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vs

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ELSIE WEST : : : : : IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
VS : : : : : OF
ALFRED WEST : : : : : BALTIMORE CITY

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Your oratrix complaining respectfully says:-

FIRST, That the parties hereto were married on or about May ~~S~~eventh, 191~~8~~ by Rev. Jones a Baptist minister in Baltimore City, State of Maryland and lived together as man and wife until on or about May 1st. 1918.

SECOND, That your oratrix is a resident 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. That the respondent is a non-resident and when last heard of was in Atlantic City.


THIRD, That though the conduct of your oratrix toward 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 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 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 born as a result of said marriage.

- a-a A DIVORCE A VINCULO MATRIMONNII FROM THE RESPONDENT.
- b-b TO RESUME HER MAIDEN NAME OF ELSIE DORSEY.
- c-c 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 OR
IN PERSON OR APPEAR BY SOLICITOR ON OR BEFORE A CERTAIN DAY TO
BE THEREIN NAMED AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY SHE MAY HAVE WHY A DECREE
SHOULD NOT BE PASSED AS PRAYED.



ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF.

J. STEWARD DAVIS, SOLICITOR,

14 E. Pleasant St.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY.

ELSIE WEST VS. ALFRED WEST.

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, City by Rev. Jones a Baptist minister, on or about May 7th. 1917. ~~by~~ and lived together as man and wife until on or about May 1st. 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 is a non-resident of this city and state, and when last heard of was in Atlantic City, N.J. that though the conduct of the plaintiff towards her husband was always 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 there are no children born as a result of said marriage.

It is thereupon by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, ordered this ²⁶ day of *October* 1921. 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 ²⁶ day of *November* 1921; and give notice to the said defendant, Alfred West (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 ¹³ the day of *December* 1921: to show cause if any he may have, why a decree should not be passed as prayed.

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J. Steward Davis, Solicitor,
14 East Pleasant Street.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTI-
MORE CITY—(B-554-1921)—Elsie West
vs. Alfred West.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

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The bill states that the parties thereto were married in Baltimore City, by Rev. Jones, a Baptist minister, on or about May 7th, 1917, and lived together as man and wife until on or about May 1st, 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 is a non-resident of this City and State, and when last heard of was in Atlantic City, N. J. That though the conduct of the plaintiff towards her husband was always 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 there are no children born as a result of said marriage.

It is thereupon by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, ordered this 26th day of October, 1921, 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 26th day of November, 1921, and give notice to the said defendant, Alfred West (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 13th day of December, 1921, to show cause, if any he may have, why a decree should not be passed as prayed.

CHAS. W. HEUISLER,

True copy—Test:

CHAS. R. WHITEFORD,

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Clerk.

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We hereby certify that the annexed advertise-

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vs.

Alfred West

Decree Pro Confesso.

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Beie West

vs.

Alfred West

IN THE
Circuit Court
OF
BALTIMORE CITY.

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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 _____ day of _____ in the year nineteen hundred and _____ 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.

Carroll J. Bond

STATE OF MARYLAND,
BALTIMORE CITY, SCT :

I hereby certify that on this _____ day of _____ 19____ 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

DEPOSITIONS

Elsie West

vs.

Alfred West

No. 23072B

PLAINTIFF'S COSTS

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DEFENDANT'S COSTS

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Elsie West

vs.

Alfred West

In the Circuit Court

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-third* day of *March* 19*22*, met on the *twenty-second* day of *March* in the year nineteen hundred and *twenty-two* at my office, in the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, and assigned the *twenty-third* day of *March* 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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Elsie West,

v.

Alfred West.

Testimony taken at the office of Mr. Davis,
St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland, March 23rd.,
1922, at 3 O'clock P. M.

ELSIE WEST, the Plaintiff in this case,
produced on her own behalf, 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. Elsie West, 857 West Franklin Street; house-
work.

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

A. I am the Plaintiff and my husband is the De-
fendant.

BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. When were you married?

