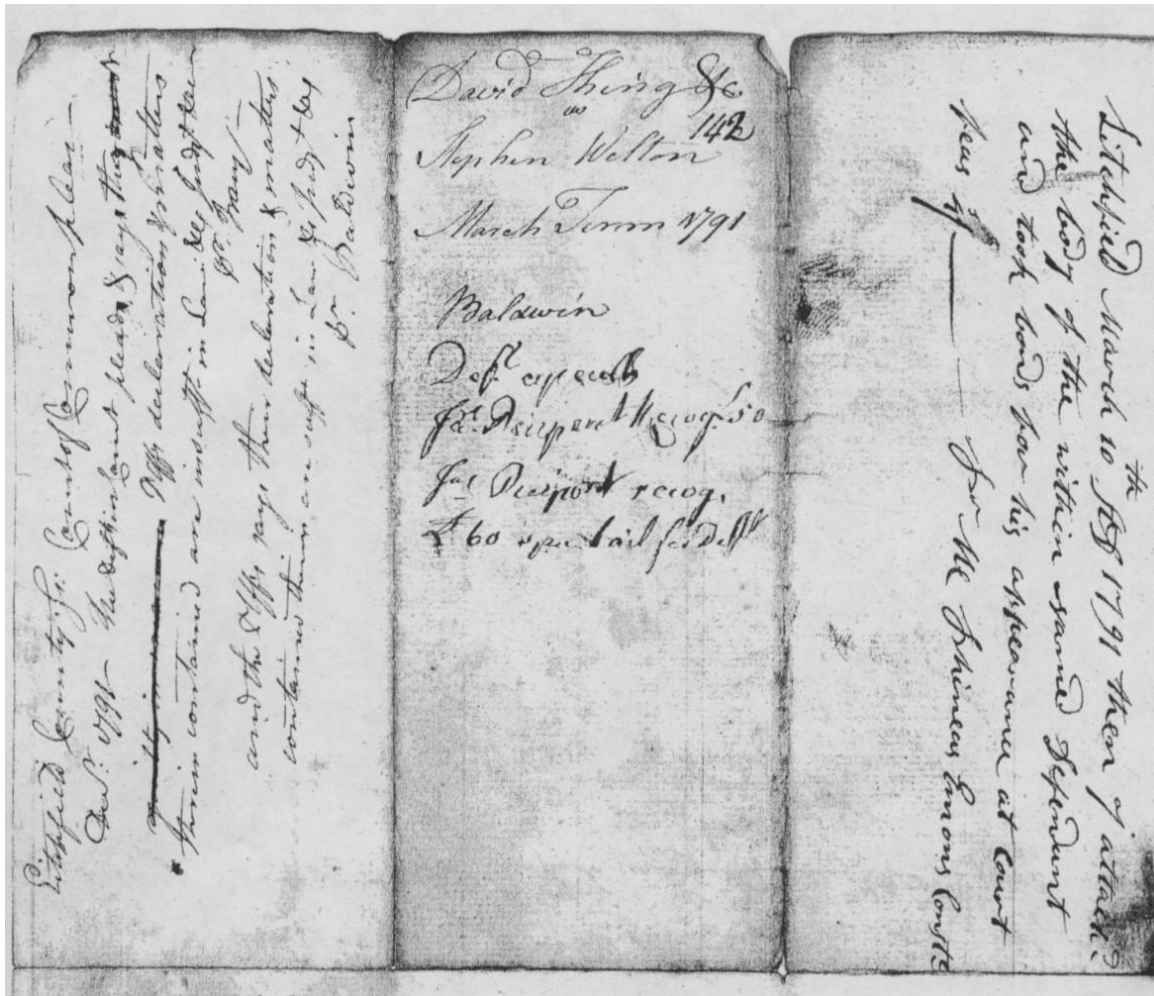


Court Case Cover Page (Original)



Court Case Cover Page (Transcribed)

Left side

Litchfield County Sr for Court of Common Pleas –
Decr 1791 The Deft in Court pleads & says the
Pltffs declaration & matters
Therein contained are insufficient in Law & Judge them
? pr pay in
and the plttfs pays their declarations & matters
contained therein are suffct in Law & ?
pr Baldwin

Center

David King vs
Stephen Welton
March Term 1791
Baldwin
Deft e??
?? Recipient ?? £50
Jus Pierpont recog.
£60 ? paid (said?) Dft?

