

**DOCUMENT 27 – PETITION OF E. MIELING FOR RELIEF DUE TO DAMAGES  
INCURRED BY HIS WIFE**

**August 28, 1854**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

To the Hon. Mayor & Common Council  
of the city of Chicago.

Your Petitioner

E. Mieling, respectfully  
represents to you, that he has heretofore  
presented his certain Petition for  
relief to your Hon. body, for certain  
injuries sustained by the wife of your  
Petitioner being run over by the wheels  
of a Fire-engine running to a fire in this  
city. The Common Council was thereupon  
Pleased to order the Payment of fifty  
Dollars to your Petitioner, to relieve the  
most pressing necessities of the case at that  
time, promising the payment of more  
money, should it become necessary.  
Your Petitioner would further say, that  
the entire sum of fifty Dollars was paid  
to Dr. Kaeferly, the surgeon who dressed the  
wounds of his wife, on account, and that  
your Petitioner is still indebted to him in a  
large sum, and is also indebted to Fred  
Rosenmerkel in the sum of about thirty  
Dollars for medicines &c &c for his said  
wife, who is still unable to do her house-  
work from the effects of said injury; and  
that your Petitioner has lost about two months

work in attending upon his said sick wife,  
and that he is now in great poverty and  
distress in consequence thereof, and prays  
your Honorable body for such relief, as  
shall seem just & equitable under the  
circumstances.

A. Voss,  
his atty.

E. Mieling