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To The Honorable, The Judge of Said Court: Your oratrix, complaining, respectfully says:

FIRST, that the parties hereto were married on or about May Ist.I9I7 by Rev.Carroll a Methodist minister of Baltimore City, Maryland and lived together as man and wife until on or about November 26th.I9I7. Said marriage occured in Baltimore city, State of Maryland.

SECOND, That both parties are residents of the city of Baltimore, state of "aryland, and have been for more than two years prior to the filing of this bill of complaint.

THIRD, That though the conduct of your Oratrix toward her husband has always been kind, affectionate and above reproach, he without any just cause or reason abandoned and deserted your oratrix to live in open adultery with a lewd and abandoned woman whose name is unknown to your oratrix; that the said desertion has continued uninterruptedly for more than three years prior to the filing of this bill of complaint. That the said defendant has declared his intentions to live no longer with your oratrix. That the said separation of the parties are beyond any reasonable hope or expectation of reconciliation.

FOURTH, That your oratrix has never condoned nor forgiven the said desertion and adultery, that she has never cohabited with the said respondent since the desertion and adultery

FIFTH, that there are no children born as a result of said marriage.

THEREFORE YOUR ORATRIX PRAYS:

a-a A divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the respondent. b-b Such other and further releif as the case may require. May it please Your Honor to grant unto Your Oratrix a Writ of Subpoena, directed unto the said respondent, commanding him to be or appear in this Court on some day certain to be named therein, to perform such decree as may be passed in the premises.

As in duty bound etc.

Complainant

and Solicitors For Complainant.

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EQUITY SUBPOENA The State of Maryland

To

Edward Braxton

of Baltimore City, Greeting:

WE COMMAND AND ENJOIN YOU, that all excuses set aside, you be in your person before the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, at the Court House in said City, on the second Monday of Allember 1920, to answer the complaint of

Latte Braxton

against you in said Court exhibited.

HEREOF fail not, as you will answer the contrary at your peril:

WITNESS, the honorable MORRIS A. SOPER, Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, the \int^{t} Issued the 30 day of Allowing in the year 1920 In the year 1920 In the year 1920 In the year 1920

Notice to the person summoned:

"Personal attendance in Court on the day named in the above writ is not required; but unless within fifteen (15) days after the return day, legal defense is made in the above mentioned suit a Judgment by default may be entered against you."

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vs.

In The Circuit Court

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Edward Braxton Baltimore City.

To The Honorable, The Judge of Said Court:

Your Oratrix complaining respectfully states that the defendant is employed as a laborer and earns from thirty five to forty dollars a week; that your Oratrix is without means with which to defray the expenses of this litigation; that she is advised by counsel that she is entitled to have an order passed by this Honorable Court awarding her a sum certain_____ as alimony during the progress of this suit and a further sum to compensate her solicitor for his services in the cause.

WHEREFORE YOUR ORATRIX PRAYS:

a-a That an order be passed allowing her alimony Pendite Lite, a counsel fee in sum as this Honorable Court may think just and proper.

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Baltimore City

I hereby certify that on this day of I920, before me the subscriber, a notary Public in and for Baltimore City, State of Maryland, personally appeared Lottie Braxton, the complainant in the foregoing Bill and made oath in due form of law that the matter contained in the same was true to the best of her knowledge and beleif.

Notary Public.

Geo B Docket 735 CIRCUIT COURT lon n lar ne hu **Order For Alimony** Pendente Lite ORDER B No. Now Fa: 18 Lac 1920

IN THE Lotte Braston Edward Craston CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY TERM, 192 🔘 day of December ORDERED BY THE COURT this... 1920. that the defendant otto pay to the plaintif Angen the sum of -Dollars per week, during the continuance of this suit, accounting from the lecente 192 0 to the said plaintiff fattel Grayton day of ... as alimony, pendente lite unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the MMAY 192[, provided a copy of this Order be served on the said defendant Santon on or before the centa 1920 day of

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IN THE **Circuit** Court OF BALTIMORE CITY.

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having been duly summoned (notified by Order of Publication) to appear to The Defendant the Bill of Complaint, and having failed to appear thereto, according to the exigency of the writ, (said Order).

