

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
no 2 BALTIMORE CITY. 17 ²¹³/₁₉₂₅

LEROY CLAUSON

VS.

ROSIE CLAUSON

205 S. Dallas St

BILL FOR DIVORCE

Mr. Clerk :-

Please file.

Davis & Evans
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF.

No 25757 B

DAVIS & EVANS,

~~ATTORNEYS AT LAW~~
ATTORNEY AT LAW

215 SAINT PAUL PLACE

BALTIMORE, MD.

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Feb. 21st April 1925

LEROY CLAUSON : IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
No 2
VS. : OF
ROSIE CLAUSON : BALTIMORE CITY.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Your Orator complaining respectfully represents:

1. That he was married to his wife, Rosie Clauson on the 14th day of April, 1919 and with whom he resided until on or about the 17th day of July, 1919 when the defendant deserted the plaintiff.
2. That though the conduct of your Orator toward the said Rosie Clauson has always been kind, affectionate and above reproach, she has, without any just cause or reason, abandoned and deserted him and has declared her intentions to live with him no longer and that such abandonment has continued uninterruptedly for more than three years and is deliberate and final and the separation of the parties is beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation.
3. That the defendant has committed the crime of adultery with divers, lewd and abandoned men in Baltimore City, whose names to your Orator are unknown and said offense has not been condoned by your Orator.
4. That your Orator has not lived or co-habited with the said defendant since said desertion and since he discovered her said adulteries.
5. That there are no children born as issue of said marriage.
6. That both your Orator and the defendant are citizens of the State of Maryland having resided in Baltimore City for

more than three years prior to the filing of this Bill.

TO THE END, THEREFORE:

(a) That your Orator may be divorced A Vinculo Matrimonii from the said Rosie Clauson.

(b) That he may have such other and further relief as his case may require.

May it please your Honor to grant unto your Orator the Writ of Subpoena directed to the said Rosie Clauson, commanding and requiring her to be and appear in this Court on some day certain to be named therein to answer the premises and abide by and perform such decree or order as may be passed therein.

AND as in duty bound, etc.

Davis & Evans

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF.

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Subpoena to Answer Bill of Complaint

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11th May 1925

Lewis and Evans

Solicitor.

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John E. Porter
Sheriff

13th May 1925

Return Day, 1925

REISSUED TO

CLERK.

Summoned and a copy of the Process left with the Defendant

Recs \$0.80

John E. Porter
Sheriff

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EQUITY SUBPOENA
The State of Maryland

To

Rose Blauson
205 S. Dallas St
1034

of Baltimore City Greeting:

WE COMMAND AND ENJOIN YOU, That all excuses set aside, you do within the time limited by law, beginning on the second Monday of May, next, cause an appearance to be entered for you, and your Answer to be filed to the Complaint of

Leroy Blauson

against you exhibited in the CIRCUIT COURT No. 2 OF BALTIMORE CITY.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable JAMES P. CORTER, Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, the 9th day of March, 1928

Issued the 21st day of April, in the year 1925

John Pleasant
Clerk.

MEMORANDUM:

You are required to file your Answer or other defence in the Clerk's Office, Room No. 235, in the Court House, Baltimore City, within fifteen days after the return day. (General Equity Rule 11.)

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Decree Pro Confesso

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[DECREE PRO CONFESSO.]

IN THE

Circuit Court No. 2

OF

BALTIMORE CITY

Seroy Clauson

vs.

Rosie Clauson

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The Defendant ^{May} Rosie Clauson 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) of subpoena

It is thereupon this 29th day of June in the year nineteen hundred and twenty five by the Circuit Court No. 2 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 Rosie Clauson

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 J. [Signature]

STATE OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE CITY, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on this _____ day of _____, 19____, before the subscriber, a _____ of the State of Maryland, in and for Baltimore City, personally appeared _____ the plaintiff in this action, and made oath in due form of law that _____ the defendant is not in the military service of the United States.

