

MISS MADDOX TRIES A CASE

Woman Lawyer Makes Her First Appearance.

Miss Etta H. Maddox, the only woman member of the Baltimore bar, made her first appearance in court yesterday in the trial of a case, and it was the unanimous verdict of those present that she acquitted herself with credit. Miss Maddox made her debut at the trial table before Judge Sharp, in Circuit Court No. 2, as attorney for Mrs. Gertrude Campbell, who is suing her husband, Charles Campbell, for divorce. Mr. William H. Lawrence was the attorney on the other side. The case came before the court upon the petition of Mrs. Campbell for an order of court requiring her husband to pay her alimony pending the suit and counsel fee.

In anticipation of the trial Miss Maddox had taken off her coat and hat and appeared at the trial table wearing a white shirtwaist and a blue skirt. She showed no trepidation in opening the case.

Mrs. Campbell, in answer to Miss Maddox's questions, said she was 16 years old on May 29 last and was married one month later at Fowson. Mr. Campbell is an ironmoldy, she said. Mr. Lawrence objected to Mr. Campbell's statement that her husband had told her that he made \$24.16 a week.

"His average earning capacity is under consideration I should say," replied Miss Maddox to the objection.

When Mr. Lawrence objected to Miss Maddox asking what he termed was a leading question Miss Maddox retorted: "That was not a leading question. The witness is a mere child."

"Don't lead too much," suggested Judge Sharp.

Mr. Lawrence again objected when Miss Maddox asked her client "Who is supporting you now? Where are you getting your bread and butter?"

"I am only trying to expedite matters," Miss Maddox explained to the Court. "This woman will never be able to tell her story unless she is questioned in a certain way."

On cross-examination Mrs. Campbell said she never lived with her husband after the marriage. Mr. Campbell testified in his own behalf that he lives at 2011 Bank street and that he has to support his father. Several times in replying to Miss Maddox's questions Mr. Campbell said, "No, sir," and then corrected himself to "No, ma'am."

Both Miss Maddox and Mr. Lawrence said they did not desire to argue the case, and Judge Sharp said he would sign an order allowing Mrs. Campbell \$3.50 a week alimony pending the divorce case and \$15 counsel fee.