3m January It is thereupon this day of in the year nineteen twents one by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, ADJUDGED, ORDERED and hundred and DECREED, that the complainant is entitled to relief in the premises, and that the bill of Complaint be and is hereby taken pro confesso against said defendant. But because it doth not certainly appear to what relief the Plaintiff is entitled, it is further Adjudged, and Ordered, that one of the Examiners of this Court, take testimony to support the allegations of the bill.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

BALTIMORE CITY, SCT:

Forember 1920 Inch day of I hereby certify that on this before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public, of the State of Maryland, in and for the City aforesaid, Lottie Braxton personally appeared and made oath in due form of law that her (his) husband (wife) the defendant in the above entitled case is not in the Military or Naval service of the United States Government, to the best of her (his) knowledge, information and belief.

As Witness my hand and Notarial Seal.

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Doc. B 735 In the Circuit Court, **OF BALTIMORE CITY** DEPOSITIONS Lottie Brafton US. Edward Brafton No. 21/ PLAINTIFF'S COSTS Examiners \$ 8 Copies ... Sheriff..... 100 Stenographer DEFENDANT'S COSTS Examiners \$...... Copies_ Sheriff..... Stenographer..... Filed 1" August 1921

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In the Circuit Court____

OF BALTIMORE CITY.

e Pro Coules and notice having been given me by the Solicitor for the of a desire to take testimony in the same, I, A. de RUSSY SAPPINGTON, one of the Standing Examiners of the Circuit Courts of Baltimore City, under and by virtue of an order of the above named Circuit Court, passed in said cause on the day of annary 1921, met on Ehird day of February in the year nineteen the hundred and Luvely - oue at my office, in the City of Baltimore, in the Stateof Maryland, and assigned the fourth day of Tehrien ive o'clock in the after noon and the in the same year at...... office of Mussis Davis & Youshop in the City and State aforesaid, as the time and place for such examination of witnesses in said cause;" at which last mentioned time and place I attended, due notice of such meeting having been given, and proceeded in the presence of the Solicitor......of the plaulyto take the following depositions, that

is to say:-

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Testimony taken at the office of Messrs Davis and Bishop, Pleasant Street, Baltimore, Maryland, January 4th., 1921, at 5 O'clock P. M.

m LOTTIE BRAXTON, the Plaintiff in this case, produced on her own behalf, having been first duly sworn, deposeth and saith as fellews, that is to say:

BY THE EXAMINER:

1 Q. State your name residence and occupation?

A. Lottie Braxton, 1236 Jefferson Street; Maundry work.

2 Q. Do you know the parties to this suit?

A. I am the Plaintiff and my husband is the Defendant.

BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. When were you married?

A. I was married May 1st., 1917.

2 Q. I" Baltimere City.

A. Yes.

3 Q. By whom?

A. By the Reverend Mr. Carroll of the Centenial
 Church - a Methodist Minister.

4 Q. And the parties to this suit - you and your husband - lived together until when?

A. November 26th

5 Q. The same year, was'nt it?

A. 1917.

6 Q. What was the cause of the separation between you and your husband?

A. Well, he did not support me and I had to work when I was not able to do it, and keep the bills up and the expenses going.

7 Q. Who paid the house rent?

A. I did.

8 Q. Where were you living.

A. 25 South Register Street.

9 Q. Who paid the store bill?

A. I did.

10 Q. Was there any furniture purchased then?

A. No sir.

11 Q. T mean: Somebody purchased some furniture,

did nt they.

