

No. 12669

Supreme Court of Illinois

Swits et al

vs.

Carver et al

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Charles H. Smith, Atal
vs
Mrs K. Carver Atal

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1858

In the Winnebago County Court.

1. Ira N. Carver
Bloomer Carver

vs.
Charles H. Swifts
William P. Dennis

Assumpsit

Be it remembered, that on the eighth day of December, in the December term of the Winnebago County Court in the State of Illinois, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven, before the Honorable Justice E. Miller, Judge of said Court, this cause came on to be heard:

" Ira N. Carver &
Bloomer Carver

vs.
Charles H. Swifts
William P. Dennis

State of Illinois, Winnebago
County Court, December Term A.D. 1857

The Clerk of said Court will please issue a summons in the cause returnable at the next term of said Court in. Assumpsit.

Damages \$300.00

L. F. Warner. Atty for Plff.

Ira N. Carver }
 Bloomer Carver }

vs
 Charles N. Swits }
 William F. Dennis }

In the Winnebago County
 Court, Dec Term a.d. 1857

I, L. F. Warner hereby enter myself security for costs in this cause and acknowledge myself bound to pay or cause to be paid all costs that may accrue in this action, either to the opposite party or to any the officers of this Court in pursuance of the laws of this State. Dated at Rockford November 18, 1857

L. F. Warner.

Ira N. Carver }
 Bloomer Carver }

vs
 Charles N. Swits }
 William F. Dennis }

State of Illinois Winnebago
 County Court December
 Term a.d. 1857

Ira N. Carver & Bloomer Carver the plaintiffs in the above entitled suit by L. F. Warner their attorney complain of Charles N. Swits and William F. Dennis the defendants in the above cause who have been duly summoned herein to answer the said plaintiffs in a plea of Assumpsit. For that whereas the said defendants heretofore to wit, on the

Thirtieth day of March, in the year of our
 Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and
 Fifty Seven at Rockford to wit, at Winnebago
 County Illinois Made their certain promissory
 note in writing bearing date the day and year
 aforesaid. and thereby then and there by the
 name and style of Charles N. Swift & W. P.
 Dennis promised jointly & severally to pay to
 the said plaintiffs or order Two Hundred
 and Fifty Nine dollars and twenty three cents
 for value received, with interest at ten percent
 per annum, eight Months after date, which
 period has long since elapsed, and the said
 defendants then and there delivered the said note
 to the said plaintiffs by means whereof the said
 defendants then and there became liable to pay
 to the said plaintiffs the said sum of money in
 the said note specified according to the tenor and
 effect of the said note. And the said defendants
 then and there in consideration thereof undertook
 and faithfully promised the said plaintiffs to
 pay them the said sum of money in the said
 note specified according to the tenor and effect
 of the said note. And the said plaintiffs
 aver that the said sum of money in the said
 note specified long since became due and payable
 according to the tenor and effect of said note
 yet the said defendants have never paid the
 same nor any part thereof.

And for that whereas also
 the said defendants ~~to wit~~ afterwards to wit on
 the sixteenth day of November A.D. 1857 at

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Said Winnebago County were indebted to the said plaintiffs in the sum of Three Hundred Dollars for money then and there lent by the plaintiffs to the defendants at their request and in the sum of three Hundred dollars for money then and there received by the said defendants for the use of the said plaintiffs and in the sum of three hundred dollars for money then and there paid by the plaintiffs for the use of the defendants at their request and in the sum of three hundred dollars for money then and there found ^{to be} due from the defendants to the plaintiffs on an account then and there stated between them.

And Whereas also the said defendants in consideration of the premises and of being indebted as aforesaid then and there at the place aforesaid undertook and faithfully promised the said plaintiffs to pay them the said several sums of money respectively on request yet the said defendants have disregarded their promises & undertakings and have not paid any or either of said monies or any part thereof though often requested and demanded so to do, which is to the damage of the plaintiffs of the sum of three hundred Dollars & therefore they bring suit

L. F. Warner

Atty for Plff

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The defendants will take notice that the following is a copy of the note and account sued on

(Copy of note \$259.²³ Eight months after date we or either promise to pay Ira N. Carver & Bloomer Carver or Order. Two hundred fifty nine ²³/₁₀₀ dollars value received with interest at ten per cent per annum.

