

In The Circuit Court
of Baltimore City
Baltimore City 1920

John Dorsey

vs

Cora Dorsey

Bill for Junice A. V. ...

Mr. Clerk please file
(John) Dorsey

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(1)

DAVIS & BISHOP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
118 E. LEXINGTON STREET
BALTIMORE, MD.

fd 10/10/1920

John Dorsey

In The Circuit Court

vs.

of

Cora Dorsey

Baltimore City.

*also known as
Cora Johnson*

To The Honorable, The Judge of Said Court:

Your orator complaining, respectfully says:

FIRST, that the parties hereto were married on or about *Oct. 20, 1904* by Rev. Bradley of Baltimore City Maryland and lived together as man and wife until on or about *June 14, 1906*. Said marriage occurred in Baltimore City, State of Maryland.

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.

THIRD, That though the conduct of your orator toward his wife has always been kind, affectionate and above reproach, she without any just cause or reason abandoned and deserted him and has declared her intentions to live with him no longer that such abandonment has continued uninterruptedly 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 orator has never condoned nor forgiven the said desertion, that he has never co-habited with the said respondent since the desertion.

FIFTH, That there are no children born as a result of this marriage.

THEREFORE YOUR ORATOR PRAYS:

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

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

May it please Your Honor to grant unto your orator a Writ of Subpoena, directed unto the said respondent, commanding her 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.

John W. Dossey

Complainant

C. [Signature]

Solicitors For Complainant.

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The State of Maryland

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name is
" *Larsey* *Cora Johnson*

SUBPOENA TO ANSWER BILL OF COMPLAINT

2020 Division
No. *B 21839*
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Filed *7 Dec* 1920
J S Davis SOLICITOR

*Summoned and a copy of the Process
left with the defendant.*

Thomas A. McKeeth
Sheriff.

Fee \$0.80

*(Attacks
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EQUITY SUBPOENA

The State of Maryland

To

Eora Dorsey

also known as Eora Johnson

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 *December* 1920, to answer the complaint of

John Dorsey

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 *8* day of *November* 1920.

Issued the *18* day of *November* in the year 1920

Chas R. Whiteford Clerk.

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."

IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT
OF

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1920

BALTIMORE CITY.

John Dorsey,
Complainant,

vs.

Cora Dorsey,
Respondent.

ANSWER TO BILL OF COMPLAINT

Mr. Clerk: Please file.

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Charles W. Main
Solicitor for Respondent.

CHARLES W. MAIN
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
LAW BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

FILED

8 Dec 1920

John Dorsey, : IN THE
Complainant, :
vs. : CIRCUIT COURT
Cora Dorsey, : OF
Respondent. : BALTIMORE CITY.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:-

The answer of Cora Dorsey, the Respondent in the above entitled cause, to the Bill of Complaint filed against her in this Court exhibited, this Respondent answering says:-

1st. That this Respondent admits all and singular the material allegations set forth in the first paragraph of the said Bill of Complaint, except the date of the separation, which she states is incorrect, and further answering said paragraph, this Respondent avers that the parties hereto separated in November, 1906, and not in June of said year.

2nd. That this Respondent admits all and singular the material allegations alleged in the second paragraph of said Bill of Complaint.

3rd. Answering the third and fourth paragraphs of said Bill of Complaint this Respondent denies most emphatically all of the material allegations stated therein, and demands strict proof on the part of the Complainant.

4th. That this Respondent admits the material allegations set forth in the fifth paragraph of said Bill of Complaint, and further answering said paragraph says that there were two children born to the union of the parties, but that both are now dead.

And having answered said Bill of Complaint and each paragraph thereof in so far as she is advised it is material so to do, this Respondent prays to be hence dismissed with her reasonable cost.

And as in duty bound, etc.

Cora Dorsey Charles N. Main

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John Worey

vs.

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**Petition for leave to take
Testimony and Order of
Court thereon**

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Filed 9 Dec 1920

John Horney

vs.

Caro Horney

IN THE
Circuit Court
OF
BALTIMORE CITY

**To the Honorable the Judge of the
Circuit Court of Baltimore City:**

THE PETITION OF

Paula

in this case, respectfully shows that *Caro* desire ^s to take testimony in this case, and respectfully pray ^s that leave be granted *Caro* to do so before one of the Standing Examiners of this Court.

