

In The Circuit
Court B 468
of 1919

Baltimore City

Clifton Davis

vs

Zelma Davis

Bill Tol & Orville

A Vincent Watson

Mr (L. H.) Pleasant

B 19680

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J. Stewart Davis atty

118 E. Lexington St.

fd 29 July 1919

Clifton Davis

VS.

Zelma Davis

In The Circuit Court

of

Baltimore City.

To The Honorable, The Judge of Said Court:

Your Orator, complaining, respectfully says:

That he was married to his wife, Zelma Davis, on or about *May 18th* 1919, by Rev. ^{Holmes} ~~Deane~~, a minister of the gospel, this city. in the state of Maryland; and that they lived together as man and wife until *2nd* day of *June*, 1919.

That ever since the said marriage, Your Orator has been a faithful, chaste, and affectionate husband towards his said wife.

That the said Zelma Davis has on divers days and times since said marriage, committed the crime of adultery with divers men in Baltimore City and elsewhere, and the said offense has not been condoned by Your Orator.

That Your Orator has not lived nor co-habited with the said Zelma Davis since he discovered the said adultery.

That there are no children born as a result of said marriage.

That Your Orator is a resident of Baltimore city, 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 New York city, state of New York

Wherefore Your Orator Prays:

- a, A divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the defendant.
- b, Such other and further relief as the case may require.

May it please Your Honor, to grant unto Your Orator 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 by solicitor on or before a certain day to be named therein and show cause, if any she may have, why a decree should not be passed as prayed.

As in duty bound etc.

Clifton Davis
Complainant

W. J. Davis
Solicitor for Complainant.

State of Maryland)
) To Wit
Baltimore City)

I hereby certify that on this 29th day of July, 1919, before me the subscriber a Notary Public in and for the city of Baltimore, state of Maryland, aforesaid, personally appeared Clifton Davis, 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 his knowledge and belief.

Carlos G. Jimenez
Notary Public.

J. Steward Davis, Solicitor,
118 E. Lexington St.

Clifton Davis

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of

Zelma Davis

Baltimore City.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

The object of this suit is to procure a decree for divorce a vinculo matrimonii, by the Complainant from the Respondant.

The Bill of Complaint states that the parties thereto were married in Baltimore city, state of Maryland, by Rev. ~~Downes~~ ^{Holmes} on or about the 18th day of ~~May~~ ^{May} 1919, and lived together as man and wife until on or about the 2nd day of ~~June~~ ^{June} 1919. That the Complainant is a resident of Baltimore city, 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 New York city, N.Y. That the conduct of the Complainant towards the Respondant was always chaste, kind and affectionate and above reproach, that ~~he~~ upon divers occasions committed the crime of adultery with divers men; that the complainant has in no way condoned nor forgiven the offense of adultery, nor has he lived or co-habited with the Respondant since the discovery of the said offense.

It is thereupon ordered, this 29th day of ~~July~~ ^{July} 1919, by The Circuit Court of Baltimore city, that the Complainant 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 29th day of ~~August~~ ^{August} 1919, and give notice to the said Respondant, Zelma Davis (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 or before the 13th day of ~~September~~ ^{September} 1919, to show cause if any he may have, why a decree should not be passed as prayed.

----- James P. Gorton -----

3/12/12/64

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF
BALTIMORE CITY. 1919

Clifton Davis
227 1/2 East St.

VS.

Zelma Davis.

Petition for Alimony
and Counsel fee.

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Mr. Clerk:---

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Please file &c.

Paul Rind

Sol. for Plaintiff,
215 St. Paul Pla.

fd 18 June 1920

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Clifton Davis

VS. *

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF
BALTIMORE CITY.

Zelma Davis *

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Your Respondent in Petition for Alimony and Counsel Fee respectfully shows:

FIRST: That on or about the 29th day of July 1919, a bill for divorce, A Vinculo Matrimonii, was filed against her by her husband, the said Clifton Davis, the plaintiff in this case, on the grounds of adultery, and that the charges therein alleged against her are without foundation as will be further verified in her answer hereinafterwards filed.

