made in Condi-
-on: Which Condition is, that if we the said
Herman Wigmon Frederick Vogle & George Ditch
shall personally appear at the Next Circuit Court
to be holden in and for said County on the 12
day of December 1859 on the first day of the
Term, to give testimony in behalf of the State
and the truth to say touching such matters as
may be then and there Required of them and
Not depart the Court without leave,
then this Recognizance shall be void and of
no Effect, otherwise to Remain in full force
and virtue in Law -
Taken and acknowledged before
me at my office the day and year
aforesaid.
Robert Hunt Justice
Hermann Hilgmann
Frederick Vogle
George Ditch

Recognition of
Michigan

State of Michigan

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John Chapin 8th

Justice fee 35 cts