Solicitor for

[Signature]
Paula

ORDERED, this

9th

day of

December

1920, that

leave be granted to the parties to the cause, to take testimony, as prayed, before any one of the Standing Examiners of this Court.

[Signature]

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In the Circuit Court,
OF BALTIMORE CITY

DEPOSITIONS

John Dorsey

vs.

Cora Dorsey

No. 21839B

PLAINTIFF'S COSTS

Examiners \$ 8⁰⁰

Copies _____

Sheriff _____

Stenographer 1⁰⁰

\$ _____

DEFENDANT'S COSTS

Examiners \$ _____

Copies _____

Sheriff _____

Stenographer _____

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John Dorsey

vs.

Cara Dorsey

In the Circuit Court
OF BALTIMORE CITY.

The above cause being at issue

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
ninth day of December 1920, met on
the eleventh day of December in the year nineteen
hundred and twenty at my office, in the City of Baltimore, in the State
of Maryland, and assigned the thirteenth day of December
in the same year at three o'clock in the after-noon and the
office of J. Stewart Davis, 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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Dorsey,

v.

Dorsey.

Testimony taken at the office of Messrs Bishop and Davis, 118 East Lexington Street, Baltimore, Maryland, December 15th 1920, at 3 O'clock P. M.

JOHN W. DORSEY, the Plaintiff in this case, produced on his 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. John W. Dorsey, 1419 Belvidere Street; laborer.

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

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

BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. When were you married?

A. I was married the 19th., October 1904.

2 Q. By whom; who married you?

A. The Reverend Mr. Bradley.

3 Q. He is a Minister of the Gospel?

A. Yes.

4 Q. In Baltimore City.

A. Yes.

5 Q. There was a separation.

A. Yes.

John W. Dorsey.

6 Q. Which left the other.

A. She left me.

7 Q. When did she leave you?

A. June 14th., 1906.

8 Q. Why did she leave you?

A. Well, she had another fellow on the go and I guess that she wanted him and she went on with him.

9 Q. She did not want you?

A. No sir; she went on with him after she left me.

10 Q. What sort of a husband were you towards her; what was your conduct towards your wife; how did he treat her,- how did you treat her.

A. I kept her a nice home and I could not do anything more.

11 Q. Were you kind and affectionate towards her?

A. Yes.

12 Q. Faithful and true to her?

A. Yes.

13 Q. Did you give her any cause or reason to leave you?

A. No sir. When I came home from work, I went right home and ~~there~~ I stayed.

John W. Dorsey.

14 Q. Did she declare her intention never to live with you any more?

A. Yes; and she wished things would fall on me where I worked and she wished that I was dead.

15 Q. Has her desertion of you continued uninterruptedly for at least three years prior to the filing of this suit? Has she been away from you for more than three years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Yes; I have not seen her for ~~over~~ four years.

16 Q. And was it her own deliberate and final act; her leaving you?

A. Yes.

17 Q. Is there any hope of you making up or any hope of a reconciliation between you?

A. No sir.

18 Q. Have you lived or ccohabited with her since she left you?

A. No sir.

19 Q. And have you ever forgiven her for her offense?

A. No sir; I have not forgiven her.

20 Q. Are there any children born as the result of the marriage?

A. I had one boy.

21 Q. Is that child living.

A. No sir.

John W. Dorsey.

22 Q. State the circumstances of the separation; was it simply that you came home and found that she had gone.

A. Yes; when I came home she had gone.

23 Q. Had she told you before that she was going?

A. Yes; she had told me before that she was going, but she did not tell me when.

24 Q. And you have not seen her since.

A. No sir.

25 Q. Your wife has been known sometimes as Cora Johnson.

A. Yes.

26 Q. Have you been a resident of Baltimore City, State of Maryland, for more than two years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. I have been here in Baltimore all my life.

27 Q. Your wife has been a resident of Baltimore City, State of Maryland, for more than two years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Yes.

28 Q. Were you married in Baltimore City.

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 fully and at large in your answer.

A.---

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John W. Dorsay

WILLIAM H. BRADLEY, a witness of lawful age, produced on behalf of the Plaintiff, having been first duly sworn, deposes and saith as follows, that is to say:

BY THE EXAMINER:

1 Q. State your name residence and occupation?

A. William H. Bradley, 2549 Florence Street; a Minister of the Gospel.

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

A. Yes; I know them well; I married them.

BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. You married them October 19th., 1904.