SECOND: That the plaintiff's unjust charges that he has made against her are merely an effort on his part to dodge the responsibilities for her maintenance and support. That she is a poor woman unable to provide for herself or to meet the added expense of this litigation. That she has no property Réal, Personal, or mixed or means of her own by which to provide for her maintenance, but that her husband is employed as a musician and to the best of her knowledge and belief is making a regular wage of about Fifty Dollars (\$50), per week and that she is advised by Counsel that she is entitled to have an order passed issueing out of this Honorable Court, ordering the plaintiff to pay a regular sum Pendente Lite for the support of herself and a further sum to compensate her solicitor for his services in this case.

TO WHICH END THE DEFENDANT PRAYS:

-a- That an order be passed allowing her a certain sum Alimony Pendente Lite and a further sum as Counsel fee in order that she may be represented in these proceedings.

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

As in duty bound, she will ever pray,

Jelma Davis.....
Defendant.

Raymond Bond
Sol. for Defendant.

State of Maryland to wit*
Baltimore City

I hereby certify that on this *5th* day of June 1920, before me the subscriber, a Notary Public, of the State of Maryland, in and for Baltimore City, personally appeared *Jelma Davis*....., the defendant, in the foregoing proceedings, and made oath in due form of law, that the matter contained in this, her Petition is true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

As witness my hand and Notarial Seal.

Elizabeth S. Wright
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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vs.

Davis 6/23/20

Order Counsel Fee and Alimony

Pendente Lite

No. 19680

\$50 (4) weeks

no children

At 19 June 1920

Copy of the within Order of Court served on
Clifton Davis on the 23rd day of June, 1920. in
presence of Morris Finkulstein.

Thomas J. M. Mully
Sheriff

Fee \$0.50

Clifton Davis
221 East St
vs.
Selma Davis

-IN THE-
CIRCUIT COURT
-OF-
BALTIMORE CITY

May TERM 1920

ORDERED BY THE COURT this 19th day of June 1920

that the Plaintiff Clifton Davis

pay to the Defendant Selma Davis

the sum of fifty Dollars as Counsel Fee for the

Solicitor of the Defendant and that he further pay the sum of fifteen

Dollars per week, during the continuance of this suit, to the said Defendant Selma Davis

as Alimony, *pendente lite*, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 3

day of July 19th provided a copy of this Order be served on the said Plaintiff

Clifton Davis on or before the 25

day of June 19th 20
Robert F. Stanton

A copy of the foregoing order having been served upon the defendant as is shown by the Sheriff's return hereon, and no cause to the contrary having been shown, it is this 28th day of September 1920, ordered by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City that the same be, and it is hereby made absolute and final.

Robert F. Stanton

Serve on

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Clifton Davis

vs.

221 East st

Zelma Davis

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Thomas J. McNeulty
Sheriff

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(Enkelstein)

IN THE

CIRCUIT COURT

OF

BALTIMORE CITY

Clifton Davis
vs.

Zelma Davis

Ordered by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City this 5th day of October 1920
 that the plaintiff Clifton Davis appear before this Court in person,
 on the 11th day of October, 1920, at 10 o'clock A. M., and then and there show cause,
 if any he may have, why he should not be punished for contempt of this Honorable Court in not obeying
 the Order of this Court passed on the 28th day of August, 1920, directing the
 payment of Alimony, pendente lite, by him to the defendant Zelma Davis
 provided a copy of this Order be served on the said
 on or before the 8th day of October, 1920

Robert F. Stanton

Serve on

Ct. Ct.

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Clifton Davis

vs.

Zelma Davis

ORDER OF COURT

No. B.

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Clifton

vs.

Zelma Davis

IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT
OF
BALTIMORE CITY

Ordered by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City this 5th day of October 1920
that the Plaintiff Clifton Davis appear before this Court in person,
on the 11th day of October, 1920, at 10 o'clock A. M., and then and there show cause,
if any he may have, why he should not be punished for contempt of this Honorable Court in not obeying
the Order of this Court passed on the 28th day of August, 1920 directing the
payment of Alimony, pendente lite, by him to the Defendant Zelma Davis
provided a copy of this Order be served on the said
on or before the 8th day of October, 1920

Robert H. Stanton

True copy
Dist.

Chas R. Whiteford
Clerk