

FILE BOX #22

21. Of the May term of court of Hancock Circuit Court of Illinois, in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

State of Illinois

Hancock County.

The Grand Jurors chosen selected and sworn, in and for the county of Hancock in name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois upon their oaths present, that Joseph Smith usually called the Mormon Prophet late of Said County of Hancock, in said State of Illinois on the twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three and on divers other days and times between that time and the day of finding this indictment at or within the said county of Hancock and State of Illinois unlawfully then and there did live together in an open state of adultery with Marian Lawrence then of said county, contrary to the form of statute in such case made and provided, against the peace and dignity of the same people of the State of Illinois.

(2) And the Grand Jurors aforesaid to further present that of Joseph Smith usually called the Mormon Prophet late of said county of Hancock on the twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three and on divers other days and times between that time and the day of finding this indictment at or within the said county of Hancock and state of Illinois unlawfully then and there did live in an open state of fornication with Marian Lawrence then of said county, contrary to the form of statute in such case made and provided, against the peace and dignity of the same People of the State of Illinois.

(3) same as (1) omitting other times etc.

(4). And the Grand Jurors aforesaid present that Joseph Smith, usually called the Mormon Prophet ----- on the 10th day of July in the Year of our Lord 1843 ----- unlawfully then and there did live together in an open state of adultery with certain women to the jurors unknown, of said county of Hancock, contrary to the form of statute etc.-----

(5) And the Grand Jurors aforesaid further present,----- That Joseph Smith etc.-----on the tenth day of July in the year of our Lord 1844, and on divers other days and times within 18 months from the day of finding this indictment,----- with certain women to the jurors unknown then of said county of Hancock, did then and there live together in an open state of adultery and fornication, contrary etc. -----/

signed E.A. Thompson
States Attorney.

The People of the State of Illinois }
vs. }
Joseph Smith Sr. } Indictment for Adultery and Fornication (sic)

The People of the State of Illinois }
vs. }
Joseph Smith } Indictment for Perjury.

Same page 145. Monday, May 27 1844.

William Law and Wilson Law are bound to the next term of court, to appear the third Monday in October as witnesses in the above case.

Same page 129. Ordered that the clerk issue a capias herein returnable to the next term of court and that bail be required in the sum of \$300.

Same page 166. Monday Oct. 21 1844.

People of the State of Illinois }
vs. }
Joseph Smith } Indictment for Adultery and Fornication

This day came the States Attorney and suggested the death of Joseph Smith whereupon it is ordered that the suit abate.

Same as above for the indictment for perjury.

N.B. In addition to the above there are several civil suits between Joseph Smith and other persons for various charges. In some Smith is prosecutor and other defendant.