Right Side

Litchfield March 10 1791 then of attach
the body of the within named Defendant
and took bonds for his appearance at court
peas _____ for me, Phineas Emons Const.

LCC 95117

To the Sheriff of the County of Litchfield or his Deputy or either of the
 Constables of the Town of Litchfield in said County Greeting
 By Authority of the State of Connecticut you are commanded
 to attach the goods or effects of Stephen Weston of said Litchfield
 to the amount of ~~four~~ ^{fourty} pounds lawful money & for want
 thereof take his body & him have to appear before the Court
 of Common Pleas to be holden at Litchfield within & for said
 County on the fourth Tuesday of March instant then & there
 to answer unto David Thier & Samuel W. Baldwin of
 Harwinton ^{in said County} in a plea of trespass on the case wherein the
 plaintiffs declare & say that on the 28th Day of Sept^r last past
 they send & were legally possessed of a Negro girl named
 Violet a Slave for life about fourteen years of age well
 worth forty pounds lawful money & the Deft. well knowing
 said Negro girl to be the property of the plaintiffs but being
 minded to injure & abuse the plaintiffs did at said Harwinton
 in company with sundry other persons with force & arms
 on said 28th Day of Sept^r take said Negro girl out of the
 possession of the plaintiffs unbeknown to the plaintiffs & contrary to
 their mind & will & without any liberty from them or their
 attorney & did in company with one Channing Woodruff carry
 the said Negro girl from said Harwinton to Canaan & from
 thence carry said Negro girl to be carried to the State of
 Vermont where she was a long time; wholly unbeknown
 to the plaintiffs in what part of the world she was carried to.
 & the plaintiffs say that by reason of injurious & abusive
 conduct of the Deft. in taking said girl as aforesaid they
 have been much injured in their property, have been
 put to great trouble & expense in finding out where said
 girl was, & the plaintiffs say that by means of the wrong
 conduct of the Deft. as aforesaid they have lost the service of
 said girl from said 28th Day of Sept^r until the
 5th Day of March instant & that they have been

To the sheriff of the County of Litchfield or his deputy, or either of the Constables of the Town of Litchfield in sd County greeting ——
By authority of the State of Connecticut you are commanded to attach the Goods or Estate of Stephen Welton of said Litchfield to the amount of sixty pounds, lawful money & for want thereof take his Body & him have to appear before the Court of Common pleas to be holden at Litchfield within & for sd County on the fourth Tuesday of March instant, then & there to answer unto David King & Samuel W Baldwin of sd Harwinton in sd County in a plea of trespass on the Case wherein the Plaintfs declare & say that at said Harwinton on the 28th Day of September last past
they owned & were legally possessed of a Negro girl named Violet a Slave for life about fourteen years of age well worth forty pounds lawful money & the Deft well knowing sd Negro Girl to be the property of the pltffs but being minded to injure & abuse the pltffs did at sd Harwinton in Company with sundry other persons with force & arms(??) on sd 28th Day of Septmr take sd Negro Girl out of the possession of the pltffs unbeknownst to the platffs & contrary to their mind & will & without any liberty from them or either of them & did in Company with one Chauncey Woodruff carry the sd Negro Girl from sd Harwinton to Canaan in Litchfield County & from there cause sd Negro Girl to be carried to the State of Vermont where she was a long time; wholly unknown to the pltffs in what part of the World she was carried to & the pltffs say that by reason of injurious & abusive conduct of the Deft in taking sd Girl aforesd they have been much injured in their property, have been put to great trouble & expense in finding out where sd Girl was & the pltffs say that by means of the wrong conduct of the Defdt as aforesd they have lost the service of sd Girl from sd first [crossed out?] 28th Day of Sept. until the 5th Day of March instant & that they have been

(by means of the illegal conduct of the Deft as aforesd) put
to the expense & trouble of hiring sundry people to fetch
sd Girl & been obliged to go into the State of Vermont
to a place called Cornwall in Addison County not less than
two hundred Miles to bring sd Girl from thence and
were obliged to procure assistance for that purpose all
which wrong doings of the Deft are against the peace
& contrary to Law & to the Damage of the Pltfs the Sum
of thirty pounds lawful money to recover the Same
with Cost the pltfs bring this Just Bonds to prosecute
being given, hereof fail not but of this Writ with
your doings thereon due return make according to the
Dated at Litchfield March 9th AD. 1791
Capt W. Baldwin Recog: Two Shillings Duty is paid on this Writ
£20 for Prosecution Abraham Bradley Justice of Peace

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