A. Yes. A gas range he bought.

12 Q. who bought the rent of the furniture?

A. I did.

13 Q. Did you pay for it?

A. Yes.

14 Q. How often did your husband work?

A. Two or three times a week.

15 Q. Two or three times a week.

A. something like that.

16 Q. Did you have to pay his bills too?

A. Yes.

17 Q. What was the state of your health **at** that time?

A. I had just come from under an operation.

18 Q. You had just come from under an operation and you had to work just the same?

A. Yes.

19 Q. And you stood it as long as you could, and on November 26mh., 1917, you separated?

A. Yes. It was caused from non-support and I had trouble with him with women.

20 Q. Before you left him?

A. Yes.

21 Q. What was the woman's name.

A. Hattie and the others I saw him with several times

22 Q. You have caught him with women.

A. Yes.

23 Q. What sort of house did he take the women to.

A. I do not know the parties name.

24 Q. What was its reputation; good or bad?

A. Yes.

25 Q. You are satisfied that it was a house where you could take a woman and go to bed with her?

A. Y^{es}.

26 Q. Did you see him go in?

A. Yes; I sawhhim go in and come out.

27 Q. How long did he stay there.

A. Half an hour or probably an hour.

28 Q. Do you know the name of any other woman that he was familiar with.

A. Emaline Adams.

29 Q. What was his relation with her?

A. He lived with her; he lived with her up until two weeks ago.

30 Q. He lived with her up until two weeks ago.

A. Yes, and he moved away but he still keeps her company.

31 Q. I understood you to say that after the separation in 1917 he lived with Emaline Adams?

A. Yes.

32 Q. Do you know whether or not Emaline Adams used his name?

A. I can not say whether she did or not.

33 Q. Where did he live with her.

A. 1011 Watson SStreet.

34 Q. Did you ever see him with Emaline Adams?

A. Yes.

35 Q. Where?

A. I saw him pass my house going to moving pictures.

36 Q. When?

A. This Summer and I saw him at Edgewood Grove.

37 Q. You saw him?

A. Yes, with her, and he would not speak to me; I saw him with her.

38 Q. Have you talked with him about Emaline Adams?

A. Yes. I said "What is she; a friend of your's".
39 Q. Did you have any difference with Emaline
Adams about your husband.

A. Only I spoke to him, and he would be on her steps and she would get awfully angry about it.

40 Q. She was jealous of you speaking to your husband?

A. Yes.

41 Q. When was that?

A. During the Summer of 1920.

42 Q. Have you been a resident of Baltimore City, State of Maryland, for at least two years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Yes; I have been in the State of Maryland all my life.

43 Q. And your husband has been a resident of Baltimore City, State of Maryland, for at least two years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Yes.

44 Q. What was your conduct towards your husband; kind and affectionate and above reproach?

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A. Yes.

4, Q. And a dutiful wife to him and true to him?

A I certainly was.

46 Q. Did you give him any cause to refuse to support you?

A. No sir.

47 Q. Were you responsible for the separation

A. No sir.

48 Q. Has this abandonment continued uninterruptedly for at least three years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Well, yes.

49 Q. Has he declared his intention never to live with you any longer?

A. No sir.

50 Q. Is there any chance of you making up, - any hope of a reconciliation?

A. No sir.

51 Q. Have you forgiven or condoned his offense of adultery?

A. No sir.

52 Q. Have you lived or cohabited with him since the separation?

A. No sir.

53 Q. There are no children as the result of this marriage?

A. No sir.

54 Q. You would like to resume the use of your maiden name of Guinn?

A. Yes.

GENERAL QUESTION

Do you know or can you state any other matter or thing that may be to the benefit or advantage of the parties to this suit, or either of them, or that may be material to the subject of this, your examination, or the matters in question between the parties? If so, state the same fullyand at large in your answer.

Mr lottie Brapton A. ---

CARRIE JONES, a witness of lawful age, produced on behalf of the Plaintiff, having been first duly sworn, deposeth and saith as follows, that is to say: BY THE EXAMINER:

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1 Q. State your name residence and occupation?

A. Carrie Jones, 1009 Watson Street; house work.

2 Q. Do you know the parties to this suit?

A. Yes; I know them

BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. Mrs. Braxton is your sister.

A. Yes.

2 Q. You know that they were married.

A. Yes, but I was not there.

3 Q. You have visited them since they were married? Did you not, - They lived together as husband and wife.

A. Yes; I visited them often.

4 Q. And they lived together as husband and wife?A. Yes.

5 Q. And he held her out in the community as his wife.

A. Yes.

6 Q. And their reputation was that of husband and wife?

A. Yes.

7 Q. You visited them several times?

A. Yes; I certainly did.

8 Q. Where did they live at that time?

A. No. 25 Register Street.

9 Q. They separated November 26th., 1917?

A. Yes.

10 Q. What was the cause of that separation?

A. He running around with other women, and his mistreatment at home. I know that.

11 Q. What do you mean by his mistreatment at home? A He did not half support her.

12 Q. Did his wife work continuously?

A. Yes; she certainly did.

12 Q. Do you know who paid the rent for the house.

A. I do not know any more than she tells me - what she tells me.

13 Q. Do you know whether she paid the store bills.

A. Yes; she paid that.

14 Q. And the furniture bill?

A. Yes.

15 Q. The furniture was her's, if she paid for it.A. Yes.

16 Q. And at the time of the separation she kept it?

A. Yes.

17 Q. What was her conduct towards her husband; was it affectionate and above reproach?

A. Yes.

18 Q. Was she responsible for the separation?

A. No sir.

19 Q. Has he been a resident of Baltimore City, State of Maryland, for more than two years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Yes.

