

CW/VFM-85: *Theresa Bagliol Sickles*

Article Regarding the Murder of Phillip Barton Key

Harper's New Monthly Magazine: published September 1859 v.19, iss.112, p.563

Located on this page of the magazine is an editorial regarding Sickles' acquittal for the murder of his wife's lover, Phillip Barton Key. The community of the day felt that Key deserved to be shot for engaging in adultery, and were in full support of Sickles' acquittal. They were more scandalized by the fact that he forgave his wife for her betrayal.

Photocopy from a bound version: 1pp.

Newspaper Clippings from The Hagerstown Mail:

Most of these clippings are simply advertisements for household goods or land. There is however, part of a column on the Dred Scott Decision as well as other political opinions located within the pages. Being a Maryland based newspaper, there is reference to disappointment over the election of Republican governors.

Original documents: 5pp

The Hagerstown Mail: March 20, 1857 (this is in 2 pieces)

This document lays out the details of the trial and decision in the Supreme Court over the constitutionality of the Missouri Compromise line. Dred Scott attempted to sue for his freedom because his owner had taken him and his family into free territory. As far as he was concerned, that meant they were all free. The Supreme Court, particularly Roger Taney, ruled against him; he claimed that since Scott was not a citizen, he had no right to bring his grievances to court.

Original document: 2pp

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