Rockford Ill March 13, 1857

Chas W Swift
W. P. Dennis

Copy of account.

The Defendants To	Plaintiffs	Dr
To Money lent		300.
" Money paid for use of Debt		300.
" Money received by Defendants for use of Debt		300.
" Money due on account stated		300.

(Filed as follows)

Windsor Court
Ira N Carver & }
Bloomer Carver }
Charles N. Swift }
William P. Dennis }

Pres. Set. & Narr

Filed Nov 23, 1857.

Wm Nulin
clerk

L. G. Warner.

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State of Illinois }
Winnebago County }

The People of the State of Illinois
to the Sheriff of said County - Greeting.

We command you that you Summon
Charles N. Swits & William P. Dennis, if they
shall be found in your County, personally
to be and appear before the County Court of
said County, on the first day of the next
term thereof to be holden at the Court House
in Rockford, in said County on the first
Monday of December 1857 to answer unto
Ira H. Carver & Bloomer Carver in a
plea of Assumpsit, to the damage of the
said Plaintiff as he says, in the sum of
Three Hundred Dollars.

And have you then and then this writ with
an endorsement thereon in what manner you
shall have executed the same.

Seal

Witness - William Nulin Clerk
of our said Court and the Seal thereof at
Rockford aforesaid this Twenty Third
day of November, A.D. 1857.

William Nulin Clerk.

(Endorsed thereon as follows)

Winnebago County Court
Carver & Carver
Ch. N. Swits
Wm. P. Dennis.

State of Illinois }
Winnebago County }

I duly served the within by reading

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Filed Nov 30 1857. *Wm. Sullivan* R.

the same to the within named Deft Charles N. Swift and William P. Dennis this 25 day of November 1857, as I am therein com-
manded.

Saml S Church Sheriff
By E. Ratcliff Deputy.

Gas	Service	1.00
	mileage	.80
	Return	.10
		1.20

Warner, Attorney,

State of Illinois)
Winnebago County)

Winnabago County Court
Dec Term 1857

Charles Swift }
William P. Harris }

ads
Bloomer, Carter et al. 3

Assumpt.

And now comes the said
Defendant by C. Miller for their attorney and
defends the wrong and injury then &c, and
say that they did not undertake and promise
in manner and form as the said Plaintiffs
both above allege &c, and of this they put
themselves on the country for trial &c

O. Miller Jr atty
for Deft

(Endomethion) Win Co Court
L Swits et al
B Carver et al

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Filed Dec 7. 1857

Wm. Hulin Clerk

(Copy of note)

8 *ff 259.²³* Eight months after date we or either promise
to pay Ira K. Curver & Bloomer Carver or order
Two Hundred fifty nine $\frac{2}{3}$ /₁₀₀ Dollars for value
received with interest at ten per cent per annum
Rockford Ill March 13. 1857
"Chas N. Swits"
"W P. Dennis"

(Endorsed) Ingt. Enter^d Decr. 8. 1857
Wm Nulin Clk

ff 278.³⁴

State of Illinois
County of Winnebago } Ss.

In County Court December Term 1859

No. 117 In the matter of Carver & Carver
against Ch N. Swits & Wm P. Dennis
This action having been brought upon an
instrument of Writing, to wit: a promissory
note given by Chas N. Swits & Wm Dennis
to Ira K. Curver & Bloomer for the payment
of money only, and the damages of the Plaintiff
resting in computation and the court having
referred the same to the clerk to assess and
report said damages, and the clerk having
computed and assessed the same in pur-
suance of the order of the court reports to
said court that the amount thereof is
(*ff 278.³⁴*) Two Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and
Thirty Four Cents.
Wm Nulin Clk

(Endorsed thereon)

Winnebago County Court
Sagver & Carver

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Swits & Dennis

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Computation & report by Clerk of
Plaintiffs Damages

Filed and approved by the Court this 8.
day of December A. D. 1857

J. W. Nolin
Clerk

Tuesday, December 8th
1857.

