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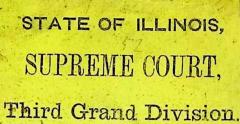
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The Honorable John. M. Wilson Chief
- Justice of Superior Court of Chicago

Van H. Higgins Hyrant Goodrich Judges

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Attest Walter Kimball blerk

Be it remembered, that heretofoutowit on the fourth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred thifty nine, Edward A. Boque, by, Gallup & Hitcheock his attorney filed in the office of the Clerk of the book bounty

Court of Common Pleas his Tracipe for Summons in words and figures as follows, To Wit State of Illinois & G.G. Common Pleas bourt
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April Form a.D. 1859 Edward ABogue ? N. G. Abraham Melick S The blook of said bourt will issue a Summond in the above cause, directed to the -

Theriff of book bounty, in a plea of assumpset re-turnable at the april Term of said bourt, a. D. 1859, to the damage of the Plaintiff of Six hundred Dollars.

Gallup & Heleherek, Plaintiff stillornings

To Walter Kiniball Esgr blerk Chicago March 4th 1859.

And afterwards to wit on the day and your aforesaid, there issued out of the Office of the blerk aforesaid, the Teoples world of Summons, which said

Whil, and the Theriffs return thereon, are in words of figures as follows . In woil,

State of Illinois & G. G. The Teople of the State of Illinois, So the Theriff of Said County-Greeting

We command you had you Summon Abraham Meliek if he shall be found in your bounty, bersonally to be and appear before the book bounty bourt of bommon Pleas of Said bounty, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be holdened the board House in the bity of bhiego, in said bounty, on the first Monday of april next, to answer unto Edward, A, Boque, in a plea of trespass, on the case on promises, to the damage of said Plaintiff as he says in the sum of six hundred Dollard.

And have you then there this writ, with an and have you then there this writ, with an and and have you then there is writ, with an and and have you then there on, in what manner you

Shall have executed the Same.
Witness Walter Kimball, Clerk of Said Court, and the Seal thereof, at the City of Chicago, in Said County

This 4th day of March U.D. 1859.

Walter Remball, Clerk.

Geroed by reading to the within named Abraham Milickthis 15 Wday of March 1859. John Gray Theriff. By A. Hesing Defor

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Und whereas, also the said defendant, after. wards, to wit, on the day year last aforesaid, at the place aforesaid was indebted to the said plain-Liff in the sum of four hundred dollars, lawful Money of the United States of america, for money before that time lent and advanced, by the Said plaintiff to the said defendant and al the Special instance and request of the said defendant, and for other money by the said Plaintiff before that time, baid, laid out and expended for the said defendant, and at the like request of the said defendant. And for other money by the said defendant before that time had & received to and for the use of the said plaintiff. and being so indebted the said defendant in consideration thereof afterwards, lo wit, on the

Same day and your last aforesaid and at

the place aforesaid, undertook then and there

withfully promised the said plainlift well &

truly to pay unto the said plaintiff the said

Sum of money in this count mentioned, when

the said defendant should be thereunto after -

Nevertheles the said defendant / although often requested to, to wil, on the day when the said note became due and payable according to the tenor deffect thereof. I oftentimes since to wit, at the place aforesaid I has not yet paid the Several Sums of money above mentioned or any or either of them or any part thereof to the said plaintiff, but to pay the same or any part Thereof to the said plaintiff, the said defendant has buther to altogether refused and still does refuse to the damage of the said plaintiff of Sin Hundred dollard, and therefore they bring suit te Mallup & Hilchcock Atty's for Tiff.

The following is a copy of the instrument of writing whon which the frigoing action is formed and is the only cause of action relied upon or claimed

Checago Sept 29. 1857. 1 \$ 265.61 Therty days after date for value received, we promise to pay to Folsom Dorsett or order the sum of Two Hundred Visity five 10 Dollars with interest 10 per cent after due. Dordett Bro Vo. Endorsed " Holsom Dorsett" " Abm Melick" and afterwards to soil on the thirteenth day of april in the Year afousaid Abraham Milick By I. A. Barker his attorney, feled in the Office of the blirk aforesaid his certain Thea taffedavil of mirits, which are in words and figures as follows . to wil. book bounty bourt of bornmon Pleas County Court of Common Pleas
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Edward A. Boque

Sedward A. Boque

And the said abraham Melick, defendant

in this Suit by Jaseph A. Barker, his atterney

comes and defends the wrong and injury when it:

18. and says that he did not undertake or promise to manner and form as the said Plainlift hath above thereof complained against him. And of this he but, himself upon the bountry.

