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Cleo Davis

In The Circuit Court

Vs.

of

Jefferson Davis

Baltimore City.

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

FIRST, that the parties hereto were married on or about September 6th. 1917, by Rev. Montague a Baptist minist r of Lancaster Co. Whitestone Va. and lived together as man and wife until on or about January 14th. 1918.

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

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 com laint. 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 co-habited 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 required.

c-c That your oratrix desires to resume her maiden name.

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.

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You are required to file your answer or other defense in the Clerk's Office, room 206, in the Court House, Baltimore City, within fifteen days after return day.

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COMMERCIAL PRINTING & STATIONERY CO.

Cleo Davis

Vs.

Jefferson Davis

In The Circuit Court

of

Baltimore City.

To The Honorable, The Judge of said Court:

Your Oratrixcomplaining respectfully says:

For that on or about the \% day of pu. 1921, your petitioner, filed in this honorable Court a petition for divorce
a vinculo matrimonni; that your oratorx prayed a writ of subpoena, directing the defendant to appear in this court, to
answer such decree as may be passed; that three consecutive
writs a directed unto the defendant have been returned nonest.

Wherefore Your OrateixPrays, that Your Honor 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 the may have why a decree should not be passed as prayed.

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Solicitor for complainant.

Cleo Davis

In The Circuit Court

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Baltimore City.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

The object of this suit is to procure a divorce A vinculo matrimonnii by the plaintiff, Cleo Davis from the defendant Jefferson Davis.

The bill recites the parties were married September 6th. 1917, by a minister of the gospel, in Lancaster County, Va. and that they lived together as man and wife until on or about January 14th. 1918; 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 committed adultery with lewd and abandoned women, whose names are unknown to the plaintiff and that the defendant deserted the plaintiff; that said desertion has continued uninterruptedly for more than three years prior to the filing of this bill of complaint; that the plaintiff has never forgiven nor condoned the offenses of desertion and adultery.

That three consecutive writs of subpoena issued to the last known address of the defendant have been returned non est by the Sheriff of Baltimore City.

It is thereupon ordered by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City this 5" day of May 1921, that the plaintiff by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some daily newspaper published in Baltimore City, once a week for four con-secutive weeks, before the day of Mul 1921, give notice to the said absent defendant, Jefferson Davis, of the object and the substance of the bill of complaint and warn him to be and appear in this court either in person or by solicitor on or before the day of Mul 1921 to show cause if any he may have why the decree sought should not be passed as prayed.

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

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H. ARTHUR STUMP.
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CHAS. R. WHITEFORD,
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IN THE

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The Defendant having been duly summened (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

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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.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

BALTIMORE CITY, Sct:

I hereby certify that on this

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before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public, of the State of Maryland, in and for the City aforesaid, 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.

Notary Public.

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In the Circuit Court,

OF BALTIMORE CITY

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In the Circuit Cour OF BALTIMORE CITY. and notice having been given me by the Solicitor for the Sauly 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 _1922, met on oninile day of september in the year nineteen hundred and liverily-two at my office, in the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, and assigned the___eleventh_ --- day of September in the same year at three o'clock in the after noon and the office of J Dlewark Vario, 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. Hamily _to take the following depositions, that is to say:-

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Testimomy taken at the office of Mr. Davis, september // \$\psi_{\ell}\$, 1922, at 4 0'clock P. M.

CLEO DAVIS, the Plaintiff in this case, produced on her own behalf, 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. Cleo Davis, 125 South Broadway; cook .
- 2 Q. No 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. september 6th., 1917.
- 2 Q. Were you married by a Minister of the Gospel?
 - A. Yes.
- 3 Q. In Baltimore City.
 - A. In Lancaster County, Virginia.
- 4 Q. Were you married according to a Religious Ceremony?
 - A. Yes.

Cleo Davis.

- 5 Q.. Has the Plaintiff been a resident of Baltimore City, State of Marydand, for at least two years prior to the filing of this suit?
 - A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Are there any children as the result of this marriage?
 - A. No.
- 7 Q. What was your conduct towards your husband while living together; how did you behave yourself?
 - A. I treated him as nice as I could.
- 8 Q. State whether or not you were always a kind, affectionate and faithful wife?
 - A. Yes
- 9 Q. Are you and your husband living together now?

 A. No sir.
- 10 Q. Which left the other?
 - A. My wife left me.
- 11 Q. When?
 - A. January 1918.
- 12 Q. Did he have any just cause or reason to abandon and desert you attthat time?
 - A. No sir.
- 13 Q. What did he say and do when he left you?
- A. He did not say anything; I did not know that he was going to leave.

Cleo Davis.

- 14 Q. In other words he did not realize that he was abandoning and deserting you at the time that he left.
 - A. No.
- 15 Q. When was it that you realized that he had abandoned you?
- A. About three or four days afterwards when his sister told me that he had gone to Florida somewhere and she di d not exactly know where.
- 16 Q. Have you seen your husband since he left you under those circumstanes?
 - A. No sir.
- 17 Q. Have you tried tolocate him for the purpose of getting him to come back and live with you and doing as a husband should.
 - A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Have you beensuccessful?
 - A. No sir.
- 19 Q. Has this abandonment continued uninterruptedly since January 1918?
 - A. yes.
- 20 Q. State whether or not said abandonment was deliberate and final; did he deliberately and finally abandon and desert you?
 - A. Yes.

Cleo Davis.