Isak Harver
Bloemer Harver

v.
Charles H. Swits
William S. Dennis

Exempt

This day come the said Plain-
tiffs by Lawyer J. Warner their
attorney, and the defendants being
three times solemnly called come
not nor either of them nor any one
for them or either of them but make
default herein. It is therefore ordered
by the Court that the Plaintiffs have
Judgment against the defendants by

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default for their damages herein.
And it appearing to the Court that
this suit is brought on an instrument
of writing for the payment of money
only, and that the damages rest
in computation, it is ordered that
the Clerk assess the same. And he
having assessed and reported to
the Court the sum of (\$278.34)
Two hundred seventy eight dollars
and thirty four cents, which is
approved by the Court, it is ordered
and considered by the Court that
the said Plaintiffs have and recover
of the said Defendants the said sum
of (\$278.34) Two hundred and
seventy eight dollars and thirty
four cents, their damages assessed.
as aforesaid, as also their costs and
charges herein expended, and that
they have Execution therefor.

State of Illinois, }
County of Winnebago } ss:

I, William Hulin, Clerk of

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the County Court for said County,
do certify, that the foregoing is
a full and complete transcript
of the above entitled cause, and
a correct and complete copy
of all papers and records of said
Court relating to said cause, as
appears by a careful comparison
by me made with said papers and
records, in my office remaining.

Given under my
hand and the Seal
of said Court at my
office in Rockford,
this First day of
February, A. D. 1858.
William H. Lincoln.

Let supersedeas stand Bond \$400.
with J. F. Ryder Surety J. D. Cotton

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Charles H. Swift
& another

vs
Jas K. Barber et al

Transcript

Filed, Dec 27, 1878

L. Leland

Clerk
by J. B. Rice Deputy

United States of America
Sheld of Waver's Munibago County—

Be it remembered That heretofore
to wit on The Eight day of March
AD 1858 it being one of the days of
March term of The Munibago County
Court, begun & held in & for said
County of Munibago The following
entitled came to trial at the
December Term of said Court
1857. viz John R. Turner &
Bloomer Avers

vs
Charles Swift &
William P. Dennis

were ordered to be docketed
as of said April Term for the purpose
of hearing motions to be made in
said Cause which was accordingly
done

Jia H. Carver
 Bloomer Carver

vs

Charles Swilt.
 William P. Dennis

State of Illinois
 Winnebago County Court
 March Term AD 1858

In The above cause tried at the
 December Term of Said Winnebago County
 Court AD 1857

Now at this day it being the second
 Monday of the March Term of Said Court 1858
 Came the said Plaintiffs by L. F. Warner
 their attorney and asked leave of the Court
 to file in said cause in said above cause
 tried at the said December Term of said
 Court 1857 a motion to strike from the
 files of said cause the plea purporting
 to be filed in said cause

And the Said Plaintiffs appearing by
L. F. Warner their attorney, and the
Said defendants, Switz & Dennis, by
O. Muller, Jr, their attorney, It is ordered
by the Court that the Motion be filed
in said Cause,

which motion is in the following
words and figures, to wit;

Ira H. Carver
Bloomer Carver

vs
Charles Switz
William P Dennis

State of Illinois
Winnebago County Court

In cause tried at the December
Term 1837 of said Court

The plaintiffs by L. F. Warner their
attorney moved the Court that the

Plea of the defendants in said cause, purporting to be filed in said cause at a day previous to the judgment on the said writ. be struck from the files of said cause, for reason that at the time of judgment in said cause the same was not on file with any of the papers of said ^{cause} ~~cause~~, and that no appearance of the defendant in said cause had been made previous to the judgment in said cause upon the Dec. Nisi or otherwise and that no ~~notice~~ ^{notice} of the filing of the said plea was given and to file affidavits in said cause

