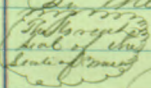


In the Common Pleas Court of Ray County Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April Term 1867

State of Missouri } David P Whitmer that on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
 County of Ray } April A.D. 1867 being the second Monday  
 of said month the time designated in the act of the General  
 Assembly of the State of Missouri, entitled "An act to establish  
 a court of common pleas in the county of Lafayette and a  
 court of common pleas in the counties of Ray, Daviess  
 and Pettis, with probate jurisdiction in the last three coun-  
 ties, and repealing all laws in conflict with the same."  
 Approved March 12<sup>th</sup> 1867. comes David P. Whitmer Esquire  
 duly commissioned and appointed Judge of said courts by the  
 Governor of the State of Missouri in accordance with  
 the provisions of said act; and here files his commission  
 as judge as aforesaid which is duly entered of Record, as  
 follows to wit: - The State of Missouri, To all who shall  
 see these presents: Granting, Know ye That, Reposing espe-  
 cial trust and confidence in the integrity and ability of  
 David P. Whitmer, I Thomas C. Fletcher Governor of the  
 State of Missouri on behalf and in the name thereof,  
 do hereby appoint and commission him under the  
 act, approved March 12<sup>th</sup> 1867, as judge of the Court of  
 Common Pleas within and for the County of Ray  
 of the State of Missouri and do authorize him to  
 discharge according to law, the duties of said Office,  
 and to hold and enjoy the same with all the power,  
 privileges and emoluments thereof appertaining until  
 legal limitation thereof. In Testimony whereof I Thomas  
 C. Fletcher have hereunto set my hand and caused to be  
 affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, Done at  
 the City of Jefferson this twenty third day of March in the year  
 of our Lord our Thousand Eight hundred and sixty seven, of the  
 Independence of the United States the thirty first, and of the  
 State of Missouri the forty seventh.

By the Governor } Thomas C. Fletcher  
 Francis Rodman Secretary of State

And the Oath of Loyalty, and the Oath of Office endorsed  
 on the back of said Commissioner as prescribed by the consti-  
 tution of the State of Missouri as follows to wit: State of Missouri  
 County of Ray } David P. Whitmer do solemnly swear that I am  
 well acquainted with the terms of the third section of the second  
 article of the Constitution of the State of Missouri adopted in the  
 year 1865, and have carefully considered the same, that I have never done  
 any of the acts in said section specified, that I have always been truly, law-  
 fully, on the side of the United States against all enemies thereof  
 foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance




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 to the United States and will support the constitution and  
 laws thereof as the supreme law of the land, any law or  
 ordinance of any state to the contrary notwithstanding, that  
 I will to the best of my ability protect and defend the Union  
 of the United States, and not allow the same to be broken  
 up, and dissolved, or the Government to be destroyed or  
 overthrown under any circumstances if in my power to  
 prevent it, that I will support the constitution of the State  
 of Missouri, and that I make this oath without  
 any mental reservation or evasion, and I hold it to be binding  
 on me. And I further swear that I will faithfully dis-  
 creetly myself in Office as Judge of the Court of Com-  
 mon Pleas within and for the County of Ray in the  
 State of Missouri and will to the best of my skill and  
 diligently without partiality or prejudice discharge the  
 duties of said Office according to the constitution and  
 laws of this State.

D. P. Whitmer

Sworn and subscribed before me this 30<sup>th</sup>  
 day of March A.D. 1867, Joseph E. Black, Notary Public

And hereupon Hon. D. P. Whitmer takes his seat as Judge  
 of said Common Pleas Court - Present Hon. D. P. Whitmer Judge  
 as aforesaid, A. K. Reytans Sheriff of the County of Ray, and  
 Frank S. Griffin and James S. Reytans deputies of said Sheriff  
 and A. J. Barr Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of  
 Ray, and Ex-officio Clerk of the Common Pleas Court aforesaid.

The following proceedings were had and ordered in-  
 stead of Record to wit: George W. Dunn Esq. being present, on  
 motion is duly enrolled as an attorney, on motion of G. W.  
 Dunn Esq. C. P. Garner, Joseph E. Black, E. P. Esteb, J. W. Hutwell  
 and D. J. Waters Esq. and S. W. Smith, Nathaniel Fairster, A. J. Griffin Esq. were  
 duly enrolled as Attorneys in this Court.

It is ordered that until a seal be provided with suitable device  
 a scroll with private seal - written on the face thereof is hereby  
 adopted and directed to be used as the private seal of this  
 Court - thus 

It is here ordered that the printed rules of the Circuit Court  
 of Ray County be and they are hereby adopted as the Rules of this  
 Court, until further ordered.

On motion of Geo. W. Dunn Robert  
 M. Ellis and Alexander Donaldson are enrolled as attorneys in this Court.

It is ordered that the Court adjourn until the third  
 Monday in June next ensuing 1867.

D. P. Whitmer  
 Judge