

Jefferson County Circuit Court
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December 1863

Smith, Frederick
vs
Ridgely, Duval

Debt

Debt \$1177 proceeds of wheat sold
by defendant for plaintiff; depositions

Frederica Smith, - Plaintiff } In the Circuit
Against } Court of Jef-
Jural Bridgely, - Defendant } ferson County
Missouri.

The Plaintiff states that some time May 1863, she delivered to the Defendant one hundred and twelve bushels of wheat, to be shipped by the Defendant on the St. Louis & Iron Mountain Railroad to St. Louis, ^{to Mackey & Fry} and to be sold by ^{them} Defendant as Agent for Plaintiff, and for which services Plaintiff was to pay Defendant a reasonable compensation. ~~The~~ Defendant undertook and promised to ship & ~~sell~~ ^{have} said wheat ^{sold} for Plaintiff, and to pay her the net proceeds of such sales. Plaintiff states that Defendant afterwards sent the said wheat of Plaintiff to St. Louis, and did ^{have} ~~sell~~ the same ^{sold} for one hundred and twenty eight dollars & eighty cents, which after paying the freight Bill and other expenses, left a balance of one hundred and seven ^{teen} dollars, due the Plaintiff, which money was received by the Defendant ^{from Mackey & Fry} and was ~~sent~~ ^{given} to the Plaintiff. Plaintiff states that she has demanded the money aforesaid of the Defendant, and that he neglects & refuses to pay the same to her, as he was legally bound to do. - Plaintiff therefore asks judgment against Defendant for one hundred and seventeen dollars, and interest from the time the same was received by Defendant.

Almer Green
Attorney for Plaintiff

Fredenica Smith, Plaintiff, makes oath
and says the above Petition and the matter
therein as stated she believes to be true.

Sworn to and Subscribed
before me Nov 30th 1863
Elias H. Conroy Clerk

Frederick J. Conroy



In Circuit Court
Jefferson County
Tennessee
vs
Tennessee South

vs
Jesse B. B. B.
Petitioner, for
Money received,
for numerous line
vs
vs
for B. B. B.

Filed Jan 20th 1863
Chas. B. B. B.

The State of Missouri, } ss.
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON.

To the Sheriff of the County of Jefferson---Greeting:

We command you, that you summon *Dural Ridgely*

if he be found in your County, that he
be and appear before the Hon. 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 second Monday after the fourth
Monday of November next, then and there to answer unto
Fredericce Smith

upon *her* original petition, a copy whereof is hereunto annexed and ac-
companies 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 *Twentieth*
day of November A. D. 1863

Elias F. Honey

Clerk Circuit Court.

TO JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT

Dec 2nd Jan'y, 1863

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Frederica Smith
vs. { Defendants

Duval Ridgely

J. C. Dancer fees 100

Discharged by order of the
Court at St. Louis Aug 28th 1863
Book No 5 page 109

I Executed the Within writ in the County
of Jefferson State of Missouri on the
21st day of November 1863 by Delivering
Duval Ridgely a true copy of the
Within writ and a next part thereon
as furnished to me by
the clerk J. C. Dancer Sheriff.

by J. C. Dancer Sheriff

Depositions of witnesses, produced, sworn and examined ~~at~~
~~the office~~ before John N. Priest, a Justice of the
peace within and for Cape Girardeau County in
the State of Missouri, residing in the Town of
Jackson in said County, to be read in evidence
on the trial of a cause, now pending in the Circuit
Court of Jefferson County in the State of Missouri
wherein ~~C. E. Chandler~~ Frederica Smith is
plaintiff and Duval Ridgely is defendant, on
the part of the defendant.