L. F. Warner

Atty for Plffs

The Plaintiffs Counsel then moved the Court for leave to file affidavits of William Hailin & L. F. Warner in said cause,

(which by the Court was allowed to be done)

Which affidavits are in words & figures following, to wit,

Ala K. Carver
Bloomer Carver

vs

Charles Suits
William P. Dennis

State of Illinois
Winnebago County
Court.

In cause tried at ~~December~~

Term 1857, of said Court

William Hulin, being by me first duly sworn, deposes & says, that, he is now & was at the last December term of said Court Clerk of said Winnebago County Court, and that there was no appearance entered in the above cause at the last term of this Court by the defendants upon the Records of said Court, or upon either of the Dockets of said Court in ~~above~~ cause, that after the said last Term of said Court closed to the best of his recollection he found among the loose papers belonging to various cases, a paper purporting to be a plea in the above cause, that he has no recollection of ever seeing the said plea until after the said Term of Court finally adjourned, that said plea bears his signature as clerk of said Court as having been filed by him and that is all the recollection he had concerning it, that he never saw the same among the papers of said cause ~~until~~ in its appropriate package, that he can

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remember, until after the said last term
of this court, when from his best recollection
he found the same as aforesaid & put the
same with the papers of the cause in
its proper envelope
Subscribed & sworn to }
before me this 8th day of } William, Keulin
March 1858 }

J. G. Manlove J. P. }

Oran H. Carver }
Bloomer Carver } State of Illinois
vs } Winnebago County Court
Charles, Surt } Tried at the December
William P. Dennis } Term 1857 of said Court
State of Illinois, Winnebago County ss }

L. F. Warner being first
duly sworn deposes & says That, he was
Attorney of Record for the plaintiffs in the
above entitled cause at the term of said Court
when judgment was rendered in said
cause That there was no appearance
entered for either of said defendants
in said cause upon the Docket of said
Court or upon the Clerk's docket of
said Term or upon the Bar Docket
and that there was no plea of the
defendants or either of them on file in

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Said cause among the papers of said
cause at the time of the default of the
defendants by said court. And this
affiant had not heard any notice
that any plea in said cause had been
filed at the time of judgment in said
cause, or any time during the said
Term of said court. And that no
appearance for the defendants, or
either of them was entered upon the
records of said court

Subscribed & sworn } L. J. Warner
March 8th 1838 }

before me

W^m Henkle
Clerk of Co. Court

The motion in said cause then
coming on to be heard, the plaintiffs
appearing by L. J. Warner their
attorney and the defendants by
O. Miller Jr. their attorney,

The court after hearing the argument
of counsel overrules the said motion
in part ^{to which the filer of the papers} to the overruling of which
motion the plaintiffs except which

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exception is allowed by the Court—

The Plaintiffs Counsel then moved the Court—that the motion in this cause and all proceedings under it and the affidavits of William Hulsh & S. F. Warner in this cause be made a part of the record of the said cause tried at the December term of said Court 1837,

which is allowed by the Court and Ordered to be done

The foregoing contains a statement of what took place at the March term of said Court 1838 in said cause which the said Court hereby signs & seals and orders to be filed & made part of the records in said cause

Amos S. Miller
Judge (Seal)

State of Illinois }
County of Monroe }
I William Hulsh

Clerk of the County Court for said County do hereby certify that since the certification of the record by me

given in the foregoing cause of the
Record & proceedings ~~given~~ had in
said cause, it being the only certificate
of the Record & proceedings had in
said cause to this date, ^{given by my said clerk} That the
above and foregoing proceeding have
been made & had in said cause
and contain a true ^{& complete} record of the
proceedings ~~of the~~ had in said cause
at the March term of said Court
AD 1858, and that the Record heretofore
certified by me, and the record hereunto
certified contains ~~contains~~ together
a full and complete record of the
papers & proceedings had in said
Cause in said Court,

