

In The Circuit Court
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Baltimore City 1900

Florence Boston
Widely

vs

Arthur Boston

Bill for Divorce & Alimony

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Wm. Bishop
C.S.D.

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DAVIS & BISHOP

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

117 E. LEXINGTON STREET

BALTIMORE, MD.

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Florence Boston

In The Circuit Court

vs.

of

Arthur Boston

Baltimore City.

To The Honorable, The Judge of Said Court:

Your Oratrix, complaining, respectfully says:

FIRST, That the parties hereto were married in Baltimore, state of Maryland, June 11th. by Rev. Sides, a methodist minister, in the year of 1911. and lived together as man and wife until on or about May 23rd. 1913.

SECOND, That Your Oratrix is a resident of the city of Baltimore, state of Maryland, and has been for more than two years prior to the filing of this bill of Complaint. That the defendant is a non-resident of the city and state and when last heard of was in Philadelphia, Pa.

THIRD, That though the conduct of your Oratrix towards her husband has always been kind, affectionate, and above reproach, he, without any just cause or reason abandoned and deserted her, and has declared his intentions to live with her no longer; that such abandonment has continued uninterrupted for more than three years prior to the filing of this bill of complaint; and was deliberate and final, and beyond any reasonable hope or expectation of reconciliation.

FOURTH, That Your Oratrix has never condoned nor forgiven the said desertion, that she has never co-habited with the said respondent since the desertion.

FIFTH, That there are no children as result of said marriage.

WHEREFORE YOUR ORATRIX PRAYS:

a-a A divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the defendant.

b-b Such other and further relief as the case may require

May it please Your Honor, to grant unto Your Oratrix, an order of publication, setting forth the nature and substance of this Bill and warning the said defendant to be in this court in person or appear by solicitor on or before a certain day to be therein named and show cause, if any he may have why a decree should not be passed as prayed.

Ad in duty bound etc.

Florence Boston
Complainant.

Winn & Bishop
Solicitors for Complainant

State of Maryland }
Baltimore City } To Wit:

I hereby certify that on this 17th day of July
1920, before me the subscriber, a notary public in and for
Baltimore City, State of Maryland, personally appeared Flore--
nce Boston, 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 belief.

Wm. H. Rogers
Notary Public.

Davis & Bishop, Solicitors,

118 E. Lexington St.

In The Circuit Court of Baltimore City.

Florence Boston vs. Arthur Boston,

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

The object of this suit is to procure a decree for a divorce A VINCULO MATRIMONNII, by the plaintiff from the defendant.

The Bill states that the parties thereto were married in Baltimore, by a methodist minister, June 11th. 1911 and lived together as man and wife until May 23rd. 1913. That the plaintiff is a resident of the city of Baltimore, state of Maryland and has been for more than two years prior to the filing of this bill of complaint. That the defendant is a non-resident of this city and state, and when last heard of was in Philadelphia Pa. That though the conduct of the plaintiff towards her husband was always kind and affectionate and above reproach, he, without just cause or reason, abandoned her and has declared his intentions not to live with her any longer; and that the abandonment has continued uninterrupted for more than three years prior to the filing of this bill of complaint; and that the separation of the parties are beyond any reasonable hope or expectation of reconciliation. That there are no children as a result of said marriage.

It is thereupon by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, ordered this ^{8th} day of ^{July} 1920. That the plaintiff by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some daily newspaper, published in the city of Baltimore, once a week for four successive weeks, before the ^{9th} day of ^{August} 1920, and give notice to the said defendant, Arthur Boston (now absent) of the object and substance of this bill and warning him to be and appear in this court in person or by solicitor, on or before the ^{25th} day of August 1920. to show cause if any he may have, why a decree should not be passed as prayed.

Mrs. A. Lopez

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Boston

vs.

Boston

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Davis & Bishop, Solicitors,
118 E. Lexington St.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTI-
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ton vs. Arthur Boston.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

The object of this suit is to procure a decree for a divorce a vinculo matrimonii by the plaintiff from the defendant.