Joseph et. Barker

ttty for Defendant

Girs - Please to lake notice that the said defendant, at the trial of the above cause, will insist upon and five in evidence under the general issue above pleaded, that said Falsom Dorsett, William Dorsett, and Rudolph Dorsett, ded not under the name style & description of Dorsett Bro Ho. make the said foromessory note in said plaintiffs declaration mentioned, that said Folsom Dorsett, the page of said from story note, was not at the time of the execution of the Same, nor has he been, at any time serie a member of the said from of Dorsett Bro Ho. but that said firm of Dorsett Brotto. at the time of the making of Said note, was composed of Said William Dorsett and Rudolph (Dorsett logither with one John Dorsett and one Helsom Dorsett Jr, What said Dorset Bro Ho. al the tim when said note became due, were not insolvent and sinable to pay the said note as is alleged in Said declaration, but that said Dorsell Brotto. 21. And afterwards to wil on the tenth day of October in the Year aforesaid, said day being one of theday of the October Ferm of search board the following among other proceedings was had and entired of record in said Court to wit,

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Abraham Melick
This day comes su This day comes said plaintiff by Gallup & Hilchevel his attorneys, and said defendant by Barker Yot gatt his attorneys also comis and issues being joined herein by agreement of parties the cause is Submitted to the Court for trial without intervention of a jury and the lourd now harafter hearing alligations and foroof submitted & argument of Counsel and being fully advised in the hremises finds issues for said defendant, And Therewhon said polaintiff sabmit his motion laset aside fending of the Court Hor a new trial, which motion is overruled, whereupon said plaintiff enters his exceptions, Therefore it considered said defendant do have and recover of said plaintiff his Rost tehanges by him about his defence in this behalf Expended there execution therefore. And Thereupon on motion plaintiff, leave is from him to file his bell of exceptions herein within thirty days from tafter this days.

And afterwards to wit on the Eighteenth day of October in the year aforesaid said Edward to Brigue flies in the office of the bluk afresaidhis Bill of Exceptions in mords of gues as follows to wit 22.

Superior Court of Chicago October Ferm et 21859.

Edward A. Bogue ? Us Abraham Milick)

De il remembered, that at the October Term of the Superior board of behavior, before the Honorable Van H. Higgins the above entitled cause came on for trial, and of the trial of the issue therein, at the said October Term, to wit, on the tenth day of October &D. 1859. The plaintiff to sustain, the issue on his part, introduced the following testimony:

on the part of the plaintiff, and was shown the note declared on the above cause, and of which the following it a true copy:

" Thirty days after date, for value received, " we from ise to pay to Folsom Dorsett, or order, the sum of Two Hundred Pixty five to Dollars with

interest 10 pa cent after due.
"Gyned, Dordett Bro Mo." Endorsed on the back as follows! " Folsom Dorsett
" abmarkans Melick" And after being duly sworn he listified as follows; I have seen this note before - I saw it the day it is dated, 29th September, 1854. It was in my possession at that time - Folsom Dorsett wanted an entension of a prior debt of his paper -He said he could get another name - Tremarked if he could get another name that was salisfactory it could be done, He mentioned the name of Me Melick - I drew up the trote the went and got it signed - Folsom Dorsett, William Dorsett, and Rudolph Dorsett, composed the firm of Dorsett And thereupon the said defendant in open

And thereupon the said defendant in open Court admitted his segnature whom the back of said note to be geneine, and waived proof thereof. And thereupon the said note, was offered and received in evidence.

I Lee testified as follows:

Dorsett lold me the harnes of the firm - He did not lell me that it was It. Dorsett for who was the member of the firm - I had the trote in my propession three or four months after it became due - I called on Me Melick several times and did not find him in - No communications passed between alle Melick and myself - Dorsett Bro Ho Rept a growing on State Street - Folsom Dorsett had an affice on Lasalle Street - He had a real estate sign out I believe - Perhaps I had the note until in the Yoring, in Jebruary or March "

And the foregoing was all the testimony offered by the plaintiff on the total of said cause, and thereupon the bourt, a jury having been expensely mived, rendered judgment for the defendant upon the issue aforesaid, and thereupon the plaintiff moved for a new trial, which metion was over- ruling said inotion, the plaintiff then the decision overruling said inotion, the plaintiff then there excepted and asked the board, to segn and seal this bill of

exceptions, which was done. Me find the above bile

of neighbors correct \ Van H. Higgins Suits

Barker & Yuly \ Judge State of Illinois County of book & S.S. I. Waller Kimbale Clerk of the Superior Court of Chicago in and for said County (formerly the book bounty bourt of bourness Plan I do heriby certify that the above and fregoing is a full and true Iranscript of all the paper on file in my office and of the proceeding and Judgmelet. sedered of Revord in said bout in the Case of Edward A Boque Glaintiff and Abraham Melick. Defendant. In lesturony whereof I hereunte Subscribe bony name and affix the Seal of said bout, at the City of Chicago in said bounty, their It day of March AD. 1860 Maller Kunhau Cha

Supreme Comb Ednard A. Bogno 3 Shaham Melick 3 and new comes the dependant in marsays Chen is nomes en sarão Wendo sproudnis; ands he prays that rand dudyings be affirmed with cert no Barke Duly Thum of Warto Bonne Allys /a dependant no Enco

27. On the Sufreme Court Edward aBoque 3 April Term aD 1860. Abraham Molick3 Ano now comes the said Edward a. Boque by Charles Hitchcock his attorney and says that in the records uniformeedings aforesaid there is so manifest Error in this, to wit:

1st The Court Erred in finding the issues for the defend-2 nd The bourh erred in overruling the plaintiffs motion for w new treat. 3 % The Court erred in rendering judgment for the defendant. Therefore the said plaintiff frays that the said judg-ment may be annualled, reversed and held for nought and that he may be restored to the rights he has lost thereby. Cha Hitchcock

Edward A Doque Abraham Melick Jansen pt of Record 12996 File April 12 (8 60) \$6.50.