Given under my hand
and the seal of said
Court at my office in
the City of Rockport
this seventeenth day of
April AD 1858
William Mullins,
Clerk

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Charles Smith
Wm. P. Dennis

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Mr. K. L. Smith
H. and J. Smith

Appointed by Council

Filed April 21, 1855

L. Leland
Clerk

State of Illinois Superior Court for
the 3d ~~General~~ Division of the
State of Illinois

Charles H. Swift & William P. Dennis Plaintiffs in Error vs Joa H. Garret Bloomer, Garret Agents in Error	} Error & Misconduct County State of Illinois
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The Plaintiffs Error, Assessors for
the following Cause for Error in
this Cause

The Court Erred & rendering
judgement by default against
the Plaintiff Error (defendant in
the Court below) and assessing
damages against them after a
plea of the General issue issue
was filed & undisposed of,

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The Court Erred & rendering
a judgement by default
against the Plaintiff Error
before the plea of the General issue
was disposed of,

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The Court heard & not disposing
of the Rev. before recording a
judgment by default
against the Plaintiff & then
O'Keller

Ally in P. P. & others

~~Wm. L. L. L.~~
~~Chapman, Currier~~
~~Charles H. Dravett~~
~~William P. Desmues~~
~~Wm. A. L. L.~~
~~no 86~~
~~Spa. K. L. L.~~
~~Bloom L. L.~~
~~Spencer L. L.~~

Filed Feb. 27, 1858
J. L. L.
Black

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
SUPREME COURT,

ss. The People of the State of Illinois,

TO THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF *Winnebago*

GREETING:

BECAUSE, In the record and proceedings, and also in the rendition of the judgment of a plea which was in the Circuit Court of *Winnebago* county, before the Judge thereof, between *Ira H. Carver and Bloomer Carver* plaintiffs and *Charles H. Swift and William R. Dennis*

defendants it is said that manifest error hath intervened, to the injury of the said

Defendants

as we are informed by *their* complaint, the record and proceedings of which said judgment we have caused to be brought into our Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, at Ottawa, before the Justices thereof, to correct the errors in the same, in due form and manner, according to law; THEREFORE, WE COMMAND YOU, that by good and lawful men of your county, you give notice to the said *Ira H. Carver and Bloomer Carver*

that *they* be and appear before the Justices of our said Supreme Court, at the next term of said Court, to be holden at Ottawa, in said State, on the *first day after the* ^{third} Monday in *April* next, to hear the records and proceedings aforesaid, and the errors assigned, if *they* shall see fit; and further to do and receive what said Court shall order in this behalf; and have you then there the names of those by whom you shall give the said *Ira H. Carver and Bloomer Carver*

notice, together with this writ. *John D. Baton*

WITNESS, The Hon. ~~WALTER B. SCATES~~, Chief Justice of our said Court, and the Seal thereof at Ottawa, this *27th* day of *February* in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-*eight*

L. Le Clair
Clerk of the Supreme Court.

by J. B. Rice Deputy

Charles H. Swits &
William P. Dennis
vs. 86.

Lee K. Carver, and
Bloomer Carver

Sei. for

Filed March 14 1838

Leland
Clerk

Served the within writ
by Reading the same to
Lyman H. Warner this
2 day of March 1838

L. J. Church
Sheriff of
Windsor Co

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Know all Men by These Presents, That Charles H. Swits
William P. Dennis ~~of J. J. Tyler~~

as principal, and ~~as security~~, are held and firmly bound unto Ira H. Carver and Bloomer Carver

in the
penal sum of four hundred dollars good
and lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, the said
Charles H. Swits, William P. Dennis ~~of J. J. Tyler~~

bind themselves & their heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly, severally, and firmly by
these Presents.

