

Leo Myers and Katie Einsig 1891 Court Case

There is a York County January 1891 Court Session Case involving fornication and bastardy between Leo Myers and Catherine Einsig. Einsig is also spelled Einzig in this case.

The purpose of this paper is to determine which Catherine Einsig was charged with fornication with Leo Myers; and to synopsize the events and outcome of the case.

The Main Characters in the Case

1. Leo Myers was charged with fornication and bastardy with Catherine (Katie) Einsig
 - Leo is married to Catherine Einzig (1844-1917) ¹
2. Catherine Myers filled the charge of fornication against Catherine (Katie) Einsig
 - Catherine is Leo's wife
 - From what we can tell this Catherine never went by the name Kate or Katie
 - She charged Catherine (Katie) Einsig with fornication against her husband.
3. Catherine (Katie) Einsig who is the defendant against the charge
 - This Catherine was charged with fornication.
 - This Catherine signed her court appearance bail, and Leo's indictment charges as Katie.
4. Cassandra Einsig was subpoenaed as a witness for Catherine Myers in her charge of fornication against Catherine (Katie) Einsig.
 - Cassandra is the wife of David R. Einzig (1850-1911) ²
 - Cassandra and David had a daughter; Catharine who was born in 1873, went by the name Katie, and married John Rinehart on March 13th 1893. ³
5. Mary Gehring was subpoenaed as a witness for Katie Einsig in her charge of fornication and bastardy against Leo Myers.
 - Mary is the mother of Barbara Gehring who married George Einzig (1849-1879). ⁴

The Charge Against Katie Einsig

The fornication charge against Catherine (Katie) Einsig was having carnal knowledge with Leo Myers, the husband of Catherine Einsig- Myers.

- Leo's wife Catherine and Cassandra Einsig were subpoenaed as a witness for Leo's case.
 - Cassandra Einsig is the wife of David R. Einzig (1850-1911) ⁵
- The Grand Inquest against Catherine Einsig: Catherine Einsig of York County, Spinster, on February 28th 1890, in York County, unlawfully did commit fornication with one Leo Myers, and did then and there have unlawful carnal knowledge of the body of him, the

said Leo Myers, Contrary to the form of the act of the General Assembly in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Charge Against Leo Myers

The fornication and bastardy charge against Leo Myers was made by Katie Einsig, charging him with having carnal knowledge, resulting in the birth of a child.

- Katie and Mary Gehring were subpoenaed as witnesses on Katie's charge against Leo.
 - Mary is the mother of Barbara Gehring who married George Einzig (1849-1879).⁶
- The male child was born Thursday October 23rd 1890, and died the following Thursday, October 30th 1890.ⁱ
- The Grand Inquest against Leo Myers of York County, Yoeman, on January 10th 1890 in York County did commit fornication with Katie Einzig and a male bastard child, on the body of Katie Einzig then and there did beget; of which said male child was born October 24th 1890. Contrary to the form of the act of the General Assembly in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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1. Leo Myers and Catherine (Kate) Einzig January 1891 Court Case: The information came from the following January 1891 Session court records: No. 6 Pennsylvania Commonwealth –vs- Catherine Einsig, Indictment-Fornication; No. 9 Leo Myers, Indictment: Fornication and Bastardy; York County Archives, 150 Pleasant Acres Road, York, Pennsylvania 17402; Copy, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372

End Notes

¹ Anton Einzig (1804-1959) research paper, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372; <http://taylorgrahamlibrary.net>

ⁱ The birth date of the child is handwritten on the indictment signed by Katie Einsig, and the day of the death is noted, but the date was determined by an October 1890 calendar. The handwritten not of the birth date is different than the date cited in Leo Myers's Grand Inquest; October 24th 1890.

² David Einzig (1850-1911) research paper, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372; <http://taylorgrahamlibrary.net>

³ Kate Rinehart Marriage: Reference ID: v L p 351 cn 6024; GS Film Number: 22141; Digital Folder Number: 004261183; Image Number: 00756; Pennsylvania, County Marriages, 1885-1950, database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VFMV-L8V> : accessed 2 October 2015), John Rinehart and Kate Einsig, 13 Mar 1893; citing Marriage, Pennsylvania, county courthouses, Pennsylvania; FHL microfilm 22,141.

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