A. 7th., of May 1917.

2 Q. Were you married by a Minister of the Gospel?

A. Yes.

3 Q. In Baltimore City?

Elsie West..

A. Yes.

4 Q. Have -- By a Religious Ceremony?

A. Yes.

5 Q. Have you been a resident of Baltimore City, State of Maryland, for at least two years prior to the filing of this suit?

A. Yes; five years.

6 Q. Are there any children as the result of **this marriage.**

A. No sir.

7 Q. What was your conduct towards your husband while living together?

A. I acted all right; I worked all the time.

8 Q. State whether or not you weree 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. I left him.

11 Q. When?

A. May 1st., 1918.

12 Q. Why did youleave him?

Elsie West.

A. Bad treatment and he said that he would not take care of me, and he went out and he stayed two weeks, and when he came back, he was not fit to live with.

13 Q. What do you mean?

A. He had a venereal trouble.

14 Q. Did you accuse him of adultery at that time?

A. Yes.

15 Q. Did he acknowledge it?

A. Yes; he said that he did not intend to take care of me, and that he had a bad disease, and did not want me.

16 Q. Did he blame you for the disease?

A. No sir.

17 Q. On the other hand what did he say?

A. He said that he had a venereal disease that he got from other women.

18 Q. And you say that you ~~then~~ and there left him?

A. Yes.

19 Q. Since that time has he provided or overed to provide a home for you?

A. No sir.

20 Q. Was there anything to prevent him doing so if he had wanted to.

A. No sir; he said that he did not want me and

Elsie West.

did not intend to keep me.

21 Q. Has this abandonment continued uninterruptedly since May 1st., 1918?

A. Yes.

22 Q. State whether or not said abandonment was deliberate and final; did he deliberately and finally abandon and desert you?

A. Yes.

23 Q. State whether or not there is any reasonable expectation of a reconciliation; do you ever expect to make up and live together again?

A. No sir.

24 Q. Has -- Is he a resident or a non-resident of the State of Maryland?

A. He is not a resident of the State of Maryland.

25 Q. Of what State is he a resident?

A. Atlantic City, New Jersey.

26 Q. Do you desire to resume the use of your maiden name?

A. Yes.

27 Q. What is your maiden name?

A. Dorsey.

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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PRISCILLA DORSEY, 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. Priscilla Dorsey, 1421 Maryland Street; laundry work.

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

A. Yes.

BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. Are you related to them?

A. Yes; she is my sister.

2 Q. Are the parties to this suit husband and wife?

A. Yes.

3 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 wife?

A. Yes.

4 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; she has lived here for the last five years.

6 Q. Are there any children as the result of this marriage?

A. No sir.

Priscella Dorsey.

6 Q. What was her conduct towards her husband while living together; how did she behave herself?

A. She behaved herself all right, as far as I could see.

8 Q. State whether or not she was always a kind, affectionate and faithful wife?

A. Yes.

9 Q. Are the parties to this suit living together now?

A. No sir.

10 Q. Which left the other?

A. She left him.

11 Q. When?

A. About May 1st., 1918.

12 Q. Why did she leave him?

A. Because he treated her bad.

13 Q. How do you know that he treated her bad; did you see it.

A. Yes; he came over to my house one day with a pistol, and he had this pistol and he rang the bell a,d he flourished the pistol, and he said that he was going to kill his wife.

14 Q. Did you ever know him to beat and abuse his wife?

A. Yes; because she used to come over and tell me that he beat her.

Priscella Dorsey.

15 Q. Did he beat her often?

A. Yes; every chance that he could when she came back from work; she was working and he would beat her when she came from work.

15 Q. Did he work ?

A. He gambled, that is all as far as I know.

17 Q. Did he support her?

A. No sir; he would not give her anything.

18 Q. What would she do with the money that she earned as the result of her work?

A. She had to pay the house rent, and get him something to eat, and dress herself, and pay her societies, and give him something to eat.

29 Q. Now, at the time of the final separation, do you know anything about his having this venereal disease that she talks about?