Witness, One hundred and seventy

this 17 day of February A. D. 1855

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That, whereas, the above named
Ira H. Carver and Bloomer Carver
did, at the December Term of the County Court,
held in and for the County of Winnebago in the State of Illinois, A. D. 1854 recover a
judgment against the above bounden Charles H. Swits & William P. Dennis

for the sum of two hundred and seventy
eight dollars, and ten cents to reverse which said judgment, the said Charles H. Swits
& William P. Dennis have sued out a Writ of
Error from the Supreme Court, within and for the Third Grand Division of said State. Now if the said
Charles H. Swits & William P. Dennis
shall duly prosecute said Writ of Error, and pay, or cause to be paid, all judgments, costs, interest and
damages which the said Supreme Court shall adjudge against them

and abide the order and judgment of said
Supreme Court in this behalf, then this obligation is to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Charles H. Swits [SEAL.]

W. P. Dennis [SEAL.]

J. J. Tyler [SEAL.]

[SEAL.]

[illegible]

Am to be in
this by day of Feby 1880

Benjamin Cost,

C. J. Tyler
 June 21, 1861

[illegible]

State of Illinois & April Term
Supreme Court. 3 A.D. 1888.

Wm. P. Dennis bal.
Plff in Error

Error from Winnebago

vs.
Hon. H. Carver bal.
Deft in Error

It is hereby stipulated by & between
said parties that the argument
of said case shall not be brought
on by either party before the next R
in May.

Dated April 15. 1888.

Jason Marsh
Atty for Plff in Error.

L. J. Warner
Atty for Deft
in Error

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Sup. Court

Wm. P. Dennis vs
Ira K. Carver & al

Stipulation
c. No. 86.

Filed April 20. 1858.
S. Leland
Clk.

Ira H Carver
Bloomer Carver
ads

Charles H Swift

Wm P Dennis

} State of Illinois Supreme
Court April Term 1858

It is stipulated between the attorneys
for the respective parties that the
above cause is to be submitted to the
Court upon the second call of the
Docket in its order, upon the written
argument of the defendants, in Error
and upon either oral or written
argument of the plaintiff ^{in Error} at his option

J. Marsh for Plffs in Error

L. F. Warner

Atty for Defts in Error

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Jm H Carver
Bloom Curver
isls
Charles W Swets
Mr P Dennis
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Stipulation for hiring

Filed May 18. 1858.
L. Ireland Clk.

Charles Hunt
William P Dennis

vs

Ira H Carrier
Bloomer Carrier

In Supreme Court
State of Illinois
April Term 1858

The defendants in error in the above cause
by Lyd H Warner their attorney would rep-
resent and shew your honorable Court
that the above cause was tried at the
December term of the Hannibal County
Court, 1857, and a judgment rendered
in favor of the defendants in error by
default. That a writ of Error has been
issued out of the Supreme Court of the
State of Illinois in favor of the said
plaintiff in Error, and that the
record of the proceeding held in said
cause in the Hannibal County Court
now remaining in the records of the
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois
is greatly incomplete and as not
containing a full record of said
That at the March term of the said
Hannibal County Court, 1858 various
proceedings were held in said cause
The said defendants appearing

and various motions made & heard
therein, and among other things it
was ordered by the Court that various
affidavits made in said cause be
made, together with all proceedings
had in said cause at the said
March Term 1858, be made a part
of the record in said cause, which
done. And that the affidavits
so ordered to be made a part of the re-
cord, contained in substance that
the paper filed purporting to be a
plea in said cause, was not with
the papers of the cause at the time
of default & judgment, and that
no appearance of the defendant or
either of them was known to the Court
Clerk of said Court or the attorneys
for the plaintiff, at said December
Term that no appearance of them
or either of them was entered on the
Docket of said Court or any of the
Dockets of said Court, during said
Term. That the Court knows
that the Clerk of said Court has
of the existence of such paper was
after the final adjournment of said
Court, when he found the

Same among ~~the~~ loose papers not
connected with said Cause,
subscribed & sworn before S. F. Warner
me this 20th day of April A.D. 1858

L. Leland Clerk
by J. D. Rice Deputy

John H. Carver
Bloomer, Carver
 vs
Charles Smith &
William P. Davis

Supreme Court State of
Illinois April Term 1858

The Defendants in Error in said Cause
Move the Court to file in said Cause
a supplemental ^{certified} record of the proceedings
had in said Cause at the March term of
the United States Court.

