No. 8543

Supreme Court of Illinois

Scheuerman et al

Vs.

County of Monroe



STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.

SUPREME COURT-1st Grand Divison.

George Scheuermann, Ernst Mund and Charles Henckler VS.

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Appea. from Monroe.

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Charles Henckler, one of the defts below appeals to this court and assigns for error.

1st. Court below erred in allowing the name of the pltff's parties to be changed. 2nd. The Court below erred in finding for pltff's below. 3d. The Court below erred in refusing to grant defts. below a new trial.

(BRIEF.)

Plaintiff before justice of the peace shall be pltff. in Circuit Court on the trial of the appeal. R. L. Chap. 57. Sec. 86.

There was nothing in the record to authorize the change of the names of pltffs. Lake vs. Moss et. al. 11 Ill. R. 589.

2. The pluffs. failed to introduce in evidence the constables bond or any other evidence to make Henckler liable as a deft. 13 Ill. R. 648, 649. 15 Id. 208, 209. 18 Id. 90. 3 Scam. R. 14, 193. 2 Gil. R. 418.

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We are not aware of any law which makes it the duty of constables to collect accounts without suit or process, or allows them fees for such services. If so, Scheuermann is only liable for defaults, individually, and not his securities. It is otherwise with justices of the peace. R. L. Chapt. 59, Sec. 19.

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