Charles E. Chandler of lawful age, a resident of
the Town of Jackson in Cape Girardeau County
State of Missouri, being duly sworn, deposes and
says:

I am acquainted with the defendant Duval Ridgely,
have known him since last spring, made his acquaintance
at De Soto Missouri, where I was for some time
Telegraph operator, defendant was then (in May 1863)
Express agent and R. R. Station agent at De Soto
Mo, and the Telegraph office and Express office
were kept in the same room, defendant kept
his valuables in the money of the Express & R. R.
Company in ^{a drawer of} a ~~desk~~ and on the 28th of May last
I noticed packages with Express envelopes in
the ~~that drawer~~ ^{desk}, that is, in one drawer of the desk, which
was always locked by defendant when not present.

On the 28th day of May last defendant & myself left
Detroit on the evening train for Victoria Mo. & did not
return till about 6 o'clock P.M. & ^{we} I did not go back
to the office but went to the hotel & I am pretty
certain that defendant did not go back to the office
that night or evening but ^{as we went home together} went home from the hotel.
The next morning I when I was going to the office
I was met by defendant & he stated to me, that the
office had been robbed the night previous, and when
I got to the office I noticed, that violence had been
used on the desk & that the drawer, in which the
express packages were kept had been opened, by
means of cutting out the catch that fastened in the
lock; at the time of the robbery, that is on the ^{night of the} 28th
May 1863 I made my home at Mrs Rose's and
Mr. Ridgely was then living & staying in his own
house close by.

Chas. E. Chandler

Sworn to & subscribed before me, the 3 Dec 1863.

Jno. V. Priest

Justice of the Peace

State of Missouri
County of Cape Girardeau I ss. I, John V. Priest
a Justice of the peace within and for said County
do hereby certify, that Charles E. Chandler the de-
fendant, whose residence is Jackson, Missouri, was
by me sworn to testify the whole truth of his know-
ledge touching the matter in controversy in the

cause aforesaid and that his deposition was reduced
to writing and subscribed by him in my presence
on the 5th day of December 1863 between the hours
of 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. of said day, at the court
house in the town of Jackson in said county
of Cape Girardeau.

W. N. Priest

Justice of the Peace



State of Missouri
Cape Girardeau County S.S. I, Jacob Heller Clerk
of the County Court within and for said county do
hereby certify, that John N. Priest, whose genuine
signature appears above and before whom the
foregoing deposition was taken, was on the
day of taking executing the same an acting Jus-
tice of the peace within and for said county,
duly commissioned and qualified, and that his
said signatures are genuine.

In testimony whereof I have here-
unto subscribed my name and set
my official seal at office in
Jackson, Missouri the 5th Dec 1863



Jacob Heller Clerk

Frederick Donette

or

General Redgely

depositions for death

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opened and filed
decer 11th 1863

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to death

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paid by dep't.
Frederick Donette

Madame Smith
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As the above cannot stand. You are
kindly notified that departures of witnesses
to be used in evidence in the above cases
on the part of the defendants will be taken
at the office of John W. Heister a partner
of the firm, at Stamford, Connecticut
State of Connecticut, on the 14th day of
April A.D. 1864, between the names of Richard
J. M. and G. and G. M. of said day, and of
not completed on that day, to continue from
day to day at the same place and between the
above names till completed

W. H. Hancock

Wm. J. Heister

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^{vs}
Frederica Smith Plaintiff

vs
Against

Luval Ridgely Defendant

In the Circuit Court of
Jefferson County Missouri.

Luval Ridgely defendant in the above entitled
cause for answer to the Plaintiffs petition,
states that heretofore to wit on or about
the 26th day of May A.D. 1863. the
defendant Luval Ridgely received a sum of
money to wit \$117.47 dollars to be delivered
to Frederica Smith the above Plaintiff, he the
above defendant immediately notified the
above named Plaintiff that said sum of money
was received, and that he said defendant was
ready to deliver the same to said Plaintiff when
ever it might be called for. The defendant
Luval Ridgely further states that said money
when received by him was placed in a drawer
of a desk in the office of the St. Louis and
Iron Mountain Rail-road Company at
Desoto Jefferson County Missouri, and that
persons to the defendant unknown, forced
an entrance into said office, broke the
lock of said drawer, and took said money
therefrom, without any lack of care on the
part of the defendant in this cause. The defendant
further states that he is not legally nor justly
indebted to the above Plaintiff, in the sum
claimed in Plaintiffs petition nor any
part thereof, he therefore asks judgment
for costs of suit.