S. F. Warner

Att. for Defs. in Error

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Superior Court

J. A. H. Casper
Ist. J. Casper

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Charles Swarts
William P. Dennis

Att. Gen.

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Filed April 20, 1858
L. Leland
Clerk

Irish Carver &
Bloomer Carver
ads

Charles H Swift &
William P Dennis

State of Illinois April
Term Supreme Court,
1858.

By writ of Error to Winnebago County.

The Errors assigned in the above cause
are The rendering judgment by default
while a plea was on file,

And 1st there are two Records in this cause
an original and a supplemental Record
The Abstract of Plaintiff in Error, only shows
the original Record.

The supplemental Record shows that
at the March term of the Win Co Court a
motion was made to strike from the files
the paper in said cause purporting to be
a plea of the defendants Therein and
to file affidavits to be made a part of
the record Page 3 & 4

That Defendants in court below appear
on the motion Page 3, 7, and resisted

the Motion,

The Court ordered that the affidavits made be made a part of the Records of the said case tried at December Term of said Court, Record Page 8,

The affidavits show that in said case at the December Term 1857, there was no appearance by either of the defendants known to the Court, or the Clerk of said Court, or the atty for the plaintiffs,

That no appearance was made of the defendants or either of them upon the Docket of said ^{Court}, or upon Clerks Docket or upon the Bar Docket

And that no plea was on file with the papers of said cause at the time of the rendition of said Judgment by default,

And that said supposed plea was not known ~~by the clerk~~ to have existed until by the clerk of said Court until after the final adjournment of said Court, when he found the said supposed plea among ~~the~~ papers in no way connected with said Cause,

And the Defendants in Error insist

That the said supposed plea
is not any part of the Record in said
cause, although purporting to be filed
before judgment,

That, ~~the same was~~ no appearance
of Defendants was made in the cause

That no notice of the filing of
said supposed plea was given

That the same was not left
on the files of the court in said cause

The said supposed plea should
be regarded as a nullity,

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Per Statute Page 822 See 9. Dockets to be
Kept plffs. lity num to be entered

Same page See 13, as to appearance

That the said plea is not properly
entitled

The defendant in Error would
respectfully suggest to your Honorable
Court 3 way of argument, ^{1st} That the
said plea is not entitled ~~by~~ said Cause

That the record does not show it
made & filed in the cause

That no appearance was made in
said Court as the Law contemplates
an appearance to be.

That the filing a plea is not
an appearance in a cause unless
notice is given of such filing.

That a plea secretly filed and
not left with the files of the cause
is no plea in the cause & cannot be
regarded by the court. As the court
can have no means of knowledge of
its existence, until the party himself
seeks to find it by writ of error,

That if the practice, as in this case
is shown by the original & supple-
mental record, is to be recognized
as the correct practice, That a party
without any known appearance upon
the Record can secretly file a plea
and either put that plea in his pocket
or leave it in some place where it
is likely it would not be found
until after the term of court may
adjourn. That then the party
plaintiff is in a critical situation,
he must ^{not} ~~must~~ take a judgment

by default, even if there is no appearance of defendant on the docket, & no plea on file, ~~then~~ with the papers of the cause. But he must make search & inquiry to find a plea & if he finds none, must not take default, because at some future time after Court, Defendant or his attorney may find one after the adjournment of Court, and take ~~the same~~ the cause by writ of Error to Supreme Court, & thereby get convenient time to pay his liabilities.