A. No sir, I really do not, but I know that he beat her on the day that she left him. I only saw him one time after she left him and that was the time that he came to the house with the pistol and flourished it and said that he was going to kill her, and that he did not want her any more and that he would not support her.

Priscella Dorsey.

20 Q. Has this abandonment continued uninterruptedly since May 1st., 1918; have they lived or cohabited together since that time?

A. No sir.

21 Q. State whether or not said abandonment was deliberate and final; did he deliberately and finally do these things without just cause or reason?

A. Yes.

22 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.

23 Q. Is he a resident or a non-resident of the State of Maryland; does he lives in Maryland or out of Maryland?

A. No sir; he is out of Maryland.

24 Q. Of what State is he a resident?

A. New Jersey, Atlantic City.

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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JAMES BROWN, 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. James Brown, 3110 Talbot Street; porter.

2 Q. Do you know the 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 together as husband and wife?

A. Yes.

3 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.

4 Q. Are there any children as the result of this marriage?

A. No.

5 Q. What was her conduct towards her husband while living together?

James Brown.

A. It was all right, as far as I know of.

6 Q. State whether or not she was always a kind, affectionate and faithful wife?

A. Yes.

7 Q. Are the parties to this suit living together now?

A. No sir.

8 Q. Which left the other?

A. She left him.

9 Q. When?

A. May 1st., 1918.

10 Q. Why did she leave him?

A. She left him on account of bad conduct and non-support.

11 Q. How do you know that?

A. Because she would ~~not~~ tell me, - she would tell other people and they would tell me too.

12 Q. Of your own personal knowledge, you do not know any of these things, do you?

A. No sir; only once I saw a ~~black~~ black eye that she had.

13 Q. However, after he abandoned and deserted his wife, you saw him and talked to him, didn't you.

A. Yes; I saw him twice.

James Brown.

14 Q. What did he tell you with reference to his wife?

A. He told me that he never intended to live with her and did not care where she went - whether she went or not, or what became of her.

15 Q. Did he also tell you that he had beaten her?

A. He did not tell me that he had beaten her, but he started to hit her one night in my presence, and I saw the marks on her after she had gotten these beatings which he gave her.

16 Q. And after the separation, you say that he told you on two particular occasions that he would not live with her?

A. Yes.

17 Q. Has this abandonment continued uninterruptedly since May 1st., 1918; have they lived or cohabited together since that time?

A. No sir.

18 Q. State whether or not said abandonment was deliberate and final; did he deliberately and finally do these things without just cause?

A. Yes.

19 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?

James Brown.

A. No sir.

20 Q. Is he a resident or a non-resident of the State of Maryland?

A. Non-resident.

21 Q. Of what State is he a resident?

A. Atlantic City, New Jersey.

22 Q. Sure of that?

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.

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James Brown.

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 19th day of May in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-two 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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Elsie West

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IN THE

Circuit Court

OF

BALTIMORE CITY

May Term, 19 22
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vs.

Alfred West

This case being submitted, without argument, it is ordered by the Court, this day of June, 19 22, 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.

Samuel J. Bond

Report of Auditor and Master

Bill filed by wife against husband for divorce a vinculo matrimonii on ground of abandonment for three years, Code Art. 16, Sect. 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 by defendant for at least three years, continuous, deliberate, final and without hope of reconciliation. Plaintiff should be permitted to resume her maiden name of Elsie Dorsey. Case ready for decree.

Alex Robertson
Auditor & Master.

CIRCUIT COURT

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.....ELSIE WEST.....

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.....ALFRED WEST.....

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

Alan Robertson
Auditor and Master.

Decree of Divorce

IN THE

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OF

BALTIMORE CITY

.....
ELSIE WEST

VS.

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ALFRED WEST

..... May Term, 1922

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

It is thereupon, this 21st day of June, A. D. 1922

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

.....
ELSIE WEST

the above named Complainant be and she is hereby DIVORCED A VINCULO MATRIMONII from the Defendant, ALFRED WEST, and that the plaintiff be permitted to resume her maiden name of Elsie Dorsey.

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

Carroll J. Bond