- 21 Q. State whether or not there is any reasonable expectation of a reconciliation; do you ever expect them to make up and live together again?
 - A. No.
- 22 Q. Is he a resident of a non-resident of the State of Maryland?
 - A. Non-resident.
- 23 Q. Of what State is he a resident?
 - A. Florida, as far as I know.

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.

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LOUISE HENRY, 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. Louise Henry, 1715 Carlysle Place; cook.
- 2 Q. Do you know th e parties to this suit?
 - A. Yes.

BY MR. DAVIS:

- 1 Q. Are they husband and wife?
 - A. Yes
- 2 Q. Did they live together as husband and wife and were they always known and recognized in the community in which they lived as husband and wffe?
 - A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Has the Plaintiff, Cleo Davis, been a resident of Baltimore City, State of Maryland, for at least two years prior to the filing of this suit?
 - A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Are there any children as the result of this marriage?
 - A. No sir.

Louise Henry.

- 5 Q. What was her conduct towards her husband while living together?
- A. While living at my house she was very good towards him.
- 6 Q. State whether or not she was always a kind, affectionate and faithful wife?
 - A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Are the parties to this suitliving together now?
 - A. No sir./
- 8 Q. Which left the other?
 - A. He left her.
- 9 Q. When?
 - A. About January 1918.
- 10 Q. How do you know that he abandoned and deserted her at that time?
- A. Because I was living in the same house with them at the time he left.
- 11 Q. What did he say and do at the time he left?
- A. He did not say anything; he was fussing that afternoon a little bit, and he went to his sister, and he came back, and he justleft.
- 12 Q. Then as I understand it, you and his wife did not realize that he was abandoning and deserting her at the time he left?
 - A. No sir.

Louise Henry.

- 13 Q. When was the first time after the separation that you realized that he had abandoned and deserted his wife?
 - A. Shortly after that.
- 14 Q. And what did she do; did'nt she go to see his sister?
 - A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And what did his sister tell her?
 - A. That he had gone to Florida.
- 16 Q. How long did she continue to lie in the same house in which her husband abandoned and deserted her after the desertion?
 - A. I guess it was about nine months.
- 17 Q. Did he returnate her in those nine months?
 - A. No sir.
- 18 Q. Has he ever returned to her?
 - A. No sir.
- 19 Q. Has he always known where he could locate his wife if he had wanted to do so?
 - A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Did hemake any effort to do so?
 - A. No.
- 21 Q. Was there anything to prevent him communicating with his wife, and returning to her, and living with her and doing as a husband should, if he had wanted to.

Louise Henry.

- A. No sir.
- 22 Q. Did he do it?
 - A. No sir.
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 - A. Yes.
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 - A. Yes.
- 25 Q. State whether or not there is any reasonable expectation of a reconciliation; do you ever expect them to make up and live together again?
 - A. No sir.
- 26 Q. Is he a resi ent of anon-resident of the State of Maryland; does he live in Maryland or out of Maryland?
 - A. Out of Maryland.
- 27 Q. Where was he thelast you heard of him?
 - A. In Florida.
- 28 Q. In fact, I understand that both you and his wife enquired for him through his own family, and they have told you that he is in Florida?
 - A. Yes.
- 29 0. Is there any doubt about his being a non-

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A. No sir.

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JEFFERSON DAVIS

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PETITION TO COMPLETE DOCKET ENTRIES

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

The Petition of Henry J. Ripperger, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, respectfully shows:

- (1) That a Bill of Complaint in the above entitled case was filed on January 18, 1921, for an absolute divorce.
- (2) That, on November 6, 1922, the proceedings were referred to one of the Masters of this Court for opinion and report thereon as to the recommendation of decree.
- (3) That thereafter, on November 24, 1922, the Master reported his findings to the Court and recommended passage of a decree therein.
- (4) That, on November 24, 1922, a decree divorcing the plaintiff a vinculo matrimonii from defendant was signed by the Court.
- (5) That the decree was about to be entered on the Docket in the Clerk's office when it was discovered by the then Deputy Clerk that the Court costs had not been paid; he then made no further attempt to complete entering the decree.
- (6) That said error was not discovered until the date of this Petition by the present Clerk.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that an Order may be passed authorizing and directing him to enter the said decree as of November 24, 1922.

AND as in duty bound, etc.

Henry J. Hipperged, Cle of the Cirquit Court of

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CLEO DAVIS : IN THE

V. : CIRCUIT COURT

JEFFERSON DAVIS : OF

: BALTIMORE CITY

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ORDER

On the aforegoing Petition, it is this 10 day of January, 1957, by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City,

ORDERED

That Henry J. Ripperger, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to complete the docket entries in the above entitled cause by entering the decree of divorce, dated November 24, 1922, as of the aforesaid date of said decree.

Michael Manla.

Judge

CIRCUIT COURT

& No. 62 Docket

Cleo Davis

VS.

Jefferson Davis

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Decree of Divorce

B No 22042

Ad 24th Nov. 1922

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

Auditor and Master.

Cleo Davis

VS.

Circuit Court

OF

BALTIMORE CITY

Jefferson Davis November Term, 19.22

This cause standing ready for hearing and being duly submitted, the proceedings were by the Court read and considered. day of November , A. D. 1922 It is thereupon, this..... by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, Adjudged, Ordered and Decreed, that the said the above named Complainant be and she is hereby DIVORCED A VINCULO MATRIMONII from the Defendant, Jefferson Davis, and that the plaintiff be permitted to resume her maiden name. And it is further Ordered, That the said Plaintiff pay the cost of this proceeding.