W. A. Newcomb

Defendants Atty.

Dwight Ridgely defendant makes oath
and says the above answer and the
motions therein stated he believes to be true.
D Ridgely

Sworn and Subscribed
before me This 2 day
of April A.D. 1864.

W B Fletcher

Notary Public



Frederica Smith

v.s. answer

Dwight Ridgely

Filed April 4, 1864

Elias McAnery
Clerk

Deposition of Witness, produced, sworn and examined on the 11th day of April 1864 between the hours of 8 O'clock A.M. and 6 O'clock P.M. of said day at the Office of John M. McLean a Justice of the Peace in and for Eastern Township Stoddard County Missouri, at Bloomfield in said County and State, in a certain cause now pending before ~~the Circuit Court~~ **the Court** of the County in and for Jefferson County, State of Missouri between Fredonia Smith Plaintiff, and A. Ridgely Defendant on the part of the defendant Charles Chandler of lawful age, being produced, sworn and examined, on the part of the defendant, deposes and says,

I am acquainted with Aural Ridgely, I was with him during the latter part of the month of May 1863. I was Telegraph operator at De Soto in Jefferson County Missouri, and A. Ridgely was station agent and express agent at the same place. We both had an office in the Station house at the depot. We occupied the same room as an office. Sometime during the latter part of the month of May, the express office was robbed in the night. The day preceding the night of the robbery Ridgely and myself went to Victoria. I left the Office ^{at which time the money was in its drawer} about 4 O'clock P.M. We returned from Victoria in about two hours. When we left, the Office was all night, so far as my observation extended. We were not at the Office any more that night, together. I was with Ridgely until 12 or 1 O'clock the night of the reported robbery. I left him at his own house, and went to my boarding house, on the opposite side of the street. As I went to the Office next morning, after the robbery, I met Ridgely who

told me that the office had been robbed. I went with him to the office, and upon examination, found that the lock of the drawer which contained the money had been cut out. There was but one window in the Office, and it was ^{unfastened} ~~open~~. The door was shut and fast. The envelopes which contained the money were left. The money was taken out of them. There was no money in the drawer, on the morning after the alleged robbery, and further this deponent saith not.

Charles Chandler

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on the day, at the place and within the hours aforesaid. And I John McMillan a Justice of the Peace, at Bloomfield, in the County of Stoddard State of Missouri do certify that in pursuance of the annexed notice, came before me, at my office in Bloomfield aforesaid County and State aforesaid Charles Chandler, who was by me duly sworn to testify the whole truth of his knowledge touching the matters in controversy aforesaid, that he was examined, and his examination reduced to writing and subscribed by him, in my presence on the day and between the hours, and at the place in that behalf first aforesaid, and his testimony is now herewith returned,

Given at Bloomfield, Stoddard County State of Missouri, this 11th day of April A D 1864

John McMillan
Justice of the Peace

State of Meppin, }
County of Stoddard }

I Adrian B. Brown, Clerk of the County Court of Stoddard County, State of Meppin do hereby certify that John M^c Millan; whose name is subscribed to the foregoing deposition, was on the day of the date thereof, and now is an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the said County duly commissioned and qualified as such, - that the signature thereto is his genuine signature, and to all of his said official acts full faith and credit are and ought to be given.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said County Court at Office in the Town of Bloomfield County and State aforesaid this 11th day of April A.D. 1864
Adrian B. Brown Clerk



Frederica Smith

NY

Alfred Buckley

Alfred Buckley for Alfred Buckley



Received for Alfred Buckley

Frederica Smith

20th 1864

Alfred Buckley

Clerk

Frederick Smith
2d. W. B. B. B.