The bill states that the parties thereto were married in Baltimore by a Methodist minister, June 11th, 1911, and lived together as man and wife until May 23rd, 1913. That the plaintiff is a resident of the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, and has been for more than two years prior to the filing of this bill of complaint. That the defendant is a non-resident of this city and State, and when last heard of was in Philadelphia, Pa. That, though the conduct of the plaintiff towards her husband was always kind and affectionate and above reproach, he, without just cause or reason, abandoned her and has declared his intentions not to live with her any longer; and that the abandonment has continued uninterruptedly for more than three years prior to the filing of this bill of complaint; and that the separation of the parties is beyond any reasonable hope or expectation of reconciliation. That there are no children as a result of said marriage.

It is thereupon, by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, ordered, this 8th day of July, 1920, that the plaintiff, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some daily newspaper, published in the City of Baltimore, once a week for four successive weeks, before the 9th day of August, 1920, and give notice to the said defendant, Arthur Boston (now absent) of the object and substance of this bill, and warning him to be and appear in this Court, in person or by solicitor, on or before the 25th day of August, 1920, to show cause, if any he may have, why a decree should not be passed as prayed.

MORRIS A. SOPER.

True copy—Test:

CHAS. R. WHITEFORD,
Jy9,16,23,30 Clerk.

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Florence Boston

vs.

Arthur Boston

IN THE
Circuit Court
OF
BALTIMORE CITY.

September Term, 19*20*

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

It is thereupon this *6th* day of *November* in the year nineteen hundred and *twenty* by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, ADJUDGED, ORDERED 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.

Robert F. Stanton

STATE OF MARYLAND,
BALTIMORE CITY, SCT :

I hereby certify that on this *5th* day of *November* 19*20* before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public, of the State of Maryland, in and for the City aforesaid, personally appeared *Florence Boston* 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.

x *Florence I Boston*

William D. Joyner
Notary Public.

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In the Circuit Court,
OF BALTIMORE CITY

DEPOSITIONS

Florence Boston

vs.

Archur Boston

No. 212157B

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DEFENDANT'S COSTS

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Lorenzo Boston

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vs.

Arthur Boston

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In the Circuit Court

OF BALTIMORE CITY.

Decree Pro Confess having
 been passed in said cause
 and notice having been given me by the Solicitor for the plaintiff
 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
sixth day of November 1920, met on
 the eleventh day of November in the year nineteen
 hundred and twenty at my office, in the City of Baltimore, in the State
 of Maryland, and assigned the twelfth day of November
 in the same year at three o'clock in the after-noon and the
 office of Messrs. Davis & Bishop, Esq. 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
plaintiff.....to take the following depositions, that
 is to say:—

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Boston,

v.

Boston.

Testimony taken at the office of Messrs Davis and Bishop, Lexington Street, Baltimore, Maryland, November 12th., 1920, at 4 O'clock P. M.

FLORENCE I. BOSTON, the Plaintiff in this case, produced on her own behalf, having been first duly sworn, deposeseth and saith as follows, that is to say:

BY THE EXAMINER:

1 Q. State your name residence and occupation?

A. Florence I. Boston, 520 North Eden Street; general housework.

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. June 1911.

2 Q. What year?

A. 1911.

3 Q. By the Reverend Mr. Sides?

A. Yes.

4 Q. Methodist Minister.

A. Yes.

5 Q. You and your husband lived together until May 23rd., 1913?

Florence I. Boston.

A. Yes.

6 Q. Did he leave you or did you leave him.

A. He put me out.

7 Q. Why did he put you out?

A. Because I was going on working, and when I came home there was a woman in the house, and I did not like it, and I spoke to him about it, and he said that if I did not like it that I could get out.

8 Q. When you lived with him did you work?

A. No sir; he did not work; that is, he worked but he only made two or three days a week.

9 Q. Did he support you.

A. No sir; I had to work all the time and worked and supported myself the whole time the best I could.

10 Q. And he put you out, and after putting you out he went there.

A. Yes; to Philadelphia.

11 Q. With some one?

A. Yes; with another woman so I heard.

12 Q. With another woman so you heard?

A. Yes.

13 Q. You have been a resident of Baltimore City, State of Maryland, for at least two years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Yes; all my days.

