

WASHINGTON'S RELICS.

MRS. ELLA B. WASHINGTON GETS A VERDICT AGAINST LAWYER CHURCH.

In the Supreme Court yesterday, in Brooklyn, judgment was entered against Walter S. Church, a counselor at law, of Albany, for \$2,093 40, with interest, in the suit of Washington against Church. The plaintiff, Mrs. Ella B. Washington, the widow of Lewis B. Washington, a grand-nephew of Gen. George Washington, had in her possession the following named articles, once the property of the Father of his Country:

First—A sword sent to Gen. Washington during the revolution by Frederick the Great, of Prussia, with the message: "From the oldest to the greatest General."

Second—A pistol, one of a pair of heavy, antique horseman's pistols, used by Gen. Lafayette during the Revolution.

Third—Watch, chain, and seals worn by Washington during his life.

Fourth—Surveying implements used by Gen. Washington.

Fifth—Chains for measurements and Jacob's staff to hold compass.

Sixth—Book (the only one in this country) containing colored plates of the different uniforms worn by soldiers in England.

Seventh—Original draft of the Farewell Address.

Eighth—Paper containing Washington's opinion of certain General officers.

Ninth—List of household expenses.

The defendant Church got an appropriation through the Legislature of \$20,000. to purchase the relics for the State. He placed the amount to his own credit. He paid Mrs. Washington \$15,000, in installments, and then ceased further payments, claiming that the remainder was due him for legal services. Mrs. Washington alleged that the defendant had tendered her his services gratis from patriotic motives. Mr. Church refusing to admit the patriotic motives, Mrs. Washington brought suit for an accounting. The matter was referred to ex-Surrogate Veeder, who reported that the defendant had \$4,488 45 of the fund in his possession, that he was entitled to \$2,494 95 for services, and that judgment should be entered in favor of the plaintiff for the balance.

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