John C. Smith
Esq.
Harrison
Mass.

of the above named Smith. You are hereby
notified that depositions of witnesses to be read
in evidence in the above cause on the part
of the Defendant will be taken at the office
of Bernard Peckering a Justice of the Peace
in Dorchester in the Co of St. Louis state of Mo
on the 30th day of March inst¹⁸⁶⁴ between the names
of Knicker A. B. and C. Knicker A. B. of said day and if
not completed on that day to continue from
day to day at the same place until between the
names names till completed.

to A. B. Knicker A. B. of the

Served the northern Alberta on the 1st Day
of March 1864 in the Township of Belle in
Saskatchewan by delivering of true
copy of the same to
Smith

Frederick. Ashburn
Landlord of Belle
Township

Deposition of witness produced Sworn and
examined on the 30th day of March A.D. 1863.
between the hours of 8 o'clock A.M. and 6 o'clock P.M.
at the office of Bernard Poeppering
a Justice of the Peace in Louisiana in the
Co. of St. Louis in the State of Mo. in a
certain cause now depending in the Circuit
Court of Jefferson Co. Mo. between Frederick
Smith Plaintiff and D. Ridgely Defendant
on the part of the defendant
George C. Timberlake of lawful age being
produced Sworn and examined on the part
of the defendant deposes and says, as follows:

On or about the first day of May, 1863,
I saw Mr. D. Ridgely, the defendant, come down
to his office in the morning. He unlocked the door,
went in, returned immediately and called me
in to notice that he had been robbed. I went
in with him and saw, that the drawer of the
desk in which he kept his money, had been broken
open by means (as I judged) of a chisel. I also
noticed that the putty of a pane in one of the
windows had been entirely removed, ^{the glass taken out} and a stick
which was generally fixed between the lower sash
and the top of the window frame or top sash, for
the purpose of preventing the opening of the window
from without, had been removed. I looked
into the drawer and saw, that the money which I
had noticed there about 10 o'clock in the morning of
the preceding day, was gone, and nothing was left
but a few envelopes.

I was at that time, selling papers on the main
train of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad,

came up that morning from Desoto ~~and~~ on the
upward Desoto train. I had business with
Mr. Ridgely on account of better transactions
between us, and wanted to see him that morning.
I was standing on the platform of one of the cars and
saw him go into the office, noticed him coming
out again immediately, excited and trembling,
telling me that he had been robbed.

I have known Mr. Ridgely for about three years,
and know him to be a man of very correct deportment,
of unexceptionable character, and from all I could
ascertain, beloved and respected by all who know him.

George C. Timberlake

Subscribed & sworn to before me on the day at the
place & within the hours first aforesaid,

and I Bernard Poepping,

a Justice of the Peace in Leonardslet in the
Co of St. Louis State of Mo. do certify that in pursuance
of the annexed notice came before me at
Leonardslet at my office in St. Louis Co State of
Mo. George C. Timberlake who was by me duly
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 & his deposition is now herewith
returned.

Given at Leonardslet this 30th day
of March 1864. Bernard Poepping,
Justice of the Peace.

Recd proleant. opened and
filed May 20th 1864
Elias H. Hooley Clerk



STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, }

I, SAMUEL W. EAGER, Jr., Clerk of the County Court of St. Louis County, said court being a court of record,
do hereby certify that Bernard Poepping
whose name is subscribed to the foregoing certificate was on the day of the date thereof, and
now is, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified;
that the signature thereto is genuine, as I verily believe; and that to all such his official acts,
full faith and credit are and ought to be given.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand, and affix the seal of said Court, at office in the City of St.
Louis, this Eleventh day of April eighteen hundred and sixty-four,
S. W. Eager, Jr. Clerk.

Fredericka Smith
as
Jurat Bridget

for the Jefferson County
July 23rd 1865

The Clerk of said Court will
doomf the above Cause at the Court of the said

1865

Frederick Smith