Florence I. Boston

14 Q. He is a non-resident?

A. Yes.

15 Q. And the last you heard of him he was in Philadelphia?

A. Yes.

16 Q. Has your conduct towards your husband been that of a kind and affectionate wife, and has your conduct always been above reproach?

A. Yes.

17 Q. Did you give him any cause to put you out?

A. No sir.

18 Q. You even supported him.

A. Yes.

18 Q. And he has declared his intention of living with you no longer?

A. Yes.

19 Q. He has?

A. Yes; he said that he did not want me.

20 Q. Has the abandonment of you by your husband continued uninterruptedly for more than three years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Yes; we have been separated seven years.

21 Q. Was his abandonment deliberate and final and his own final act; he deliberately left you, did he not?

A. Yes.

Florence I. Boston.

- 22 Q. Is there any hope of a reconciliation?
A. No sir.
- 23 Q. There is no chance of you making up.
A. No sir; not with me.
- 24 Q. Have you forgiven or condoned his offense?
A. No sir.
- 25 Q. Has -- Have you ever lived with him since he left you?
A. No sir.
- 26 Q. There are no children of this marriage?
A. No sir.
- 27 Q. You want to resume the use of your maiden name?
A. Yes.
- 28 Q. What is your maiden name.
A. Frisby.

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 fully and at large in your answer.

A.--- *No Florence J Boston.*

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

BY THE EXAMINER:

1 Q. State your name residence and occupation?
A. Elizabeth Somerville, 520 North Eden Street;
cook.

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

BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. The Plaintiff is your sister?
A. Yes.

2 Q. They were married June 11th., 1911.
A. Yes.

3 Q. You were not present at the marriage?
A. No.

4 Q. But you visited them often.
A. Yes.

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

6 Q. In fact they lived with you for a while.
A. Yes.

7 Q. And was their reputation in the community
that of husband and wife?
A. Yes.

Elizabeth Somerville.

8 Q. There was a separation; did she leave him or he leave her, or did he make her leave.

A. She came home and he said that if she did not like the way that he was doing that she should leave, and she had to leave; he put her out.

9 Q. Did he work?

A. No sir; she did all of it.

10 Q. She supported he and she?

A. Yes.

11 Q. Worked every day?

A. Yes.

12 Q. Did he ever give her anything.

A. Yes; but whenever he gave her anything it was 25 cents to last all day.

13 Q. She says that he had women coming to the house where they lived together.

A. Yes.

14 Q. Did the women come to your house after him while she lived with you?

A. Yes.

15 Q. And she put up a protest against this and he put her out.

A. Yes; that was while they were living by themselves and she came to live with us, and my mother said that women should not come there, and he moved his wife away, and that is when he put her out.

Elizabeth Somerville

16 Q. When he left his wife, did he leave with another woman.

A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you know her name?

A. I do not know the woman's name; that is what I heard.

18 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; all her life.

19 Q. And he is a non-resident of the State.

A. Yes.

20 Q. Her conduct towards her husband was always kind, and affectionate and abive reproach.

A. Yes; she left him.

21 Q. Did she give him any cause to leave her?

A. No sir.

22 Q. Did he declare his intention of not living with her any more.

A. Yes.

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

A. Yes.

24 Q. State whether or not there is any reasonable expectation of a reconciliation?

Elizabeth Somerville.

A. No sir.

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

A. No sir.

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

A. Yes it has.

27 Q. Are there any children of this marriage?

A. No sir.

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 fully and at large in your answer.

A.---

Elizabeth Somerville

KATIE FRISBY, 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. Katie Frisby, 520 North^h Eden Street.

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

A. Yes.

BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. Is she your sister.

A. Yes.

2 Q. They were married June 11th., 1911 by the Reverend Mr. Sides a Methodist Minister in Baltimore City was she not.

A. Yes.

2 Q. You were not present at the marriage.

A. No sir.

3 Q. You were not.

A. Yes; I was; I saw them married.

4 Q. Now they are separated?

A. Yes.

5 Q. When did they separate?

A. May 23rd., 1913.

6 Q. What happened at that time.

A. He put her out and she came home to us.

Katie Frisby.

