In Search of The Supreme Flaw of the Land: Nameless Document

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The U.S. constitution is a contract to which all of the rules of contracts apply.

... when a written contract has been entered into, and the object is to prove what it was, it is requisite to produce the original writing, if it is to be attained; and in that case no copy or other inferior evidence will be received. —from EVIDENCE Bouvier's Law Dictionary, 1889

Most formal references to the U.S. constitution are to *The Constitution of the United States of America*. The original document doesn't have that title. It doesn't have any title at all. It begins immediately at what we call the Preamble. Even the Preamble isn't labeled as such. The Preamble refers to the document simply as "this Constitution for the United States of America". Grammatically, that doesn't exclude the possibility of other such constitutions. It simply refers to "this" constitution, which might admit the possible existence of other constitutions besides "this" one.

The intention of the parties is the pole-star of construction; but their intention must be found expressed in the contract and be consistent with rules of law. The court will not make a new contract for the parties, nor will words be forced from their real signification. —from CONTRACT Bouvier's Law Dictionary, 1889

The alleged title isn't found in writing. The only way that a specific title could have been added later is by amendment. Unless such an amendment can be discovered, any copy of the document that bears the title *The Constitution of the United States of America* is a falsification. Any legal document, process, procedure, and so forth, that relies for its validity on a document titled *The Constitution of the United States of America*, being based on a document that doesn't exist, is null and void from its inception, and is of no legal merit or effect. That invalidates most, probably all, of the American political landscape.

There isn't any known remedy for the lack of a document titled *The Constitution of the United States of America*. Lacking such a document, anything that relies on it for its validity, is invalid.

Just for the record, the 1889 edition of *Bouvier's Law Dictionary* is available, for free, in *The Sovereign's Library*.

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