20 Q. Has she been a resident of Baltimor e City, State of Maryland, for at least two years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Yes.

21 Q. How often did her husband work?

A. He worked about every two or three weeks. Just as she said, - When he did get any money he did not bring it home to her.

22 Q. Who supported herself and her husband?

A. She did.

23 Q. Where did he spend his time?

A. Most of the time he was in the street with these outside women.

24 Q. He had outside women even while living together as husband and wife?

A. Yes.

25 Q. Did you see him with these outside women?

A. Yes.

26 Q. Where

A. On Broadway and the one that he has with him now lives right next door to me.

27 Q. Right next door to you?

A. Yes.

28 Q. Where do you live?

A. 1009 Watson Street, and they pass as husband and wife.

29 Q. They pass as husband and wife?

A. Yes.

30 Q. They live there together and sleep together?A. Yes.

31 Q. Have you met him on the street with her?

A. Yes; no longer than last night together.

32 Q. Now, has the desertion of the Plaintiff by her husband continued uninterruptedly for at least three years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Yes.

33 Q. State whether or not said abandonment was deliberate and final?

A. Yes.

34 Q. State whether or not there is anyrreasonable hope or expectation of a reconciliation?

A. No sir; there is not.

35 Q. Has he delcared his intention never to live with her any more.

A. Yes; I heard him say more than once that he would never go back any more with Lottie.

36 Q. Is there any chance or hope of their making up -- any chance of a reconciliation?

A. No sir.

37 Q. Has Mrs. Braxton ever lived or cohabited with her husband since she discovered his adulteries

A. No sir.

38 Q. Has she ever forgiven or conduct his offense in any way?

A. No sir.

39 Q. She has never lived with him since the separation?

A. No sir.

GENERAL QUESTION

Do you know or can you state ay other matter or thing that may be to the benefit or advantage of the parties to this suit, or either of them, or that may be material t the subject of this, your examination, or the matters in question between the parties? If so, state the same fully and at large in your answer.

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DORA COOPER, a witness of lawful age, produced on behalf of the Plaintiff, having been first duly sworn, deposeth and saith as follows, that is to say:

BY THE EXAMINER:

1 Q. State your name residence and occupation?

A. Doza Cooper, 1009 Watson Street; house work.

2 Q. Do you know the parties to this suit?

A. Yes.

BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. Were you present when they were married, - at the wedding?

A. Yes.

2 Q. You were present at the wedding?

A. Yes.

4 Q. Then you know that they were married on the 1st., May 1917.

A. Yes.

4 Q. Who married them, - the Reverend Mr. Carroll

A. Yes.

5 Q. A Methodist Minister.

A. Yes.

6 Q. In Baltimore City, State of Maryland?

A. Yes.

7 Q. They lived together as husband and wife until

November 26th., 1917, did they not?

A. Yes.

8 Q. You visited them often while living together?

A. Yes; I lived there with them.

9 Q. Where did they live?

A. No. 25 Register Street.

10 Q. There was a separation on November 26th.,

1917; what was the cause of the separation?

A. He did not work, and she would have to work; he did not support her.

11 Q. Your sister worked while living with him.

A. Yes.

12 Q. Who paid the house rent?

A. She did.

13 Q. And the store bill?

A. She did.

14 Q. And for the furniture?

A. She did.

15 Q. The furniture belonged to your sister? A. Yes.

16 Q. He very seldom brought any money home?A. Very seldom.

17 Q. Where was he must of the time?

A. Most of the time in the Street.

18 Q. What do you know of his conduct with other women?A. I saw him talking to women on the street corner; mo most of them I did not know.

19 Q. You and Mrs. Braxton followed him one night, did'nt you.

A. Yes.

20 Q. When was that; while they were living together?A. Yes.

21 9. 1917?

A. Yes.

22 Q. You followe d him where?

A. Up in Dallas Street.

23 Q. What did he do?

A. He went in a house with a woman; I do not know what he did. I do not know what he did after he got inside.

24 Q. What was the reputation of that house?

A. It was not good.

26 Q. Was the reputation of the house that where a man could take a woman and go into a room and have sexual intercourse with her?