7 Q. What did he put her out for?

A. He put her out because she spoke of women coming there after him.

8 Q. Do you know anything about the women running there after him.

A. Yes.

9 Q. You lived at home with these folks for sometime, did you not.

A. Yes.

10 Q. Did the women come there after him?

A. Yes.

10 Q. Did he work?

A. No sir.

11 Q. She supported herself and also supported him.

A. Yes.

13 Q. And while she was out working he was running with these women.

A. Yes.

13 Q. After he put her out what did he do.

A. He left town and went to Philadelphia with another woman.

Katie Frisby.

14 Q. And he is still living in Philadelphia with this woman.

A. Yes.

15 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.

16 Q. The Defendant is a non-resident of the State of Maryland.

A. Yes.

17 Q. Has her conduct towards her husband always been kind and affectionate and above reproach?

A. Yes.

18 Q. Did she give him any cause or reason to leave her?

A. No sir.

19 Q. Has he declared his intention of not living with her any more.

A. Yes.

20 Q. Did you hear him say that.

A. Yes.

21 Q. He said that he did not want her any more?

A. Yes.

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

Katie Frisby.

A. Yes.

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

A. Yes.

23 Q. Is there any hope of them ever making up.

A. No sir.

26 Q. Has he ever lived with her since he left her.

A. No sir.

24 Q. There are no children of this marriage?

A. No sir.

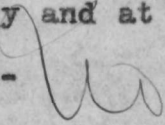
26 Q. Has she forgiven him for his acts?

A. No sir.

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 fully and at large in your answer.

A.---

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be "Katie Frisby".

Katie Frisby.

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No other witnesses being named or produced before me, I then, at the request of the Solicitor.....of the plaintiff..... closed the depositions taken in said cause and now return them closed under my hand and seal, on this 17 day of December in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty.....at the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland.

A. de Russey Sappington (SEAL).
Examiner.

There are no..... Exhibits with these depositions, to wit:

Plaintiff's..... Exhibit 1.....

Defendant's..... Exhibit 1.....

A. de Russey Sappington
Examiner.

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 two days, on both of which I was employed by the Plaintiff....., and on none by the Defendant.....

A. de Russey Sappington
Examiner.

Circuit Court

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vs.
Boston

Order of Reference
and Report

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Florence Boston

vs.

Arthur Boston

IN THE
Circuit Court

OF

BALTIMORE CITY

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Term, 19 20

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This case being submitted without argument, it is ordered by the Court, this day of December, 1920 that the same be and it is hereby referred to Alex H Robertson, Esq., Auditor and Master, to report the pleadings and the facts, and his opinion thereon.

Robert F. Stauber

Report of Auditor and Master

Bill filed by wife against husband for divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii for abandonment of three years. Code Article 16, Section 36. Order of publication against defendant as non-resident, no answer, decree Pro Confesso, thirty days elapsed. Proof shows marriage, residence of plaintiff, non-residence of defendant and abandonment for, at least, three years continuous, deliberate, final and without hope of reconciliation. The plaintiff to resume her maiden name. Case ready for decree.

Alex H Robertson
Auditor and Master.

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CIRCUIT COURT

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Florence Boston

VS.

Arthur Boston

Decree of Divorce

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At 23 December 1920

The within is a proper decree to be passed in this case.

Alfred W. [Signature]
Auditor and Master.

Decree of Divorce

IN THE

Circuit Court

OF

BALTIMORE CITY

Florence Boston

VS.

Arthur Boston

November

Term, 19.20.

This cause standing ready for hearing and being duly submitted, the proceedings were by the Court read and considered.

It is thereupon, this *twenty-third* day of December, A. D. 1920.

by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, Adjudged, Ordered and Decreed, that the said

Florence Boston

the above named Complainant be and she is hereby DIVORCED A VINCULO MATRIMONII from the Defendant, Arthur Boston; and that the plaintiff be permitted to resume her maiden name, Florence Frisby.

And it is further Ordered, That the said plaintiff pay the cost of this proceeding.

Robert F. Stanton