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In the Circuit Court, No. 2,
OF BALTIMORE CITY

DEPOSITIONS

Le Roy Clauson

vs.

Rosie Clauson

No. 25-15719

PLAINTIFF'S COSTS

Examiners..... \$ 8⁰⁰
Copies.....
Sheriff.....
Stenographer.....
\$ _____

DEFENDANT'S COSTS

Examiners..... \$ _____
Copies.....
Sheriff.....
Stenographer.....
\$ _____

31st July 1925
11th August 1925

3/29/1924

Le Roy Clauson

vs.

Rosie Clauson

In the Circuit Court *No. 2,*

OF BALTIMORE CITY.

Decree Pro Confesso 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 *twenty-ninth* day of *June* 19 *25*, met on the *thirtieth* day of *June* in the year nineteen hundred and *twenty-five* at my office, in the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, and assigned the *first* day of *July* in the same year at *one-thirty* o'clock in the *after-*noon and the office of *Messrs Davis & Evans,* 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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LEROY CLAUSON
VS.
ROSIE CLAUSON.

Testimony taken before me,
A. deRussy Sappington, Examiner, at the offices
of George Evans, Esquire, Baltimore, Maryland,
on July 1, 1925 at 1.30 o'clock in the after-
noon.

Thereupon---

LEROY CLAUSON,

the plaintiff, of lawful age, produced on his
own behalf, having been first duly sworn
according to law, was examined and testified
as follows:

By the Examiner:

1Q Please state your name, residence
and occupation?

A Leroy Clauson, 3616 Dillon Street;
laborer.

2Q Do you know the parties to this
suit or either of them?

A Yes, I am the plaintiff and my wife is the defendant.

By Mr. Evans:

1Q When were you married?

A April 14, 1919.

2Q By a Minister of the Gospel?

A Yes, Reverend Stepler.

3Q In Baltimore City?

A Yes.

4Q And you allege that your wife left you; when was that?

A In July, 1919.

5Q Did she leave you or did you leave her?

A I left her.

6Q When was this?

A In July 1919.

7Q Why did you leave?

A I wanted to take her to rooms. We were living with her people and I wanted to move. We could not get along, and I wanted to go by ourselves where we could get along.

8Q Did you offer to get a place?

A Yes.

9Q Did you get a place?

A Yes, sir, I had the place.

10Q But she refused to come with
you?

A Yes, sir.

11Q Did you try to persuade her?

A Yes, sir.

12Q What did she do?

A She just would not come.

13Q She got into a fight with you,
didn't she?

A Yes, sir, and the next Saturday
night she cut me.

14Q Why did she say she would not
live with you?

A She did not want to leave her
people.

15Q How did you always treat your
wife?

A Just as good as a man could

treat a woman.

16Q Were you a kind and affectionate husband?

A Yes, sir.

17Q Did you always support her?

A I always did.

18Q Did you give her any reason to refuse to live with you?

A No, sir.

19Q Have you lived or cohabited with her since 1919?

A No, sir.

20Q Has she made any demands on you for payment of alimony or support?

A No, sir, none at all. I have never seen her.

21Q Any children?

A No, sir.

22Q You are a citizen of Baltimore, Maryland and have been for more than two years prior to the beginning of this suit?

A Yes, sir, all my life.

23Q If she had wanted to come back when

you got the home for her, would you have taken care of her?

A Yes, sir, but she refused to come.

24Q Any hope or expectation of reconciliation?

A No, sir.

25Q Has the separation continued uninterruptedly for more than three years prior to the time this case was started?

A Yes, 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. --- No

Lera Clauson

Thereupon---

EDITH SMITH,

a witness of lawful age, produced on behalf of the plaintiff, having been first duly sworn according to law, was examined and testified as follows:

By the Examiner:

1Q Please state your name, residence and occupation?

