

Tom Green's Suit

Yesterday afternoon, Col. Thomas M. Green, who brought the charges of mutilating records against Judge Hargis, appeared in the Common Pleas Clerk's office with one of his attorneys, Col. Bullitt, and filed a suit for libel against Judge Hargis. The following is the petition in full:

JEFFERSON COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—*Thomas M. Green, plaintiff, vs. Thomas F. Hargis, defendant*—

The plaintiff, Thomas M. Green, states that, in the year 1874, he compared and published statements asserting his belief that the defendant, Thos. F. Hargis, had mutilated, or caused to be mutilated, certain records of the Circuit and County Courts of Rowan county; that recently, to-wit: in the month of May, in the year 1879, the plaintiff revived and circulated the charge that the defendant had mutilated, or caused to be mutilated, certain records of the Circuit and County Courts of Rowan county; and that said charge is true yet; that afterward, in the month of June, in the year 1879, the defendant, knowing that said charge is true, did with willful malice, compose and write of and concerning the plaintiff, and of and concerning the aforesaid charge, a false and defamatory charge, ~~among other things, the following words, to-wit:~~ ^{the following} ~~words, to-wit:~~ ^{words, to-wit:}

"In 1874, I (meaning the defendant) was nominated by a Democratic convention as a candidate for Circuit Judge. It was charged that I (meaning the defendant) was ineligible to the office, and that for the purpose of destroying the proof of my (meaning the defendant's) ineligibility, and of establishing my (meaning the defendant's) false claim that I (meaning the defendant) was eligible, I (meaning the defendant) mutilated, or caused to be mutilated, certain records of the Circuit and County Courts of Rowan county. Out of respect for that portion of the people of Kentucky who are not familiar with the persons (meaning the plaintiff) who originally concocted the charge, and have recently revived and circulated it, nor with the facts as known to those who know the parties (meaning the plaintiff) and witnesses this assault upon me (meaning the defendant), I (meaning the defendant) now solemnly declare that the charge, in whatever form, or by whomsoever (meaning the plaintiff) made or insinuated, is false. I (meaning the defendant) do further denounce those who have heretofore made (——) and those who do hereafter circulate this charge (meaning the charge aforesaid) as willful calumniators;" and that the defendant sent his libel to the editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, a newspaper published in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, and caused said libel to be delivered to said editor, in said county, and requested and caused said libel to be published in the said newspaper, and in the said county of Jefferson, over his, the defendant's, signature, of and concerning the aforesaid charge to the damage of the plaintiff in the sum of \$10,000. Wherefore the plaintiff asks for judgment against the defendant for \$10,000, and for his costs of suit

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For Plaintiff.