A. Yes.

26 Q. How long did he stay in there with her?

A. About half an hour.

27 Q. Where did he live after the separation?

A. 1009 Watson Street.

28 Q. With whom did he live?

A. With Emaline Adams.

29 Q. Do you mean that they lived together as husband and wife'

A. Yes.

30 Q. She passed as his wife?

A. Yes.

31 Q. Have you seen him any where else with Emaline Adams?

A. Yes.

32 Q. She passes as his wife now?

A. Yes; they passed as husband and wife.

33 Q. He lives in open adultery with her?

A. Yes.

34 Q. Has the Plaintiff been a resident of Baltimore City, State of Maryland, for at least two years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Yes.

35 Q. And he has been a resident of Baltimore City.

A. Yes.

36 Q. What was her conduct towards her husband?

A. The only thing that I could see was that she was

hard working woman.

37 Q. Was she kind and affectionate and was her conduct above reproach?

A. Yes.

38 Q. Was she responsible for his support,- I mean did she work and support him.

A. Yes.

39 Q. Was she responsible for the separation?

A. No sir.

40 Q. Has the desertion of the Plaintiff by the Defendant continued uninterruptedly for more than three years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Yes.

41 Q. Has the Defendant declared his intention never to live with his vife again?

A. I heard him say that.

42 Q. You heard him say that?

A. Yes.

43 Q. Is there any chance of their making up?

A. No sir; I dont think there is.

44 Q. Has he ever forgiven or condoned his offense of adultery in any way?

A. No sir.

45 Q. And she has never lived with him since the separation?

A. No sir.

46 Q. There are no children born of this marriage?

A. No sir.

GENERAL QUESTION

Do you know or can you state ay other matter or thing that may be to the benefit or advantage of the parties to this suit, or either of them, or that may be material t the subject of this, your examination, or the matters in question between the parties? If so, state the same fully and at large in your answer.

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No other witnesses being named or produced before me, I then, at the request
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I, A. de RUSSY SAPPINGTON, the Examiner before whom the foregoing depositions were taken, do hereby certify that I was employed in assigning a day, and taking the said depositions upon days, on days, on of which I was employed by the Plaintiff, and on by the Defendant.

and September.

Examiner.

Circuit Court 735 B Docket No. 60 Braxton Braxton Order of Reference and Report loor Order Filed 3 day of Mynet 19 2/ Report Filed......day of......19

Lottie Braxton

VS.

Edward Braxton

IN THE

Circuit Court

OF

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This case being submitted, without argument, it is ordered by the Court, this...

Mant day of

...., Esq., Auditor and Master, to report the

pleadings and the facts, and his opinion thereon.

Report of Auditor and Master

Bil	1 for divorce a vinculo matrimonii filed by the wife
aga inst her husban	d on the grounds of a band onment and of adultery. Code
1911, Art. 16, sec	s. 36-41.
Def	endant summoned.
Res	idence of both parties in Baltimore City for more than
two years proven.	*
The	merriage proven.
The	abandonment for three years, its finality and the irre-
concilability of t	he parties proven. For authority see Lytle vs. Lytle,
Circuit Court No.	2, 23 B. 343 and Clark vs. Clark, same Court, 24 B. 64.
The	adultery proven.
A d	ecree pro confesso was passed against the defendant and
more than thirty d	ays have since elapsed.
Cas	e ready for decree.
	Mana Belle
	Auditor and Master.
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August 11th, 1921.

The within is a proper decree to be passed CIRCUIT COURT in this case. mand B. B-735-Auditor and Maste No. 60 Docket 1920. LOTTIE BRAXTON VS. EDWARD BRAXT ON Recorded Folio 205 1921 Decree of Divorce B No..... Il 12 angust 192,

Decree of Divorce	IN THE
LOTTE BRAXTON	Circuit Court
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VS.	BALTIMORE CITY
EDWARD BRAXTON)
This cause standing ready for hearing and be	eing duly submitted, the proceedings were by the
Court read and considered.	Λ.
It is thereupon, this	ay of Acequest, A. D. 1921,
by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, Adjudged	V
Lottie Braxton	
the above named Complainant be and S he is hereby 1	DIVORCED A VINCULO MATRIMONII from the
Defendant, the said Edward Braxton.	
	said complainant be and she is
hereby authorized to resume her main	den name, Lottie Guinn.
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And it is further Ordered, That the saiddefte pay the cost of this proceeding.	endant

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