But that the Plaintiff must not do ~~because of the consequences~~,

But he must take a rule on the defendant to plead, & when the rule expires? What then? Take a judgment for want of plea? Or not that? If there is no appearance nor nor any plea on the file, he must stop & make search and if none is found he must continue to stand, until such time as the party may show himself in the ~~proper~~ court, with his plea.

But I am aware that perhaps is a difficult matter for your Honor.

ourt to recede in its decision, in this case
the full merits of this case,
but hope that your Honorable court
will consider the original & supple-
mented record and for the interest
of Plaintiff Litigant in court, give
it such consideration as it deserves
The matter being more important as
rule of practice than to me in this
present case, It is no fault of the Dept in Error
that this case is here & the only way to be out of it is

J. H. Warner

Atty for Appellee
Dept in Error

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
SUPREME COURT, } ss.

The People of the State of Illinois,
TO THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF *Winnebago* 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 *Winnebago* County, before the Judge thereof, between *Lisa R. Carver and Bloomer Carver*

plaintiffs and *Charles H. Swits & William P. Dennis*

defendants; 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 should be corrected if any there be, 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 *first Tuesday after the third Monday in April* 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.

John D. Burton
WITNESS, The Hon. ~~WALTER B. SCATES~~, Chief Justice of our said Court, and the Seal thereof, at Ottawa, this *27th* day of *February* in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight

L. Leland
Clerk of the Supreme Court.
by J. B. Rice Deputy

Charles H. Swift &
William P. Dennis

vs 86

Lea K. Carver and
Blewiner Carver

Writ of Error

This writ of error is
made a supersedeas
and as such is to be
obeyed by all con-
cerned.

L. Leland Clerk
by J. N. Rice Deputy

Filed Feb. 22. 1858

L. Leland
Clerk

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Ira H Carver
Bloomer Curves
acts

Charles H Swift &
William P Dennis

~~Abstract~~
Defendant
Brief & Argument

Filed May 18. 1858.
L. Keland Clk.

L. F. Farnes

Supreme Court of the State of Illinois
April Term 1858

Ira H. Currier +
Bloomer Currier
 vs
Charles Swift +
William F. Dennis

In Error from
Winnebago County

And Now Comes the Defendant in
Error, And for Ground in Error
say there is no Error in the Record
as assigned by the Plaintiff in Error
except And except as in the supple-
mental record that the court refused
to strike from the files the supposed
plea

S. F. Warner
Atty per
Defts in Error

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Fra. K. Curran
Blossman Curran
ads

Charles Smith
William P. Dennis

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Filed April 21, 1858,
S. Leland
clk

Swift et al
vs
Conner et al

Filed Feb 28 1888

L. Leland
Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS, SUPREME COURT.

CHARLES H. SWITS and WILLIAM P. DENNIS, Plaintiffs in Error, *vs.* IRA K. CARVER and BLOOMER CARVER, Defendants in Error.

Error to Winnebago County Court.

ABSTRACT OF THE RECORD.

Record
2 This was an action of assumpsit brought by the Defendants in Error, against the Plaintiffs in Error, on a promissory note, at the December term, A. D. 1857. The summons was duly served, and the declaration filed November 23, 1857.

3. 4 The declaration was in the usual form in assumpsit on a promissory note.

7 December 7, 1857, the second day of the term, a plea of the general issue was filed by O. Miller, jr., attorney for defendants.

9 December 8, 1857, the defendants' default was entered, and judgment rendered
10 against them for \$273 34-100, the amount of the note.

11 February 27, 1858, the Plaintiffs in Error sued out their writ of error and supersedeas, and assigns for error that the court below erred—

1st. In entering defendants' default while there was a plea on file.

2d. In rendering judgment against the defendant by default, without noticing the plea on file.

JASON MARSH, *Attorney for Plaintiffs in Error.*

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Devitz Esq

vs

Conner Esq

Filed, May 14, 1858.
J. L. Leland
Clerk