

North Carolina at Chambers  
Chatham County 3

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> A. W. Searge Judge

The petitioner of Addison Stewart  
humbly complimenting and asking pardon  
of your Honor for neglecting in a former  
petition, which your Honor <sup>has</sup> the kindness  
to grant, to mention the name of one  
of the parties, your petitioners desired  
to sue for an irreparable damage to  
your petitioners begs leave to reiterate  
his cause of complaint and in doing  
so is penetrated with the deepest sorrow  
that he is compelled to use the name  
of a person who should have been above  
suspectious and whose connection with  
the Court over which your Honor preside  
should have prompted him to a better  
course of conduct. My application  
is for a writ in forma pauperis to  
be directed out against the Clerk of the  
Court and Probate Judge of the County  
to wit, Spencer Petty, in order to go  
down for the prosecution of a writ  
against the Petty not being as yet  
stated in a former petition. I  
will be most obliged to your Honor

rights, as an humble citizen of the  
country would be desired me if the law  
and your Honor know clemency towards  
all down trodden people did not protect  
me a most flagrant, outrageous,  
violation of a man's home, a room which  
clusters, this poor and indigent the  
memory of the past was never perpetrated  
by any person having the instincts of  
a common humanity glowing in an  
unregenerate heart and lost to the  
common decencies of life, yes in this  
man, this fine in human shape has  
polluted my bed, has aroused a passion  
if indulged in would produce a  
violent infraction of the peace, has  
rendered me a miserable and in the  
eyes perhaps of some persons a contemptible  
creature has broken the peace of my  
family and the heart of my little  
children. In tender consideration  
therefore of all the circumstances  
detailed I ask your Honor to direct  
the Clerk or his deputy and the Sheriff  
of Cheatham County to observe and protect  
of law as my counsel shall direct  
without requiring bond or security for  
the same and that you do not  
petitio nisi in hoc.

Given to and subscribed before me  
This 20<sup>th</sup> of September 1870

J. P. Pettit

As stated in the first petition  
sent to your Honor I have examined the  
case of Addison Stement and in the  
above named case and think he has  
good cause of action against Mr  
Pettit and will prosecute his suit

Chas. D. Waddell

M. L. Washburn  
High school for  
women for leave to  
see in forma pauperis

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CHALTAUQUA COUNTY

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