A. Yes; 1904. In October - October 19th., 1904 about eight o'clock at night.

2 Q. And you know that they were married and that they lived together as husband and wife?

A. Yes.

3 Q. There was a separation; which left the other; did he leave her or did she leave him.

A. She left him.

4 Q. When was that?

A. That was January 14th; I think it was about that date; - I do not know exactly what date it was.

5 Q. Was it 1906.

A. Yes; two years after I married them. I can not say the date.

William H. Bradley.

6 Q. What was the conduct of the Plaintiff towards his wife ; was he faithful to her.

A. Judge, I declare I never saw a better man towards his family; he worked and has been working ever since I knew him. I have known him ever since a little boy; he always worked, even when he was a cart boy; he worked when he was a boy driving a card.

7 Q. Hardworking and provided for his home.

A. Yes.

8 Q. And true to her and kind and affectionate.

A. Yes; every time that I went there and saw them.

9 Q. You visited the house from time to time.

A. Yes; frequently.

10 Q. And you know exactly how they lived?

A. Yes.

11 Q. Did he give her any cause to leave him, or reason for leaving him.

A. No sir.

12 Q. So that this desertion has continued uninterruptedly for more than three years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Yes.

13 Q. It has been for more than three years prior

William H. Bradley.

to the filing of this suit.

A. Yes.

14 Q. And she declared her intention never to live with him any longer?

A. Yes.

15 Q. She left him to go with some one else?

A. Yes.

16 Q. And was it her own deliberate and final act? She did it of her own free will.

A. Yes; I guess she did.

17 Q. In your opinion is there any hope of your making up?

A. No sir.

18 Q. And he has never forgiven or condoned his offence.

A. No sir.

19 Q. Are there any children living as the result of this marriage.

A. No sir.

20 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?

William H. Bradley.

A. Yes; I have been knowing him eighteen or twenty years;- twenty years any way.

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

A. Yes; she has been here ever since I married them, and that has been since 1904.

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,

W. H. Brady

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.....*2nd*..... day of *January*..... in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and *twenty-one*..... 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.....

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

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.

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John Dorsey

vs.

Cora Dorsey

Submission for Decree

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Filed 24 Jan 1921

.....John Dorsey

vs.

.....Cora Dorsey

IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT

OF
BALTIMORE CITY.

.....
November Term

To the Honorable

.....Robert F. Stanton.....

Judge of said Court:

*The above cause is respectfully submitted
for decree and the 43d General Equity Rule is hereby waived.*

[Handwritten signature]

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Attorney for Defendant.

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Lorsey

Order of Reference
and Report

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Order Filed.....day of *Jun* 19 *21*

Report Filed.....day of.....19

John Dorsey

vs.
Eva Dorsey

IN THE
Circuit Court

OF
BALTIMORE CITY

Jan

Term, 19 *21*

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This case being submitted, without argument, it is ordered by the Court, this _____ day of *January*, 19*21*, that the same be and it is hereby referred to *Ward B. Coe*, Esq., Auditor and Master, to report the pleadings and the facts, and his opinion thereon.

Ward B. Coe

Report of Auditor and Master

Bill for divorce a vinculo matrimonii filed by the husband against his wife on the ground of abandonment. Code 1911, Art. 16, secs. 36-41.

Defendant summoned and answers by solicitor.

Residence of both parties in Baltimore City for more than two years proven.

The marriage proven.

The abandonment for three years, its finality and the irreconcilability of the parties proven.

More than thirty days have elapsed since the filing of the bill.

Case submitted and ready for decree.

Ward B. Coe

Auditor and Master.

Fee \$9 paid.

January 26th, 1921.

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JOHN DORSEY

VS.

CORA DORSEY.

Decree of Divorce

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

Ward B. Cox
Auditor and Master.

Decree of Divorce

IN THE

Circuit Court

OF

BALTIMORE CITY

JOHN DORSEY

VS.

January

Term, 19 21.

CORA DORSEY, also known as
CORA JOHNSON

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

It is thereupon, this *5th* day of *February*, A. D. 1921,

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

the above named Complainant be and he is hereby DIVORCED A VINCULO MATRIMONII from the Defendant, the said Cora Dorsey, also known as Cora Johnson.

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

H. Arthur Kemp