

The State of Ohio, Richland County, ss.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1898, before me,  
Jas E Howard, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, personally  
 came Anna Harter, an unmarried woman, resident of  
Washington Township, in said County, and was then, by and before me, examined  
 under oath respecting the cause of her complaint in Bastardy against Clifford L  
Mitchell; the said accused person being then present to answer in the premises.

QUESTIONS BY THE JUSTICE.

QUESTION. In what State, County, and Township do you reside?

ANSWER. I reside in the State of Ohio, in Richland  
 County, and in Washington Township.

QUESTION. Are you married or unmarried?

ANSWER. Unmarried

QUESTION. Have you been delivered of a bastard child, or are you now pregnant of a bastard child, and if so, when was it begotten, and who is the father of the child?

ANSWER. Yes Sir - it was begotten about the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 1898 Clifford Mitchell is the father of the child -

QUESTION.\* by the accused -

1<sup>st</sup> Has the defendant Clifford Mitchell been wanting on you -

Ans - not of late

2<sup>nd</sup> Has he ever attended at your regular company

Ans - never did -

3<sup>rd</sup> How many times in all was he ever with you -

Ans not over four or five times -

4<sup>th</sup> Where was this child begotten

Ans at my home

5<sup>th</sup> State who if anyone has been keeping company with you during the last five months -

Ans I have had no regular company

\*The Justice should ask, if the child be already born, in what township it was born, and, in any event, all other questions he may deem necessary. The accused must then be allowed to ask such questions as he may deem necessary for his justification. These should be marked "Questions by the Accused."

If the above and the following page will not contain all the questions and answers, blank sheets should be properly fastened hereto. Just below her last answer the complainant must sign her name, after which the Justice should write: "No further questions were asked. The foregoing questions and answers were reduced to writing by me, and, being read to the complainant, she subscribed the same in my presence, on the day of . . . , 18 . . ." And this statement the Justice must sign officially. "The Justice before whom the examination is had, shall, within thirty days thereafter, file with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the County a certified transcript of the proceedings, together with the recognizance, if any be taken, and all other papers therein."

6. ~~With~~ how many different <sup>young men</sup> persons were you with during the month of May either as your escort or your company at home and only one -

7. Is it not true that a young man by the name of Ezra Snyder - was with you in the latter part of April or in May - and he was with me in June sometime

Annia Haste  
No further questions were asked. The foregoing questions were reduced to writing by me. She subscribed the same in my presence - on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1898  
John E. Howard  
Justice of the Peace in and for Jefferson W. Richland County

EXAMINATION

- OF -

COMPLAINANT IN BASTARDY.

v.s.

before

Justice of the Peace.

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Be it remembered, that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1898 C. L. Mitchel, William Spayd and Charles Spayde personally appeared before me J. E. Howard a Justice of the Peace - in and for said County, and jointly and severally acknowledged themselves to owe and be indebted to the State of Ohio, in the sum of four hundred dollars upon the condition: That if the said Clifford L. Mitchel shall be and appear before me at my office in the Village of Belleville Richland County, Ohio, on the twenty sixth day of September A.D. 1898 at eight o'clock A.M. to answer the complaint of Anna Harter against the said Clifford L. Mitchel as being the father of her bastard child, now pending before me, and to which time said cause was continued, and then and there answer said complaint and abide my order as justice therein, then this recognizance to be void, otherwise to remain in full force

C. L. Mitchel  
W. Spayde  
C. Spayde

Sureties approved

Taken and approved and acknowledged before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day September A.D. 1898

Joe E. Howard  
Justice of the Peace