A Edith Smith, 909 South Second Street, Highlandtown, Baltimore, Maryland; housework.

2Q Do you know the parties to this suit?

A Yes, sir.

By Mr. Evans:

1Q Mrs. Smith, were they always known and recognized in the community in which they lived as husband and wife?

A Yes, sir.

2Q Do you know when they were married?

A About April, 1919.

3Q And separated about July, 1919?

A Yes, sir, that's right.

4Q Which left the other?

A He left her.

5Q Do you know why he left her?

A Simply because they couldn't get along. He wanted to move out from her people, and she refused to go.

6Q Do you know why?

A Because she said she wanted to stay with her people.

7Q Did he get a home for her to live in?

A Yes, sir.

8Q And she refused, after he got the home, to come and live with him?

A She did.

9Q Was this a home fit for her to live in?

A Surely; it was a nice home.

10Q As he always a kind, affectionate and faithful husband?

A Yes, sir.

11Q He has always provided for her?

A Yes, sir.

12Q Do you know whether he has lived or cohabited with her since he left her?

A No, sir, he hasn't.

13Q Any children as a result of the marriage?

A No, sir.

14Q Is he a resident of the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland?

A Yes, sir.

15Q And has been for more than two years prior to the time this case started?

A Oh, yes, sir.

16Q And she is a citizen of Baltimore, Maryland also?

A Yes, sir.

17Q Any hope of reconciliation; do you think they will ever make up and live together again?

A No, sir.

18Q Have you seen her since the separation and talked to her about it?

A Yes, sir, and she told me she
would not come back with him at all.

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

Edith ^{her} mark Smith

witness:
A. Chellam

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.....*31st* day of *July* in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and.....*Twenty five* at the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland

A. de Russy Sappington (SEAL).
Examiner.

There are *no* Exhibits with these depositions, to wit:
Plaintiff's..... Exhibit */*

Defendant's..... Exhibit */*

A. de Russy 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 Russy Sappington
Examiner.

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**Order of Reference
and Report**

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Order Filed *11th* day of *Aug* 1925

Report Filed *13th* day of *Aug* 1925

IN THE
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OF
BALTIMORE CITY

Leroy Clausen
vs.

Rose Clausen

July Term, 1925

This case being submitted, without argument, it is ordered by the Court, this *11th* day of *August*, 1925, that the same be and is hereby referred to *William P. Lyons*, Esq., Auditor and Master, to report the pleadings and the facts, and his opinion thereon.

H. Arthur Shimp

Report of Auditor and Master

Bill for divorce a vinculo matrimonii filed by the husband against his wife on the ground of abandonment - Article 16, Sections 37 - 42.

Defendant summoned but failed to answer.

Plaintiff's residence in Baltimore City for more than two years proven. The marriage proven. Abandonment for three years, its finality and the irreconcilability of the parties proven.

A decree pro confesso was passed against the defendant and more than thirty days have since elapsed.

Case ready for decree.

August 12, 1925.

William P. Lyons
Auditor and Master.

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

William P. Lyons
Auditor and Master.

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DECREE OF DIVORCE

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DECREE OF DIVORCE.

IN THE

Leroy Clauson

vs.

Rosie Clauson

Circuit Court No. 2,

OF

BALTIMORE CITY

July Term, 1925

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

It is thereupon, this 14th day of August, Anno Domini, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five by the CIRCUIT COURT No. 2 OF BALTIMORE CITY, Adjudged, Ordered and Decreed, that the said Leroy Clauson - - - - -

the above named complainant be, and he is hereby DIVORCED A VINCULO MATRIMONII, from the defendant., Rosie Clauson

And it is further Ordered, that the said Complainant - - - - - pay the cost of this proceeding.

H. Arthur Stamp

I, JOHN PLEASANTS, Clerk of the Circuit Court No. 2 of Baltimore City, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the decree taken from the record of proceedings in said cause.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the said Court, this day of 1925