(Charles a negro belonging.. -1841)

State v Charles negro — SGA#963 (Ste. Gen Archives)
Pelagie Vittal affidavit — (January 1, 1841)

State of Missouri
County of Ste. Genevieve

This day [personally] appears before [__ _] Justice of the Peace of the Township of Ste. Genevieve in Ste. Genevieve County, Pelagie a free colored woman who calls herself Pelagie Vital who [calls herself] Pelagie Vital who […. …. …..] both De[___] and say that one Charles a negro belonging to Bertel DuRocher said on the First day of January 1841 did [_____] [assault] beat her and [….. ….] said Pelagie in her own dwelling house.

[……]

This 1st day of January 1841 — James Simms — Pelagie *her* X *mark* Vital

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State of Missouri
County of Ste. Genevieve

The State of Missouri to the [……. .. Constable] of Ste. Genevieve Township in Ste. Genevieve County [_____] where as complaint has before me [one] of the justices of the peace in and for said County up on the oath of Pelagie, a free colored woman who calls herself Pelagie Vital that one Charles, a Negro belonging to [*Bertel Durocher said on the 1st day of January 1841[violently assault beat wound and [ill treat] [the] said Pelagie in her own dwelling house. [There …} therefore to [Commance] you to take the said Charles a Negro belonging to [Bertle} Durocher if he to be found in your County, and take and safely keep him the said Charles. To that you have his body forthwith before me or [____] other Justice of the peace to answer the promises and affidavit complaint and be further under [__] hand this the 1st day of January 1841.

James Simms
Justice of the Peace

(*or Bartholome Deroche, census 1840)

We the jury called by Simms Esq. to try a case of assault – State of Missouri against Charles a slave, the property of Bertel Durocher said suit was instituted by a certain mulatto woman, named Pelagie – know then that we as citizens of this Town of Ste. Genevieve do deeply feel the stain upon the good morals of this community by the conduct of said Pelagie and cannot resist this mode of expressing our heartfelt sorrow that such a woman should be allowed to come into a court of law and ask for the aid and protection of the laws which she is daily in the habit of [trampling] under foot to the injury of this place and a bad example to the community. We now close our verdict by unanimous voice that her charge is groundless, without testimony and sufficient evidence to sustain a suit against said Charles.

We now close our verdict by unanimous voice that her charge is groundless, without testimony and sufficient evidence to sustain a suit against said Charles. — Wm. Gibson, foreman

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(jury list)

Jacob Yeally	Johnathan Wilson [Jr.]
Wm. Duncan	[E. O.Holly]
Antoine [Winston]	John [B__si__]
Nicolas [Myot]	John [Ziagler]
Augustine St. Gemme	Wm [Gibson]
John Lachance	James Hoffman
[Francis Amoureux]	
Louis Breauge	
Charles [Ousher]	